



## IMPLEMENTATION OF CIVIC EDUCATION IN REALIZING NATIONAL IDENTITY

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### Abstract

National Identity is the identity of a nation. Not only is it an identity, but also National Identity is the basis for awareness of how important it is to have an attitude of filial piety to the nation and state. In this modern era, National Identity has become an important thing to be instilled in the next generation of the nation. The fact that the next generation is now more inclined to foreign cultures is undeniable. Technological advances eliminate existing boundaries so that influence and information from outside can enter very easily without obstacles. Young people are then easily affected. Apart from the lack of understanding about National Identity, the assumption that outside culture is cooler is a new challenge in fostering awareness of National Identity to the younger generation. Then in cultivating National Identity, one lesson is needed for the younger generation. Many methods can be used to give the younger generation an extra understanding related to National Identity. One of them is civic education. The existence of citizenship education is expected to be a way to grow identity and introduce National Identity in every person, especially young people as the next generation of the nation. So that young people have good knowledge, noble ethics, and skills to serve and work for the nation and state. So for the explanation above, the purpose of writing this journal is to explore and explain how the implementation of civic education in shaping and building National Identity, especially to the younger generation as the successor of this nation. Later the conclusion of writing this journal is to explain what are the implementations of civic education in instilling the spirit of national identity and awareness of National Identity to young people.

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### Introduction

National identity is the identity or characteristic that a person has towards his country or nation. How important is this national identity? It is important for a person to know his identity as a citizen of a country. A person who understands what national identity is will have a sincere attitude of serving the negeara. In addition, a person who understands what national identity is will always have attitudes and morals that conform to the foundations of this country. Today, cultivating a national identity for everyone is very important. Especially in this era of globalization where there are no more barriers for every thing and information entered and accessed by everyone. Of course, all of this has an impact on the life of society, nation, and state. It is undeniable that in addition to bringing positive impacts, this era of globalization also has a negative impact on society. One of the obvious negative impacts is a shift in identity. The entry of foreign cultures makes people forget their identity as citizens. Following the trend to the west has resulted in many young people forgetting their identity. As a result, there is an identity crisis in the nation's younger generations. So on this basis, it is necessary to hold an education to introduce what national identity is. Basically, education is a necessity for everyone who is used as a "bridge" to develop the potential and talents that exist within him in the form of intelligence, morals, personality, and skills. One of the compulsory education for everyone to learn is civic education. Civic education provides an understanding of the basis and laws of the country, including Pancasila and the 1945 Constitution. But there is still one problem that occurs. The implementation of civic education learning is still cognitive. This means that the learning still emphasizes materials that are academic and knowledge. In fact, the purpose of this learning is to

realize national identity by growing national identity to the learning recipients. Of course with this fact, we all know that civic education has a very fitting position as a way to realize national identity to many people because in constitutional education learn many things such as archipelago insight, national resilience, democracy, human rights, and many more things related to the nation and state. Why does national identity need to be instilled in today's young generations? Today's young generation is the next generation of the nation. The generation that will take this nation forward. But how will the younger generation lead this nation in the future, but they forget their national identity as Indonesians? As explained above, it is important that national identity is planted in the younger generation so that they know what the identity of the nation is and what actions are taken to bring the Indonesian nation to be more advanced. For the explanation above, the author through this journal will explain how the implementation of civic education in realizing National Identity. The implementation of civic education learning is still cognitive. This means that the learning still emphasizes materials that are academic and knowledge. In fact, the purpose of this learning is to realize national identity by growing national identity to the learning recipients. Of course with this fact, we all know that civic education has a very fitting position as a way to realize national identity to many people because in constitutional education learn many things such as archipelago insight, national resilience, democracy, human rights, and many more things related to the nation and state. The positive impact of this era of globalization is that information is no longer difficult to obtain, technological advances, mobilization are accelerating, which overall rather than the positive effects of globalization help people's lives become much younger. But that does not mean all the positive things above are the main things in globalization. There are also many negative impacts that are present due to globalization. One of the obvious negative impacts is a shift in identity. The entry of foreign cultures makes people forget their identity as citizens. Following the trend to the west has resulted in many young people forgetting their identity. As a result, there is an identity crisis in the nation's younger generations. So on this basis, it is necessary to hold an education to introduce what national identity is. Basically, education is a necessity for everyone who is used as a "bridge" to develop the potential and talents that exist within him in the form of intelligence, morals, personality, and skills<sup>1</sup>. One of the compulsory education for everyone to learn is civic education. Civic education provides an understanding of the basis and laws of the country, including Pancasila and the 1945 Constitution. But there is still one problem that occurs. The implementation of civic education learning is still cognitive. This means that the learning still emphasizes materials that are academic and knowledge. In fact, the purpose of this learning is to realize national identity by growing national identity to the learning recipients. Of course with this fact, we all know that civic education has a very fitting position as a way to realize national identity to many people because in constitutional education learn many things such as archipelago insight, national resilience, democracy, human rights, and many more things related to the nation and state. Why does national identity need to be instilled in today's young generations? Today's young generation is the next generation of the nation.

### Research Methodology

In this journal, the method used is a qualitative method using a documentation approach and literature study. The meaning of the literature study approach is to collect information by looking for written sources such as books, journals, articles, and various relevant narrative texts.

### Result & Discussion

Before discussing further how to implement civic education, it is necessary to first understand what National Identity is. In general, identity means characteristics, signs, or other terms that refer to a person so as to distinguish from others. So National Identity is a characteristic of the culture of the nation and state that makes it different from other countries. Not only in the context of customs, but also culture includes the character, characteristics, and ethics of the people who make this country known by foreign countries as a friendly country, and so on. Civic education is an education that provides learning about ethics, noble values, and moral values based on Indonesian culture. On the basis of this definition, civic education is the main education in realizing awareness of National Identity to young people. How can civic education foster National Identity? In essence, National Identity is an identity that grows and develops on the basis of the cultural values of a nation. So here civic education is present in providing an understanding of cultural values and others. In learning in general, the educated will be given learning related to material or theory first. Then after the material is finished, a discussion session will be held divided into several groups and given one case to solve. There are several stages to explore this National Identity. Here are the steps: (1) In the first stage, the educated are given an understanding of Wawasan Nusantara. As explained above, that educated people will be given material and theory first. But in this learning, educated people are given freedom in finding problems to solve. This is where it begins to be seen anything related to the issue of National Identity. As for later, the hope of learning Wawasan Nusantara is that educated people understand what are the actions in

strengthening knowledge about Wawasan Nusantara such as deepening material about diversity, and the like. (2) In the second stage, the educated will be given material on national resilience. Just like the first stage, educated people will be given freedom in choosing the problems that must be solved. For this stage, the learning expectation is that educated people gain an understanding of how to uphold national resilience including ideology, politics, culture, and economics. Educated people are also expected to find a "concoction" to prevent problems related to national resilience from occurring (3) In the third stage, the educated are given learning about the country's democracy. For this stage, educated people will be instructed to observe the situation of democracy in one country, namely Indonesia. Call it like the implementation of elections and others. The hope of this third stage is that educated people can discuss and conclude whether the democracy that has been run is correct or not. And how to run a democracy that is true and in accordance with the 1945 Constitution. From the three stages of learning above, the final result obtained from educated people is that they understand how they should be a person who sincerely serves this country, ranging from culture to government order, all of which are directly related to the National Identity owned by everyone. Not only in the context of customs, but also culture includes the character, characteristics, and ethics of the people who make this country known by foreign countries as a friendly country, and so on. Civic education is an education that provides learning about ethics, noble values, and moral values based on Indonesian culture. On the basis of this definition, civic education is the main education in realizing awareness of National Identity to young people. How can civic education foster National Identity? In essence, National Identity is an identity that grows and develops on the basis of the cultural values of a nation. So here civic education is present in providing an understanding of cultural values and others. In learning in general, the educated will be given learning related to material or theory first. Then after the material is finished, a discussion session will be held divided into several groups and given one case to solve. There are several stages to explore this National Identity.

## Conclusion

It is undeniable that realizing National Identity in this era of globalization is a tough challenge. Moreover, the influence and culture of the outside that enters without any obstacles becomes another challenge in realizing National Identity. One way to realize National Identity is through civic education learning. In civic education, it is taught about the culture, noble values, morals, and history of the nation which increasingly improves itself in fostering the spirit of National Identity. In this journal mentioned there are three stages in learning related to National Identity. The first stage is learning about archipelago insights, where educated people are expected to be able to strengthen understanding of diversity, and others. The second stage is learning about national resilience. The hope for the educated is for them to understand how to maintain political, ideological, cultural, and economic resilience. And the final stage is the learning of democracy. At this last stage, educated people are expected to be able to assess how democracy runs in this country and how it should run the wheels of democracy properly. Based on the description above, the author can provide suggestions as follows: (1) In realizing National Identity, it is necessary to cooperate with various parties, ranging from educators, teaching staff, and also from educated assistants so that they are enthusiastic in exploring the knowledge of National Identity (2) Today's young generation does tend to like things that are "cool". So in practice there is a *need for a Filter* in responding to incoming information. It doesn't mean we reject whatever we receive, but it's a good idea to first look at what kind of information goes in. Take anything political and discard anything negative.

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