



ANALYSIS OF BASIC CONCEPTS OF CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION IN PREPARING THE YOUNG GENERATION TO FACE GLOBAL CHALLENGES

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Abstract

Globalization presents various challenges and opportunities for the nation. In the midst of the rapid flow of information and culture, citizenship education is the key to building an intelligent, critical and responsible young generation. This education instills basic values and national identity, fosters tolerance and mutual respect, and develops critical thinking skills. The aim of this research is to find out the basic concepts and role of citizenship education in preparing the younger generation and to find out how to face the global challenges that the younger generation will face. The method used in this research is library *research*. The results of this research state that citizenship education must continue to be improved and developed so that the younger generation can become agents of positive change in overcoming global challenges.

Keywords : Citizenship Education, Globalization, Young Generation

Introduction

In an era of globalization full of the flow of information and culture from various corners of the world, citizenship education is becoming increasingly important. This education instills basic values and national identity in the younger generation, so that they are able to become intelligent, critical and responsible citizens in facing various challenges and opportunities in the global era. (Budimansyah, 2010: 39). Here are several reasons why citizenship education is very important in the global era: (Pasha, 2008: 23)

1. Forming a strong national identity
Citizenship education helps the younger generation understand the history, culture and noble values of the nation. With good understanding, they can develop a strong sense of love for their homeland, nationality and unity. This is important to maintain national identity amidst the rapid flow of globalization.
2. Increase civic participation
Citizenship education equips the younger generation with the knowledge and skills to participate actively in the life of society and the state. They are encouraged to be critical of public policies, dare to voice opinions, and engage in positive social action. Active civic participation is essential to building a healthy and strong democracy.
3. Increase tolerance and mutual respect
The era of globalization brings various cultures and ideologies from various corners of the world. Citizenship education instills values of tolerance and mutual respect in the younger generation. They are encouraged to understand and accept differences, and to coexist peacefully with people from various backgrounds. This is important for building an inclusive and harmonious society.
4. Develop critical thinking skills
In the era of globalization, information can easily be accessed by anyone. However, not all of this information is accurate and reliable. Citizenship education equips the younger generation with critical

thinking skills, so that they can sort and select correct and useful information. This ability is important to avoid misinformation and propaganda that can be misleading. (Safriadi, 2021: 22)

5. Preparing the younger generation to face global challenges

The era of globalization brings various global challenges, such as climate change, poverty and terrorism. Citizenship education equips young people with the knowledge and skills to face these challenges. They are encouraged to work together with people from different countries to find creative and innovative solutions.

Citizenship education is not only a subject at school, but also a lifelong learning process. Families, communities and governments must work together to instill values and national identity in the younger generation. In this way, they can become intelligent, critical and responsible citizens, ready to face various challenges and opportunities in the global era.

Research Methodology

The research method in this article uses library research, namely a method of collecting data by understanding and studying theories from various literature related to the research. There are four stages of library study in research, namely preparing the necessary equipment, preparing a working bibliography, organizing time and reading or recording research material. This data collection uses the method of searching for sources and constructing them from various sources, for example books, journals and research that has already been carried out. Library materials obtained from various references are analyzed critically and must be in-depth in order to support the propositions and ideas. (Yusuf, 2016: 33).

Formulation of the problem

From the background of this problem, there are several problem formulations that can be taken, namely:

1. What are the basic concepts and role of citizenship education in preparing the younger generation?
2. How to face the global challenges that the younger generation will face?

Objective

From the problem formulation above, this journal article aims to: Know the basic concepts and role of citizenship education in preparing the younger generation. Knowing how to face global challenges that will be faced by the younger generation

Result & Discussion

Basic Concepts and Role of Citizenship Education in Preparing the Young Generation

Citizenship education is one of the important subjects in the education system in Indonesia. The basic concept of citizenship education is to form the attitudes and behavior of good citizens, who have sufficient knowledge about the state and government, and are able to actively participate in social and political life. Citizenship education also aims to prepare the younger generation to become responsible citizens, care about the surrounding environment, and have an awareness of their rights and obligations as citizens. (Juliardi, 2015: 33). The role of citizenship education is very important in preparing the younger generation. Through citizenship education, students will be taught about national values, democracy, human rights, tolerance and pluralism. They will also be given knowledge about government systems, national history, and public policy. In this way, students will have sufficient understanding to be able to participate in political and social life in society. Apart from that, citizenship education also helps in forming students' character and personality. Through learning about national and moral values, students will be taught to be individuals who are honest, responsible and care about others. They will also be taught to appreciate differences, respect each other, and work together in social life. (Sanusi, 2006: 88). Citizenship education also plays a role in increasing political awareness and political participation of the younger generation. With sufficient understanding of government systems and public policies, students will be better able to contribute to the country's development. They will also be more active in participating in general elections, public discussions and social activities related to the interests of society. (Iswanda, 2021: 20). Apart from that, citizenship education also plays a role in building a sense of love for the country and nationality. Through learning about the history of the nation and Indonesian culture, students will better appreciate the nation's cultural and historical heritage and will have the motivation to contribute to preserving and developing the nation's culture. They will also be prouder to be Indonesian citizens and more enthusiastic about advancing the nation and state. (Soedarsono, 2003, 58). Citizenship education has a very important role in preparing the younger generation. Through citizenship education, students will be equipped with the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to become good

citizens, responsible and caring for the country and society. Therefore, citizenship education must continue to be improved and developed so that the younger generation can become agents of positive change in the country's development. (Wibowo, 2017: 89)

Facing Global Challenges for the Young Generation

Today's young generation is faced with complex and diverse global challenges, such as climate change, poverty, social inequality, radicalism and various conflicts in various parts of the world. To face these challenges, citizenship education plays a very important role in equipping the younger generation with the necessary knowledge, skills and attitudes. The following are several ways to face global challenges based on citizenship education: (Winataputra, 2012: 66).

1. **Raising Awareness of Global Issues**
Through citizenship education, the younger generation can be given sufficient understanding of global issues such as climate change, poverty and peace. They will learn about the impact of these issues as well as ways to contribute to solving these problems.
2. **Encourage Active Participation in Social and Political Activities**
Citizenship education can help the younger generation to become active citizens and care about the surrounding environment. They will be taught to participate in social, political and environmental activities aimed at improving the welfare of society.
3. **Building an Attitude of Tolerance and Cooperation**
Through citizenship education, the younger generation will be taught to appreciate differences, respect each other, and work together to achieve common goals. An attitude of tolerance and cooperation is very important in facing complex global challenges that require cross-border cooperation.
4. **Develop Critical and Creative Thinking Skills**
Citizenship education can also help the younger generation to develop critical and creative thinking skills in analyzing global problems and finding innovative solutions. These skills are very important in facing the challenges that continue to grow in the era of globalization.
5. **Encouraging Concern for the Environment and Sustainability**
Through citizenship education, the younger generation will be taught to care about the environment and sustainability. They will learn about the importance of protecting nature and natural resources for future generations as well as ways to contribute to environmental conservation.

Thus, citizenship education has a very important role in facing the global challenges faced by the younger generation. Through citizenship education, the younger generation will be equipped with the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to become agents of positive change in overcoming global challenges. Therefore, citizenship education must continue to be improved and developed so that the young generation can become strong and responsible leaders in building a better world.

Conclusion

1. Through citizenship education, students are equipped with the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to become good citizens, responsible and caring for the country and society. Citizenship education helps shape character, political awareness, active participation in social and political life, as well as a sense of love for the homeland and nationality in the younger generation. Thus, the development of citizenship education must continue to be improved so that the younger generation can become agents of positive change in building a better country in the future.
2. Today's young generation is faced with complex and diverse global challenges. To deal with this, citizenship education plays an important role in equipping them with the necessary knowledge, skills and attitudes. Citizenship education can help the younger generation to increase awareness of global issues, encourage active participation in social and political activities, build attitudes of tolerance and cooperation, develop critical and creative thinking skills, and encourage concern for the environment and sustainability

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