

The Role Of Pancasila Values In Reinforcing Indonesian National Identity In The Era Of Globalization

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Abstract

The era of globalization presents a dual challenge for Indonesia: it offers opportunities for international integration while threatening the erosion of local cultural values. This study aims to analyze the pivotal role of Pancasila values as the foundational filter and reinforcement for Indonesian National Identity. The research methodology employs a systematic journal review, analyzing various peer-reviewed articles to synthesize data on the implementation of Pancasila in the modern era. The findings suggest that the five principles of Pancasila serve as a unifying force that maintains social cohesion. Revitalizing these values within the education system is essential to prevent the loss of the national soul. By internalizing Pancasila, Indonesia can navigate globalization while ensuring that modernization does not lead to cultural homogenization.

Keywords: Pancasila; National Identity; Globalization ; National.

INTRODUCTION

Globalization is a condition in which the world becomes increasingly interconnected across various aspects of life, including economic, technological, cultural, and political domains. It enables people, goods, services, and information to circulate more freely and rapidly across national boundaries, thereby posing serious challenges to the preservation of Indonesia's national identity. In this context, strengthening national identity becomes a crucial priority so that the nation continues to uphold shared values that distinguish it from the international community. National identity plays a vital role in building and sustaining Indonesian nationhood (Zaid et al., 2024).

Pancasila, as the foundation and ideology of the Indonesian state, is widely regarded as a source of noble values that underpin national identity. The values embodied in Pancasila not only function as normative guidelines for state governance but also serve as a moral and ethical framework guiding Indonesian society in responding to contemporary challenges. As the philosophical foundation of the nation, Pancasila fundamentally constitutes the source of all legal principles in Indonesia (Karunia et al., 2023).

However, the rapid advancement of technology has presented new challenges for the younger generation in maintaining a strong sense of national identity. Globalization, marked by progress in technology, telecommunications, and transportation, has created both opportunities and threats. Some of the major challenges arising from globalization include liberalization, westernization, internationalization, and universalization. A weakened sense of national identity makes Indonesian youth more susceptible to

extremist ideologies, allowing irresponsible groups to manipulate their perspectives and attitudes, which in turn threatens national unity (Syarifah, 2016).

The implementation of Pancasila values can foster national awareness and strengthen nationalism within society, particularly among younger generations who represent the vanguard of the nation's future. The preservation of nationalistic spirit through the internalization of Pancasila values is considered an effective strategy for addressing the influence of foreign cultures brought about by globalization, especially in maintaining Indonesia's national identity (Lestari et al., 2019).

METHOD

This study employs a qualitative approach using a systematic journal review method to examine in depth the role of Pancasila values in strengthening Indonesian national identity amid globalization. The research data are derived from secondary sources, including national and international scholarly journal articles, academic books, conference proceedings, as well as official documents and institutional publications relevant to Pancasila, national identity, and globalization. The selection of articles is based on specific criteria, such as relevance to the research topic, source credibility, and relatively recent publication years to ensure the quality and reliability of the data.

Data collection is conducted through a systematic journal search using academic databases such as Google Scholar, SINTA, and international journal platforms with predetermined keywords. The selected articles are then analyzed using content analysis techniques through stages of comprehensive review, identification of key ideas and research findings, thematic categorization, and synthesis of the reviewed studies to produce structured conclusions. Data validity is ensured through source triangulation by comparing findings from multiple journal sources to obtain a comprehensive and objective understanding of the research focus.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

1. Pancasila and National Identity

Pancasila constitutes the philosophical foundation and core identity of the Indonesian nation. As the state ideology, Pancasila embodies fundamental values that unite Indonesia's diverse ethnic, cultural, and religious communities into a single national identity. According to Pancasila as the Identity of the State: The Pillar of Nationalism and National Integration (2021), Pancasila functions not only as a constitutional basis but also as a symbolic representation of national unity that strengthens nationalism and social cohesion.

Several studies emphasize that the internalization of Pancasila values is essential for maintaining national identity amid ideological and cultural challenges. Mana Sikana et al. (2023) argue that Pancasila serves as a moral and ideological foundation that enables Indonesian society to respond to globalization without losing its national character. Similarly, Billah et al. (2023) highlight that awareness and practice of Pancasila values play a crucial role in reinforcing national identity, particularly among younger generations who are increasingly exposed to global cultural influences.

Furthermore, the reinforcement of Pancasila values is closely linked to character building and national consciousness. Anastasiya (2022) notes that Pancasila provides ethical guidance that shapes citizens' attitudes, behaviors, and sense of belonging to the nation. Therefore, Pancasila remains a vital instrument in preserving Indonesian national identity in a rapidly changing global environment.

2. Globalization and Social Change

Globalization has significantly influenced social structures, cultural patterns, and value systems within Indonesian society. Rapid technological development, global communication networks, and cultural exchanges have accelerated social change and reshaped individual and collective identities. Utami et al. (2023) explain that globalization introduces new lifestyles and value orientations that often challenge traditional norms and national values.

These changes have led to cultural hybridization, where global and local elements coexist and interact. Gulo (2022) argues that while globalization offers opportunities for cultural enrichment, it also poses risks such as cultural erosion and weakening social cohesion if local values are not adequately reinforced. The dominance of global popular culture can marginalize local traditions and reduce appreciation for national heritage.

In this context, strengthening national ideology becomes increasingly important. The reinforcement of Pancasila values is seen as a strategic response to mitigate the negative impacts of globalization. Penguatan Nilai-Nilai Pancasila di Tengah Era Globalisasi (2022) emphasizes that Pancasila can function as a cultural filter, enabling society to selectively adopt global influences while preserving national values and identity.

3. National Identity in the Era of Globalization

In the era of globalization, national identity is no longer static but continuously negotiated through interactions between global and local influences. Pancasila, as an open and dynamic ideology, remains relevant in guiding Indonesia through this process. Relevansi Pancasila pada Era Globalisasi (2022) highlights that Pancasila's flexibility allows it to adapt to contemporary challenges without losing its core values.

One major concern discussed in the literature is the identity crisis among younger generations. The widespread influence of global media and digital culture has contributed to declining national awareness and weakened attachment to national values. The study Implementation of the Second Precept of Pancasila to Overcome Generation Z Identity Crisis in the Globalization Era (2023) reveals that strengthening Pancasila values, particularly humanity and social justice, can help address this issue and reinforce national identity among youth.

Moreover, Pancasila plays a crucial role as a moral compass in navigating globalization. Anastasiya (2022) asserts that Pancasila provides ethical direction that promotes tolerance, unity, and social responsibility. By integrating Pancasila values into education, social institutions, and public discourse, Indonesian society can maintain a strong national identity while actively participating in the global community.

Values of Divinity and Humanity

The values of divinity and humanity represent the first two principles of Pancasila and play a fundamental role in strengthening the moral foundation, ethical orientation, and social interactions of Indonesian citizens amid the forces of globalization. The principle of Belief in the One and Only God reflects the recognition of divine existence as the spiritual foundation of national and state life. This value emphasizes religious freedom and interfaith tolerance within Indonesia's pluralistic society, ensuring that every citizen can practice and uphold their religious beliefs without discrimination.

Meanwhile, the principle of Just and Civilized Humanity underscores respect for human rights, equality, empathy, and fair treatment for all individuals. These two values are inherently interconnected and collectively reinforce national character by upholding human dignity and affirming equal rights and obligations within society.

The values of divinity and humanity embedded in Pancasila significantly contribute to the formation of a national identity that is tolerant, respectful of diversity, and committed to human dignity. Consequently, these values function as a normative framework capable of mitigating social conflicts arising from the pressures of globalization. The principles of belief in the One and Only God and just and civilized humanity provide fundamental ethical guidelines for respecting human dignity and promoting inclusive social interactions (Yuwono et al., 2025). Unity and Pancasila Democracy

4. Unity and Pancasila Democracy

The principles of The Unity of Indonesia and Democracy Guided by the Inner Wisdom of Deliberation and Representation, commonly referred to as Pancasila democracy, constitute essential social and political elements in sustaining national cohesion and public participation as integral components of national identity. The value of unity emphasizes the importance of maintaining national integrity and solidarity amid Indonesia's cultural, ethnic, religious, and linguistic diversity. This principle fosters collective awareness that Indonesia remains united under the national motto *Bhinneka Tunggal Ika* despite its extensive diversity.

Pancasila democracy, on the other hand, illustrates participatory mechanisms through which citizens are involved in decision-making processes at both local and national levels, primarily through deliberation and consensus. Unlike liberal democracy, which tends to prioritize individual freedom, Pancasila democracy emphasizes collective wisdom, balance of interests, and social justice. These principles strengthen social cohesion and enhance political legitimacy. The values of unity and democracy within Pancasila thus offer an inclusive and integrative paradigm that highlights togetherness and democratic participation based on deliberation and consensus elements that are crucial for sustaining national unity in a pluralistic society (Yuwono et al., 2025).

5. Social Justice in the Era of Globalization

The principle of social justice within Pancasila serves as a vital instrument to ensure equitable economic distribution and equal opportunities for all citizens amidst the currents of globalization. This value is manifested through strategic policies such as welfare guarantees, education subsidies, and healthcare access that reaches all levels of society to strengthen national social bonds. Systematically, this principle must be integrated into the state's legal governance and concurrently instilled in the character of every individual as a guide for daily behavior (Yasila & Najicha, 2022). In facing global openness, the preservation of national identity must be reinforced through the active role of the youth and families so that local values are not eroded by the dominance of external cultures. Furthermore, the awareness to defend national interests becomes a collective responsibility to ensure national sovereignty remains steadfast amidst international dynamics.

Nevertheless, efforts to achieve this social justice are still hindered by economic disparities and intense competition with foreign labor, which risks narrowing employment opportunities for the local population. These challenges are exacerbated by structural obstacles such as corruption, slow bureaucracy, and a lack of transparency in managing national resources. Therefore, comprehensive corrective measures are required, ranging from strengthening legal regulations and strict supervision at border areas to utilizing technology to expand the public's national insight. By eliminating selfish attitudes and improving policy consistency, the government and society can more effectively minimize social gaps and ensure that justice is tangibly felt by all people in the future (Sahadewa & Najicha, 2022)

6. The Implementation of Pancasila Values

Amidst the flow of globalization, the fundamental challenge faced is the infiltration of ideologies that contradict Pancasila, such as secularism, liberalism, and materialism. The cultivation of divine values is crucial to fortify society against spiritual shifts and individual egoism that ignores the relationship between humans and the Creator. Effective implementation begins at the personal level, where individuals demonstrate gratitude and respect toward fellow living beings (Sahvitri & Dewi, 2021). By strengthening spiritual awareness, society can filter external influences that prioritize boundless freedom and maintain justice in both private and social life.

Furthermore, the actualization of humanitarian values and unity is currently threatened by rising radicalism, persecution, and the exclusivity of certain groups that damage social cohesion. The phenomenon of misused freedom of information often leads to the neglect of human rights and triggers pessimism within society (Kartini & Anggraeni, 2021). Therefore, every member of society must be able to understand their roles, functions, and the balance between rights and obligations in collective life. Positioning oneself appropriately in social interactions is key to countering exclusive community hegemony and ensuring that the spirit of mutual cooperation (*gotong royong*) remains the primary foundation of national integration.

In the context of state life, challenges such as money politics, identity politics, and a culture of hedonism demand a more consistent enforcement of social justice values. Corrupt behavior born from luxurious lifestyles not only destroys economic structures but also deprives the people of their basic rights to land and employment. Consequently, the revitalization of Pancasila for the younger generation as future leaders is urgently required. As responsible citizens, individuals must comply with applicable regulations and ensure that their actions contribute to the collective welfare, so that the ideal of justice for all Indonesian people can be tangibly realized (Risdiyani & Dewi, 2021).

CONCLUSION

Pancasila remains the primary philosophical pillar fortifying Indonesia's national identity against social shifts in the era of globalization. As an ideological filter, the values of divinity, humanity, and unity play a crucial role in maintaining national integrity against the threats of Westernization and individualistic lifestyles. This study confirms that national identity serves as a unifying force that binds diversity under the principle of *Bhinneka Tunggal Ika*, ensuring that society remains loyal to its cultural roots despite being exposed to massive external influences.

Furthermore, Indonesia's success in facing the impacts of global economic integration depends heavily on the extent to which the principles of democracy and social justice are implemented in state policies. Modern challenges, such as competition with foreign labor and the fading spirit of collectivity among the younger generation, demand a more relevant and practical revitalization of Pancasila values. Equitable welfare and access to basic services are absolute requirements to ensure that modernization does not widen social inequality or erode national sovereignty.

Ultimately, strengthening Pancasila values through education and the family environment is an urgent strategy to prevent character degradation in future generations. The nation's future is determined by the resilience of the youth in adopting Pancasila as a moral compass when interacting with technology and Industry 4.0. By consistently actualizing these values, Indonesia will be able to navigate the complexities of

globalization without losing its core identity, while ensuring that progress moves in harmony with local wisdom.

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