



## Strengthening National Insights Preventing Radicalism Towards a Nationalism-Conscious Nation in the Global Era (Case Study of Students of the Faculty of Social Sciences, State University of Medan)

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### ABSTRACT

National insight is something that cannot be separated from the life of every Indonesian citizen. This is because national insight is part of the understanding of citizenship. Therefore it is important to strengthen and also develop national insights for the younger generation who continue to experience changing times which are increasingly global or in the global era. This article or article by the author aims to find out about how to strengthen national insights to prevent radicalism towards a nation that is aware of nationalism in the global era. As for the type of research conducted by the author, namely qualitative research, then using data collection techniques, the author used the method of observation and interviews with students of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Medan State University. Based on the results of the research, the strengthening of national insight among the younger generation or students in an effort to defend this republic from the threat of radicalism can be implemented through character education through Citizenship Education subjects or courses, this is because Citizenship Education plays an important role in strengthening the implementation of good education. national in mind.

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### Introduction

National insight is something that cannot be separated from the life of every Indonesian citizen (Novaroza, Hambali and Hariyanti, 2023). This is because national insight is part of the understanding of citizenship. National insight is something that cannot be separated from the life of every Indonesian citizen, this is because basically national insight contains a commitment and a spirit of unity to guarantee the existence and also improve the quality of life of the nation to require adequate knowledge about present and future challenges. future as well as various potentials of the nation. Therefore, it is important to strengthen and also develop national insights for the younger generation in order to develop the Indonesian nation in the future. The national insight of Generation Z in this era of globalization is important, because it will influence the future (Purnama et al., 2023). In the 21st century, the rapid development of technology affects and relies on all fields. Therefore, people must be able to master technology because it is an important thing in future life. In this case, there will be changes in the values of life that continue to run dynamically. In the process of its development, this has certainly influenced a lot of old values that were believed to be something noble, now they are considered no longer appropriate in the sense that they are not in accordance with the context of the times. Therefore, the faster and faster the development of technology, the faster and easier it will be for foreign cultures to enter Indonesia, which can have an impact on the cultural values of the Indonesian nation. Then the awareness of the Indonesian nation's cultural values is decreasing due to the influence of global culture. This can be seen based on the personality patterns of Indonesian citizens who are very fond of foreign cultures compared to the culture of the Indonesian nation itself, which can be seen in everyday life, starting from fashion, association, speaking

style, and so on. Thus, it is this that can lead to eroding or a lack of love for the Indonesian homeland and will have an impact as a threat to the Indonesian people related to nationalism. The lack of love for the Indonesian nation that is owned by Indonesian people, especially the younger generation, is due to the low level of national insight and the ease with which foreign cultures can enter Indonesia so that Indonesian people, without being filtered first, especially the younger generation prefer foreign culture to Indonesian culture. This has led to many deviations committed by the younger generation, such as fights between the younger generations, free sex and drug abuse which are rife indicating that the values of nationalism have faded, especially among the younger generation. If problems related to nationalism continue to be ignored without efforts to strengthen it, then it is very likely that the Indonesian state will lose its identity and cannot lead a peaceful and secure life. In the era of globalization, which is accompanied by the rapid development of technology, it is currently necessary to strengthen and develop good national insights for citizens, especially for the younger generation because this is an important matter and must be done immediately and cannot be postponed. This must be done as an effort to prevent the negative effects of using technology. The strengthening and development of national insights must be continuously carried out in line with the ongoing process of life.

Strengthening nationalism and love for the motherland given to the community, especially the younger generation, must be carried out on an ongoing basis to ensure the continuity of life in the future. Strengthening nationalism is also aimed at preventing the younger generation from acting or falling into deviant or negative things. As for other deviant behavior, if the younger generation is not given the strengthening of nationalism, this young generation can act radicalism which results in causing problems and destruction in the country of Indonesia. This act of radicalism must be prevented from growing within the younger generation in Indonesia. This is because as is known that radicalism is an action and movement where there are signs in the form of extreme actions that have been carried out aiming to change a situation to be as desired for its own sake. In politics, there are examples of movements that are categorized as radical, namely actions such as treason, demonstrations of social protest carried out in an anarchic manner and also various actions that can cause damage and loss. Thus, so that this does not happen, nationalism must be further strengthened from now on in the midst of the rapid development of technology and must also be carried out continuously with the aim of monitoring the extent of the development of nationalism in the younger generation. This is done as an effort to prevent the negative impact of the times and technology. Therefore, it is important to strengthen and also develop national insights for the younger generation in order to develop the Indonesian nation in the future. By strengthening national insight, nationalism values will grow within every young generation. So for that the author discusses how to strengthen nationalism insight to prevent radicalism towards a nation that is aware of nationalism in the global era.

## **Research Methodology**

In this study, the type of research conducted by the author is qualitative research using the case study approach, which is a method that is carried out comprehensively in order to obtain an in-depth understanding of the problems encountered in accordance with the objectives of the problem can be resolved. Research specifications in this study the authors used descriptive analysis, namely describing the data that had been successfully obtained, both from observations, direct interviews and field studies which were then analyzed. As for the data collection technique, the writer uses the observation and interview methods of students of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Medan State University. Using this analysis method, the writer uses descriptive analysis, which is like connecting one data with other data, then pulling it into a unified whole from the data. so as to obtain a complete picture of a phenomenon studied and in depth.

## **Results and Discussion**

### **The Importance of National Insight for Students**

The current millennial generation, especially students who are usually said to be agents of change, really need to be aware of ideas that will undermine the State of Indonesia (Baedowi and Sari, 2023) . Today's young generation, especially students, are easily exposed to activism or terrorism. Therefore, education about the importance of national insight must continue to be disseminated. In terms of terminology, national insight is the perspective and attitude of the Indonesian people regarding themselves and their environment which are diverse and have strategic value by prioritizing unity and oneness and respecting and respecting diversity in every aspect of national life to achieve national goals (Zulfikar and Permady, 2021 ) . The national perspective is the perspective of the Indonesian people in viewing themselves and their environment by prioritizing regional unity and integrity in the implementation of social, national and state life. The national insight now feels to be something that is abstract and untouched and experiences a fundamental silting of meaning (Wawasan *et al.* , 2022) . Lack of understanding of this national insight will result in the degradation of nationalism or the moral decline of society. The goal of national insight itself is to foster a sense of love for the motherland and create a high sense of nationalism. So it is important for teenagers, especially students, to know and understand this ethnic insight. Pancasila is the basis of the Indonesian state and state ideology. The 1945

Constitution is the source of national law in Indonesia and is the basic embodiment of the Indonesian state, namely Pancasila. NKRI is the Unitary State of the Republic of Indonesia. It is stated in Article 1 paragraph 1 of the 1945 Constitution that Indonesia is a unitary state in the form of a republic. So that it is necessary to instill a sense of love for the homeland which needs to be developed in the development of national character. Through the Consolidation of National Insight we can maintain the Unity and Unity of the Nation (Coordinating Ministry for Politics, Law, 2016). National insight is an understanding of identity, history, culture, policies and challenges faced by the Indonesian people. In the era of globalization, it is increasingly important to maintain a sense of national identity so that the Indonesian people are not easily influenced by foreign cultures. The importance of having an ethnic identity as an Indonesian citizen shows that most of the participants consider it very important to have an ethnic identity as an Indonesian citizen. Some of the reasons put forward include: raising national awareness, strengthening national identity, maintaining unity, helping to overcome global challenges and preventing radicalization. Respondents also stated that nationalism contributes to the appreciation and preservation of Indonesia's cultural diversity.

### **The Impact of Globalization on Nationalism**

The national perspective often faces challenges in maintaining the authenticity and continuity of the nation's identity and culture. Openness to foreign cultural influences can enrich insights and perspectives, but if it is not balanced with a good understanding of national identity, it can have a negative impact on the preservation of local culture and values. The impact of globalization on nationalism can be positive or negative. Overall, globalization has had a major impact on people's perceptions and perceptions of national identity and local culture. Globalization can have an impact on nationalism, and interactions between other countries can change cultural values and national identity. Therefore, it is necessary to preserve and strengthen our national values so that they are not susceptible to external influences. The sense of nationality is a reflection of a sense of belonging, a sublimation that unites the determination to become a strong, respected and respected nation among the nations of the world (Onainor, 2019). The development of human life in the era of globalization has resulted in an increasingly individualistic life. As a result, interest in maintaining, preserving, and developing national insights is decreasing, especially among students. This lack of interest in nationalism and national insight is also felt by the Indonesian people. Individualistic life gradually erodes interest in living together, especially loyalty to the nation and ethnic group. The situation of the Indonesian people like this cannot be allowed to continue. This needs to be addressed wisely to ensure that the unitary state of the Republic of Indonesia (NKRI) remains intact and strong. Globalization has caused the neglect of the values that guarantee the integrity of the country and replaced by external values that are considered universal. The values of freedom, equality and liberalism are implemented without reference to national cultural practices. This is an indication that the spirit of nationalism is fading. As a result, many citizens have no loyalty to the country and no sense of national pride. If this situation continues, student nationalist sentiment will gradually be eroded. For this reason, nationalism must be seriously strengthened in the era of globalization. The national insight here is essentially a very strong desire to overcome all differences and discrimination together. Ethnic insight is not based on geographic origin, race, descent, social status and religion.

### **National Insight in Preventing Radicalism**

Lack of national insight makes them easily influenced by misleading doctrines, using reverse logic related to their beliefs, so that anything that is contrary to the teachings of religion and the state is considered as something true. This causes a lack of mutual respect, mutual respect, tolerance, and mutual cooperation which is the social culture of Indonesian society. The importance of applying national insights for Indonesian people, especially the younger generation, as a basis for pursuing the mission of becoming a developed country without losing the uniqueness of the nation. This is a form of resistance to attitudes and behavior that are contrary to the socio-cultural values of the Indonesian people. Because the strengthening of national insight must be instilled to make people aware of the values of their national character. These values have a function to strengthen the national character of the younger generation in the application of national teachings in everyday life, including the threat of extremism among the younger generation who refuse to live side by side with diversity. The lack of love for the Indonesian nation that is owned by Indonesian people, especially students because of the low level of nationalism and the easier way foreign cultures enter Indonesia so that Indonesian people, especially students prefer foreign culture rather than Indonesian culture. (Ikhda Aimatul Alawiyah, 2020). Therefore, the character of the nation that is built in one's identity must be instilled in a wider scope. Not only within the scope of educational institutions, the support from the surrounding environment both at home and the community has a role in building one's national character. For this reason, the environment should be sterilized from elements that interfere with the process of character formation and become a friendly space for the younger generation to grow national character. One of them is protecting them from contamination of radical understandings and attitudes which are starting to target the younger generation who are weak in nationalism. Radicalism is adopted from the word "radix" which can be interpreted as "roots", then it is used as the essence of the

meaning of radicalism which is politically translated as an action that intends to change the system from its roots (Rulyansah, Wardana and Sari, 2018) . According to the detection results of the National Counterterrorism Agency (BNPT), there are at least four characteristics that indicate a person is exposed to radicalism: First, intolerant (rejecting differences in beliefs); second, fanatical (considering that people who have different beliefs are wrong); third, exclusive (always want to be liked and prioritized); fourth, exclusive (always wanting to be prioritized and privileged).

As for radicalism movements, most of them appear in religious circles, the issue of radicalism is very sensitive to discuss because it relates to religious beliefs which can also lead to intolerance between religious communities, this causes conflict in society ( Nandasari, Isnata and Irvan, 2023) . In this study, which examines the definition of radicalism according to the BNPT, radicalism can be interpreted as the frequent use of violent behavior in spreading beliefs based on conservative understanding. For example, by spreading fear among people, terrorist attacks can be carried out in public places. Such a situation is contrary to the nature of the Indonesian state which gives the widest possible freedom to its citizens to choose their beliefs and protect the safety and comfort of its citizens. Therefore, there is an urgent need to strengthen nationalism in the younger generation to build an identity based on faith and belief in God Almighty and respect for diversity in the life of the nation and state. Therefore, strengthening nationalism is interpreted as an effort to empower oneself to fight extremism and reluctance to live side by side with people of different beliefs. This is very important considering that the Indonesian nation was not founded on the basis of the same cultural elements, the same religion, and the same race, but on the basis of the same destiny, so as to create a sense of wanting to unite under one sovereignty and set aside differences of different backgrounds for the sake of that purpose.

### **Efforts to Strengthen National Insight for Students in the Midst of Rapid Flows of Globalization**

In the context of globalization, it is important to have a national perspective. One of the participants stated that the best way to develop a sense of love for the motherland and instill national values in everyday life is to continue learning and broaden one's horizons. In essence, nationalism is a shared understanding of all components of the Indonesian nation and is the basis for developing high national awareness and spirit in all aspects of national and state life. National insight is the driving force behind the best works, offerings, and dedication for the nation and state. In addition, the nature of the nationalist conception requires an attitude to immediately end allegiance to a group (political party, class or ethnic group) or individual when loyalty to the nation and state is needed. The problem of nationalism that is happening in the current era, if left unchecked without efforts to strengthen nationalism, the Indonesian people will lose their national identity and existence at the international level and there will be no realization of peaceful coexistence in the life of society, nation and state . Hasibuan, Syuhanda and Fachrurrozy, 2022) . Strengthening national insight is an ongoing process that must be adapted to the dynamics of national and state life. The importance of the national insight of the younger generation and students will have an impact on the existence of the country in the future, on its progress or decline, and on the spirit of national and state life. Thus, basically, if there is a collapse of the spirit of unity and oneness, what remains are small groups based on ethnicity, religion and regionalism, homogeneous on the inside and exclusive on the outside, where nationality becomes an empty word. Therefore, it makes sense if tribal, ethnic, regional, and religious primitivism, exclusivism no longer provide a sense of unity and integrity of the nation. With regard to strengthening national insight, strengthening the national insight of the younger generation and students is currently focused on formal education through Pansira education. This is because the Pansira course has a strategic role in strengthening the national insight of the younger generation or students. Building national insight among students National insight that can be possessed by students is to build social cohesion to accelerate national aspirations. Students play an active role as youth, including as a moral force. In this role, students can develop ethical and moral aspects in all dimensions of youth life. Then it was explained that students also have a role as social control and are expected to develop a critical attitude towards the environment and law enforcement. The final role of students in social life is as agents of change, taking leadership roles in social life and developing high awareness.

The level of national insight can be measured by increasing issues of democratization, human rights and the environment (Purwanto *et al.* , 2020) . One way to strengthen national insight, civics education (PKN) allows the younger generation to better understand national values, government systems, Indonesian law and politics. PKN also helps young people to understand how they can participate in Indonesia's development and build a better future. It is also suggested that apart from studying PKN, education should also focus on national values and introduce Indonesian culture more deeply. In this case, education can not only be carried out at school, but also at home and in the community. In addition, it is also necessary to encourage the participation of the younger generation in activities that promote Indonesian national and cultural values. This can be done by participating in events organized by organizations such as paguyuban, arts groups, and communities that focus on activities that promote Indonesian culture. The work of instilling national insight is not only done by teachers, but also at home. The results of this study are based on open interviews with students of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Medan State University. Globalization has had a significant impact on society, especially for students. Students tend to be more open to the entry of foreign

cultures into Indonesia and often this generation is easily exposed to new values and understanding from the outside world. This is seen in those who lack respect for their own culture, customs, and lifestyle. In fact, students in this generation tend to be more familiar with foreign cultures than their own culture. Borders between countries have become very open or transparent and many changes have occurred quickly. Some survey results reveal that the loss of national insight due to globalization affects the character of the nation, such as changes in values, the attitude of the younger generation. Passing on insights into the nationality and identity of the Indonesian nation to the next generation is very important to teach people, especially students who live in various countries, about the views of the nation. This national insight can be taught through character education because it sees the extent of the impact of globalization on human life, especially on the survival of students. Students who are perceived as having a freedom-seeking personality, preferring instant gratification and committed to individualism are more likely to fall prey to the negative effects of globalization. Character education can help students to recognize themselves and understand the positive aspects of their personality. Character education can be done at all levels, can be included in any subject, and can even be included in self-development subjects, which are often referred to as extracurricular activities at school. An example is character education in civics and social planning subjects, where norms, values and morality are taught. Several survey data show that Indonesian people, especially the younger generation who are heirs to the state, must not forget the state ideology or Pancasila. This is because Pancasila is the direction and criteria for the survival of the Indonesian people. Citizenship education plays an important role in the implementation of education with a national perspective. This education is very important in informing students about their rights and obligations as Indonesian citizens so that the country can continue to survive in the face of various external threats. The development of national insight must be a priority that cannot be ignored in the world of Indonesian education. The younger generation, especially university students, need to be equipped with adequate knowledge of nationalism in order to be able to defend the country from internal and external threats. One way to realize education with a national perspective is through civics education in schools. Through citizenship education, students can understand their rights and obligations as Indonesian citizens.

## Conclusion

National insight is part of the understanding of citizenship. National insight is something that cannot be separated from the life of every Indonesian citizen, this is because basically national insight contains a commitment and a spirit of unity to guarantee the existence and also improve the quality of life of the nation to require adequate knowledge about present and future challenges. future as well as various potentials of the nation. Therefore, it is important to strengthen and also develop national insights for the younger generation aiming at the development of the Indonesian nation in the future. Paying attention to the development of globalization and adapting to changing times by improving the quality of citizens. Because the impact of globalization ideology has entered the realm of mindset and attitude, into the realm of radical attitudes. The impact of the current threat is the impact on national ideology. This also triggers identity politics which ultimately undermines unity. To fight against the onslaught of globalization, it is necessary to strengthen nationalism among the younger generation or students in an effort to defend this republic from the threat of radicalism and other identity politics brought about by globalization. Therefore, the spirit of nationalism and love for Indonesia's homeland must not eliminate the objectivity of Indonesian history, because nationalism cannot be separated from the story of the process of national history itself as an understanding of national identity. Strengthening national insights prevents radicalism through character education applied from Citizenship Education subjects. This is because civics education plays an important role in the implementation of education with a national perspective. This education is very important in informing the younger generation about their rights and obligations as Indonesian citizens so that the country can continue to survive in the face of various external threats.

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