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# ALIGNMENT OF RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS TO REALIZE RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS (CIVIC RESPONBILITY)

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# **Abstract**

A balance between rights and obligations can be achieved by knowing our own position. As citizens, we must know our rights and obligations, do what we must do, and fight for our rights. The government also needs to know its rights and obligations. When rights and obligations are balanced and fulfilled, people's lives are safe and prosperous. All acquired rights arise from the performance of obligations. Rights and obligations are two things that are mutually continuous, interconnected causal that can be separated. The implementation of the rights and obligations of citizens in life in various fields often experiences inequality in their implementation. Often demanding rights without regard to the obligations that must be carried out to obtain their rights. Guarantee of rights and obligations inherent in citizens along with awareness of maintaining alignment between rights and obligations in every line of life Fulfillment of rights and obligations must be followed by a sense of responsibility so that citizens' awareness of their mindset is not only oriented towards fulfilling the rights given to them by others but is accompanied by obligations that must be carried out as a form of responsibility both in personal life, society, nation and state. In this writing, more emphasis is placed on the understanding of the alignment of rights and obligations in realizing responsible citizens (civic responsibility). This research aims to provide an overview of the fulfillment of the rights and implementation of citizens' obligations to the state. Because not a few citizens demand the fulfillment of rights as citizens without carrying out obligations as citizens. The research method uses literature review with several case study methods. Research sources come from several electronic books, scientific journals and other sources that have been confirmed for accuracy with data collection techniques in the form of document studies.

Keywords: Rights, Obligations, Responsible

# Introduction

Citizens are an important part of the life of the nation and government. Prosperity and security are the expectations of every citizen living in various regions of the world, including Indonesia. The nation guarantees the rights of every citizen in all areas of life that allow it to be appreciated by the people. Its existence is guaranteed and protected by the state. The existence of a reciprocal relationship between citizens and the state regarding the protection of civil rights of the State must be respected and secured to do so, with obligations to be carried out by citizens responsibly. Rights are everything acquired or acquired on each in full and responsibly. Man has rights from the womb. Furthermore, that right is the freedom that everyone has which is protected by applicable legal law. According to KBBI (Big Dictionary Indonesian), Right is the right power over something to do something. It can be understood, that rights are all things obtained by every individual protected by law as ownership, authority, power or degree and dignity worthy of being fought for and demanded for their existence. Obligations are all things that must and must be done by every individual with full responsibility. The obligations of Indonesian citizens have been regulated in the 1945 laws and regulations and pancasila.

#### **Research Methodology**

This research uses a literature review method with a qualitative approach. Qualitative research is a method of exploring and understanding the meaning that an individual or group of people ascribes to a social problem. This research has an inductive perspective, focuses on individual meaning, and translates the complexity of a problem (Cresswell, 2013). Qualitative research is research that emphasizes the quality or the most important thing about the nature of a good / service. This is in the form of social events / phenomena / symptoms that can be used as valuable lessons for the development of concepts. Quality research is carried out because researchers want to export phenomena that cannot be quantified with descriptive properties such as the process of a work step, the formula of a recipe, the understanding of a diverse concept (Satori and Komariah, 2014 p.23).

#### **Result & Discussion**

## Alignment of Rights and Duties of Citizens

Indonesia as an independent and sovereign country has full authority in determining who is its citizen. One of the forms of a state is a citizen, but in accordance with the constitution the state has a monopoly nature and is binding on everyone who becomes a citizen. As a state of law that implements laws and regulations, constitutionally it has a main signal, namely upholding human rights guarantees and the obligations that follow. The existence of the state and government of a country must not override the rights and privileges possessed by each of its citizens. Recognition of status as a citizen of the Republic of Indonesia to individuals who are legally in the eyes of the law, has consequences for the reciprocal relationship between the state and citizens. There are balanced rights and obligations between the two, state obligations to its citizens which then become rights for citizens and vice versa the implementation of obligations by citizens to their countries. Rights and obligations are an inseparable whole, so in the process of obtaining rights without carrying out obligations becomes unbalanced, as well as when burdened by obligations given by the state to citizens without any benefit from obtaining their rights (Hidayat &; Azrra, 2006). Citizen rights are everything that citizens must obtain from the State (government). While obligations are everything that must be carried out by citizens to the state (Martasuta 2016, p.2) For example, one of the rights that must be obtained by citizens from the state is to get education and a decent life, while one of the obligations of citizens to the state is mandatory and comply with applicable laws and regulations. Alignment between rights and obligations is very important, because the two things are mutually continuous. Rights are a necessity given to someone, obligations are a necessity that is done. A person's rights are limited to the rights of others and are limited by the obligations that must be carried out by a person concerned (Juliardi, 2018) The Concept of Rights and Obligations The guarantee of rights and obligations inherent in citizens along with the awareness of maintaining alignment between rights and obligations in every line of life (Widiyawati, 2022). Existence in public life refers to the balance between rights and obligations, as well as the balance of personal interests and public interests. Various efforts in protecting, respecting and upholding human rights are the obligations of all people, both individuals, governments, especially states. The fulfillment of rights and obligations must be followed by a sense of responsibility so that citizens' awareness of their mindset is not only oriented towards the fulfillment of rights given by others to them but is accompanied by obligations that must be carried out as a form of responsibility both in personal life, society, nation and state. The rights of citizens are everything that is the obligation of the state in its fulfillment. (Raharjo, 2000). One of the rights that must be obtained by citizens from the state is to get education and a decent life, while one of the obligations of citizens to the state is mandatory and comply with applicable laws and regulations. The guarantee of rights and obligations inherent in citizens along with the awareness of maintaining harmony between rights and obligations in every line of life (Widiyawati, 2022). The existence of social life refers to the balance between rights and obligations, as well as the balance of private interests and public interests. Various efforts in protecting, respecting and upholding human rights are the obligations of all parties, both individuals, governments, especially states. The fulfillment of rights and obligations must be followed by a sense of responsibility so that citizens' awareness of their mindset is not only oriented towards the fulfillment of rights given to them by others but is accompanied by obligations that must be carried out as a form of responsibility both in personal life, society, nation and state.

## Realization of Civic Responsibility

A good citizen is a citizen who is aware of his rights and obligations as a citizen. The implementation of rights and the fulfillment of their obligations are carried out in full as a realization of the responsibilities of citizens. Every step and deed carried out binds every citizen to always be prepared for consequences that are closely related to decision making. In other words, the practical balance between the fulfillment of rights and obligations is inherent in every citizen. Rights have been owned by individuals since the womb, while obligations are mandatory for individuals in carrying out their roles as responsible citizens or also called civic responsibility. In living daily life,

everyone has their responsibility in behavior, both in carrying out obligations and fulfilling the rights that accompany them. As explained regarding the definition of responsibility, among others: (a) responsibility is understood as obligations and obligations that are carried out in accordance with the way reflected through good behavior; and (b) responsibility which is defined by the necessity and obligation not to carry out behavior that according to the way and understanding is not in accordance with applicable morals and norms (Sapriya, 2010). From various applications related to the responsibilities of citizens, we can understand together that every behavior carried out by each person will have an impact on actions that are their inherent responsibilities related to the rights and obligations of the person. Responsibility is closely related to behavior and thoughts that lead to actions taken by a person. A mature way of thinking considering all the risks and being able to control yourself are the benefits of a responsible attitude (Ramdhan, 2017). A person's sense of responsibility is closely related to obligations that are carried out consciously and determine decisions according to their actions. This reinforces that responsible citizens have awareness and policy in deciding attitudes in thinking and acting. Responsible citizens (civic responsibility) strive as optimally as possible in carrying out and performing their obligations in accordance with applicable rules (Nurmalina &; Syaifullah, 2008). In the realization of citizen responsibility, it has a positive impact, namely avoiding actions that do not obey the rules and other irresponsibility. Indonesia is a legal country that has a binding constitution for its citizens, one example is Law Number 12 of 2006 concerning Citizenship of the Republic of Indonesia, further in the 1945 Constitution articles 27-34 which discuss and explain the rights and obligations of citizens. Binding laws and regulations, for all citizens both related to their rights and obligations. The responsibility of citizens can be realized through obligations carried out as their manifestation to the state. The realization of civic responsibility should be seen from the obligations carried out (Yunita &; Dini, 2021). A responsible citizen will abide by and implement the agreed and applicable rules, and the citizen will perform his role for the peaceful and orderly survival.

# Conclusion

Recognition of status as a citizen of the Republic of Indonesia to individuals who are legally in the eyes of the law, has consequences for the reciprocal relationship between the state and citizens. There are balanced rights and obligations between the two, state obligations to its citizens which then become rights for citizens and vice versa the implementation of obligations by citizens to their countries. The fulfillment of rights and obligations must be followed by a sense of responsibility so that citizens' awareness of their mindset is not only oriented towards the fulfillment of rights given by others to them but is accompanied by obligations that must be carried out as a form of responsibility both in personal life, society, nation and state. The element of binding obligation for citizens is the realization of the form of responsibility of citizens, balanced with the rights obtained in the life of the nation and state.

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