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THE ROLE OF THE INDOONESIAN YOUTH NATIONAL COMMITTEE (KNPI) IN BUILDING YOUTH CHARACTER

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Abstract

The purpose of this study is to examine the influence of the Indonesian Youth National Committee (KNPI) in shaping the character of Dairi Regency's youth. This study focuses on the role performed by the Indonesian Young National Committee (KNPI) in implementing its work program to enhance youth character in the Dairi Regency. Youth development may be accomplished via a variety of ways, including character education, since character education is one of the keys to national advancement. Character education is a method of character development that may be included into any educational program. This study employs a descriptive technique with a qualitative approach. This research utilizes both primary and secondary data sources, including the Dairi Regency Youth Sports and Tourism Service, the Dairi KNPI, the Youth and Sports Office, and the Dairi Regency Central Bureau of Statistics. The results show that the KNPI youth have a role in building youth character in Dairi Regency and there are also obstacles to the Dairi Regency KNPI DPD in building youth character.

Keywords: Youth's Involvement; KNPI; Character Development

INTRODUCTION

Data from the BPS (Central Statistics Agency) provided by Imam Nahrowi in his remarks commemorating the 88th Youth Pledge Day in 2016 indicates that based on demographic data, the total number of youths in Indonesia is in accordance with Law No. 40 of 2009 concerning youth in the age range of 16-30 years, totaling 61.8 million people, or 24.5% of the total population of Indonesia, which totals 252 million. Based on the amount, 24.5% is a very big percentage. In addition, between 2020 and 2035, the State of Indonesia will experience a period known as the Demographic Bonus. Where the number of Indonesians of productive age is anticipated to be at its peak in the nation's history, reaching 64 percent of Indonesia's total population of 297 million people (Ministry of Youth and Sports, 2016).

Several recent incidents, particularly in North Sumatra, demonstrate how young people have faced a character crisis. The conflict between youth organization cadres PP (Youth

Pancasila) and IPK (Youth Work Association) cadres in Thamrin Street, Medan Area District, Medan, North Sumatra on January 30, 2016 was one of them. Due to this conflict, one IPK member called Hutabarat perished and five were wounded (Medan Tribune: 30 January 2016). The reason of the conflict was mutual ridicule (<http://news.okezone.com>: January 30, 2016).

Clashes also occurred between PP (Youth Pancasila) cadres and FKPP (Communication Forum for Sons and Daughters of Retired TNI) on 13 August 2016 on Amaliun Street, Medan which resulted in one PP member and one FKPP member being rushed to the hospital. According to the Medan Area Police Chief, M. Arifin, this chronology began when a member of the FKPP named Andi ate at a KFC restaurant on Amaliun Street. Somehow a misunderstanding occurred, resulting in an attack on FKPP cadres (<http://medansatu.com>: 13 August 2016).

In the most recent incident, eight adolescents raped a 15-year-old girl in Pematang Siantar City on the morning of December 25,

2016. The unfortunate event occurred at Middle School 7 Pematang Sitiardar. The majority of the perpetrators were students or university students. As of December 28, 2016, the police has detained three of the eight suspects (<http://sumut.pojokstu.id>: December 28, 2016).

As a condition for KNPI membership, members of the Dairi Regency KNPI get education and basic leadership training throughout the organization's scope. The Central Leadership has mandated the incorporation of the regeneration process into the organization's normal agenda. The regeneration process is one of the most efficient means of character development for adolescents. One of the conditions to join the KNPI, become an administrator, and get a recommendation from the relevant OKP organizations is to pass regeneration.

Initial observations at the Dairi Regency KNPI management meeting held on 30 December 2016 at the chairman's residence (alpriansyah ST, Tiga Lingga Street kilometers 2, Sidikalang) indicate that more over half of the management did not attend. In January or February 2020, the meeting was intended to discuss strategies for adopting PK (Leadership Training). In light of these settings, the researchers also interviewed an administrator called Sastra Lingga who worked as the secretary. On this occasion, the researcher seeks to gather information on meeting attendees in the absence of a significant number of administrators.

THEORETICAL BASIS

In Law No. 40 of 2009 on youth, the age range for youth is between 16 and 30 years. Mulyana (2011), thinks that a person's spirit best reflects their youth. A person is considered to be a youngster if they are rebellious, full of initiative, creative, anti-establishment, and have more personality-building ambitions.

Youth organizations, such as mosque youth associations, youth clubs and so on, are non-formal institutions that arise and exist in

society (Warastuti, 2006). In general, youth organizations collect the potential of all young people, including both students and school-aged children who come under the category of youth, as well as the uneducated.

The Indonesian Youth National Committee, or KNPI, is a youth association organization whose initial embryo was a combination of the Cipayung group (the Joint Forum of HMI, GMKI, PMII, GMNI and PMKRI, which was formed on January 22, 1972 in Cipayung, West Java) via a declaration led by David Napitulu on July 7, 1973. In addition, the Indonesian Youth Declaration, issued on July 23, 1973, served as the foundation for the formation of the Indonesian Youth National Committee (KNPI). The KNPI was born out of a recognition of the responsibility of Indonesian youth to exert all efforts and abilities to grow, improve, and develop awareness as an independent and sovereign nation founded on Pancasila and the 1945 Constitution (UUD 1945).

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Indonesian Republican Police, mass groups, and the Dairi Regency cycling community. At least 300 of them existed. With this activity, KNPI Dairi aspires to become a bonding agent, bringing people together despite differences in faith, education, and employment.

RESEARCH METHOD

This study was conducted using a qualitative methodology. Youth Building Pandu Road, Bintang Hulu Village, Sidikalang District, Dairi Regency, North Sumatra Province is the site of this investigation. The phrase population is not used in qualitative research. Purposive sampling is the strategy utilized by researchers. This research employs the interview and observation data collecting methodologies. This study presents a functional interactive analysis based on four activities: data gathering, data reduction, data display, and data verification (Milles & Hubberman, 2012).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

History of the KNPI in Dairi

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KNPI Dairi also hosted a Christmas celebration, with DPC GAMKI Dairi serving as a committee member for the 2019 Christmas celebration held at the Dairi Regency Cultural Center Building on Sisingamangaraja Street, Sidikalang District. Youth organizations (OKP) from IPK, FKPPi, PP, WKI, students from Public Vocational Secondary Schools 1 Sidikalang, Marathaha Vocational School, Vevila school students, the National Inter-Church Deliberation Agency (BAMAGNAS), the Head of the Youth and Sports Office of Dairi Regency, Forkompinda, and other invited guests participated in the solemn event.

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Activities carried out by KNPI Dairi

The Regional Leaders Council (DPD) KNPI Dairi Regency's involvement in developing the character of youth in Dairi Regency focuses on three areas: social control, moral strength, and agents of change. In this effort, KNPI Dairi recruited youth for its committee. KNPI Dairi has also distributed fruit tree seedlings to the community, including super jackfruit, honey guava, guava bol, and macadamia plants, which were handed over directly by the Head of DLH Dairi Amper Nainggolan and the chairman of the Dairi KNPI, Afriyansah Ujung on Friday, 10/01/2020 in recreational parks, sports roads, Sidikalang District. The objective of the activity is to encourage individuals to care for the environment by doing greenery. In addition, the

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In order to prevent the spread of Covid-19, KNPI Dairi provides masks and hand sanitizers to the public, conducts health awareness movement campaigns, and continues to apply health protocols and social distance in public spaces.

Conditions of Youth Problems in Dairi Regency

Based on the findings of the researcher's interviews with the youth leader Dairi Hidayat, the head of Ansor Dairi Kasmidun Solin, S.Pd.I, and the head of Youth Department of Youth and Sports Dairi Regency Mr. Fadly Siagian S.stp., it can be inferred that the current youth difficulties in Dairi Regency are as follows:

- 1) Youths with a propensity towards juvenile criminality.
- 2) Youth are experiencing a character crisis.
- 3) Apathy that affects youngsters in the Dairi Regency.

The Role of the Indonesian Youth National Committee (KNPI) in Building Youth Character in Dairi Regency

In the following ways, KNPI Dairi's position as a social control institution has been used to shape the character of Dairi's young:

a. Strengthening national insight.

- KNPI Dairi held a seminar on the four pillars of Nationality whose participants were Dairi Regency Students.

b. Generating a critical attitude towards the environment and law enforcement.

- KNPI Dairi carried out a reforestation movement by distributing super jackfruit seeds, guava honey, guava guava in preventing natural disasters that often occur in Dairi Regency.

KNPI has utilized youth as a moral force in strengthening the character of Dairi's young in the following ways:

- Trying to develop all aspects of ethics and morality in acting in every line of youth life.
- KNPI Dairi Regency Held a Youth Pledge Day celebration accompanied by blood donation activities.
- Able to strengthen faith, piety and mental-spiritual resilience. KNPI held activities to commemorate Christmas, Eid and other religious holidays to strengthen faith and diversity in Dairi-Sidikalang. Meningkatkan kesadaran hukum.
- KNPI Dairi held a seminar on the 4 pillars of Nationality whose participants were Dairi Regency Students.

The role of KNPI as an Agent of Change has been implemented in Youth Character Development in Dairi. The application is carried out in the following ways:

- a. Political education and democratization. KNPI Dairi during cadre formation provided political education material as well as democratization.
- b. Economic resources. In the reforestation movement activities by distributing super jackfruit seeds, guava seeds, honey guava seeds, this can be a source of income for the community.
- c. Concern for society. KNPI Dairi often in every event that is carried out such as leisure walks, accompanied by blood donation activities and distributing basic necessities to orphans and underprivileged residents.

- d. Concern for the environment. KNPI Dairi conducted a reforestation activity by distributing super jackfruit, guava and honey guava seeds.

Obstacles Faced by KNPI in Building Youth Character in Dairi

Some of the obstacles faced by KNPI in the process of building the character of the Dairi youth are as follows.

- 1) Regarding finances, the Regional Leaders Council (DPD) KNPI in Dairi Regency has a number of hurdles in creating young character, resulting in the abandonment of programs geared toward youth character development. These issues will have an effect on the quality of youth organization cadres, both positively and negatively. Financial issues are often an impediment that leads all Regional Leaders Council (DPD) KNPI Dairi activities to become imbalanced, resulting in frequent cessation of operations. When Regional Leaders Council (DPD) KNPI Dairi arranges events, it is constantly bound by financial constraints; as a result, it often solicits donations from a variety of sources and occasionally must rely on member dues.
- 2) There is limited coordination between administrators. Coordination between administrators is crucial, but the Regional Leaders Council (DPD) KNPI Dairi is one of the hurdles, such that it has a significant impact on the formation of future activity plans (work programs) in the organization, particularly for all activities aimed at character development in adolescents. Currently, the organization does not have an annual work program, which hinders the execution of activities geared at the character development of kids. The Regional Leaders Council (DPD) KNPI Dairi leader has a program consisting of weekly (35-day) meetings amongst members, conducted every Saturday evening. During the conference, there was a sequence of recitation activities,

followed by administrator coordination.

- 3) The level of managerial activity is deemed to be modest. The inactivity of management while coordinating may be a hindrance in the organization, such that activities that have been cleanly planned in the work program and the Regional Leaders Council (DPD) KNPI Dairi Organization's Basic Regulations are often restrained. The still-inactive administration will have a negative influence on the organization's operations, causing them to cease. This is due to the fact that a large number of administrators are preoccupied with personal matters, leaving little time for their tasks inside the organization. Participation in activities is still marked by a lack of seriousness on the part of administrators, which often impedes the process of character development in adolescents.
- 4) A position is vacant. Until now, the Regional Leaders Council (DPD) KNPI Dairi has had openings in numerous divisions and sectors. This has occurred for a variety of reasons, making it impossible to carry out these activities correctly and frequently, preventing the organization of youth activities for the purpose of character development. Chairman and other officials have failed to initiate the filling of empty jobs.
- 5) Individual interests Personal interests of the Regional Leaders Council (DPD) KNPI Dairi leadership became an impediment to young character development as a result of the suspension of various organizational activities, including leadership training. The personal interests of the Regional Leaders Council (DPD) KNPI Dairi leadership include obtaining electoral support and locating projects or employment opportunities. The district's state following KNPI played a part in shaping the character of Dairi's youngsters.

The role of Regional Leaders Council (DPD) KNPI Dairi Regency in the development of young character in Dairi Regency focuses on three areas: social activities, activities that empower the community, and religious activities. Obviously, the functions played by KNPI Dairi have a significant impact on regional development, including:

- a) Creating jobs
- b) source of foreign exchange
- c) Regional development

CONCLUSION

- 1) The function of KNPI Dairi as a social control agency has been used to the development of young character in Dairi, including enhancing national awareness and fostering an attitude of skepticism toward the environment and law enforcement;
- 2) Youth as a moral force has been applied by KNPI in Dairi in the following ways: Developing features of ethics and morals in acting in every part of youth life; Strengthening faith and piety in addition to mental-spiritual resilience; and Increasing legal knowledge.
- 3) In Dairi, the role of KNPI as a Change Agent has been implemented in Youth Character Development. This application is carried out through political education and democratization, economic resources, community concern, and environmental concern.
- 4) Constraints faced by KNPI in building the character of the Dairi youth: Finance The leadership of the Regional Leaders Council (DPD) KNPI Dairi, if he wants to hold activities, is always constrained by financial problems, so he always seeks assistance from several parties and sometimes member fees. Management coordination is still lacking; The activeness of the management is still very lacking; There is a vacancy; and personal interests in the Regional Leaders Council (DPD) KNPI Dairi leadership

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