

**THE IMPORTANCE OF NATIONAL INSIGHT
IN THE VIEW OF ISLAMIC RELIGION**

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ABSTRAK

Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk memahami terhadap adanya pandangan agama Islam dalam menguatkan wawasan kebangsaan dalam diri setiap warga Indonesia. Wawasan kebangsaan yang terbentuk melalui dasar-dasar keagamaan yang kuat akan semakin menguatkan terhadap pemahaman wawasan kebangsaan dan semangat kebangsaan (nasionalisme). Sehingga pemahaman tentang kebangsaan yang dimiliki oleh seluruh lapisan warga negara menjadi modal utama dalam meningkatkan semangat wawasan kebangsaan. Penelitian ini termasuk penelitian kualitatif library research (kajian pustaka) dengan menggunakan metode analisis deskriptif. Dana-dana yang diperoleh dari penelitian ini melalui berbagai sumber literasi buku-buku dan artikel ilmiah yang berhubungan dengan judul penelitian ini. Keseluruhan dana yang diperoleh dikumpulkan, dikaji dan dianalisa dengan memakai analisis deskriptif. Melalui penelitian ini ditemukan adanya wawasan kebangsaan yang kuat karena pemahaman agama yang kuat dan ketepatan dalam memahami makna wawasan kebangsaan, nilai-nilai wawasan kebangsaan dalam pandangan Islam dan transformasi wawasan kebangsaan dalam kehidupan berbangsa dan bernegara.

Kata kunci : Wawasan Kebangsaan, agama Islam

ABSTRACT

This study aims to understand the existence of Islamic religious views in strengthening national insight in every Indonesian citizen. The national insight formed through strong religious foundations will further strengthen the understanding of national insight and the spirit of nationalism (nationalism). So that the understanding of nationality that is owned by all levels of citizens becomes the main capital in increasing the spirit of national insight. This research includes a qualitative of library research (library review) using descriptive analysis method. The funds are obtained from this research through various sources of literacy, books and scientific articles related to the

title of this research. All of the funds were collected, reviewed and analyzed using descriptive analysis. Through this research, it was found that there is a strong national insight because of a strong religious understanding and accuracy in understanding the meaning of national insight, the values of national insight in the view of Islam and the transformation of national insight in the life of the nation and state.

Keywords : *Insight of Nationality, Religion of Islam*

INTRODUCTION

An understanding of the problems that occur in society must be based on an understanding of religion that is kaffah (perfect). Religion is something that bridges a person with something that is considered a belief in a true truth or God. Because in religion there is a system of values, moral rules, belief systems, and cultural systems that always connect humans to something that is transcendent or divine. (Mohammad Zazuli, 2018). This will certainly give a result from everything that is understood so that it does not conflict with applicable laws or regulations, both Islamic law and laws that have become state regulations.

Every Indonesian citizen must be able to understand that *nationalism* must really be embedded in them. But in reality, many of them have not been able to implement the values of *nationalism* which is their obligation. Many of them are often not pro-active towards various policy outcomes that have been set by the government. On the contrary, they oppose and disobey various government policies. Whereas in religion, various values of human life have been taught, both individually and in relation to community life (Aris Priyanto, 2021).

People need to understand that *nationalism* is their personal identity that supports the sovereignty, personality and splendor of a nation. As the state of Indonesia has a red and white flag as a symbol of the sovereignty and personality of its nation. The respect for the flag or other identities of the nation must be upheld and respected by every citizen because it will further strengthen the sense of love for the homeland and recognition of the sovereignty of this nation (Lia Safrina, 2017).

Previous research that has a relationship with this research is *first*, Wahono's research with the title “*National Insights in the Unitary State of the Republic of Indonesia*”. National insight is a nation's perspective on the existence and identity of the nation in the eyes of the nations of the world. (Wahyono, 2007).

Second, the research is conducted by Hendra Saeful Bahri, et al, with the title “*Strengthening the National Insights of the Young Generation Through Tadarus Buku Activities*”. The spirit of nationalism is very important for the younger generation to have for the realization of an advanced nation, a safe and peaceful nation, a modern, just and prosperous nation in the midst of globalization which is a challenge for the Indonesian nation (Hendra Saeful Bahri, Sapriya, 2018).

Third, Fathur Rohman's research entitled “*Education of National Insight With Bayani Approach Darul Falah Islamic Boarding School Bangsri Jepara*”. National insight education with the bayani approach in pesantren can be interpreted as an effort to teach national insight by sticking to the Islamic boarding school tradition, namely the *bayani* tradition. (Fathur Rohman, 2018).

The existence of previous research seeks to emphasize the meaning of the importance of national insight for every citizen. Furthermore, they can transform the understanding of the national insight in their daily life as a form of implementation and expression of the national insight that exists within them. This research includes *library research* that uses descriptive analysis methods by collecting various data from the existing literature. After that, the data is understood, researched, and studied, then described according to the needs needed in the research. The research can find out the importance of national insight, transformation of national insight, and the value of national insight in the view of Islam.

DISCUSSION

Meaning of National Insight

Etymologically, “insight” means a review, view, conception, or perspective, while “nationality” means the characteristics that mark a group of nations, or

about a nation, or regarding (related to) the nation, or self-awareness as a citizen. National insight is the understanding of a person or group of people in understanding their existence which is associated with various values of national life in a country. Through national insight, a person will have the ability to respond or view a certain concept that is trying to be reflected in a certain behavior that is in accordance with the main idea or concept contained therein (Supriyadi Ahmad, 2017).

The Indonesian nation has a state symbol as a form and manifestation of respect related to the ideology that is inherent in every individual Indonesian citizen. So that the national symbol has a special place in every Indonesian citizen with full awareness and belief inherent in them. So they will not place the state symbol in an inappropriate place, but they will place the state symbol wisely and wisely. Moreover, they realized that this nation in achieving and obtaining the symbol of the state at the expense of wealth, sweat, time, thoughts, blood, and lives of the freedom fighters.

The fighters have sacrificed their souls and bodies in determining the identity and independence of the nation as a manifestation of the independence of their nation. As a good citizen, the form of love for the nation and state must be realized and transformed in real life in everyday life. If this is applied, then the love for this nation is not only a belief that is inherent in the heart, but as a real implementation that is seen in their personality. They with full awareness and full responsibility will always guard against the sovereignty and unity of the state which is a tangible manifestation of the love for the homeland and the spirit of *nationalism* for the nation.

In general, the discussion of nationality in the Qur'an cannot be separated from the word *Syab* or *syu'ub* which is the plural of the words *Qaum* and *ummah*. While the words *Qaum* and *Qaumiyah* are usually understood with the meaning of nation or nationality (Hasan Zaini, 2020). As in the Qur'an the word *Syu'ub* is translated as "nation" in the word of Allah in the letter al-Hujurat (49:13)

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ ذَكَرٍ وَأُنْثَىٰ وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ شُعُوبًا وَقَبَائِلَ لِتَعَارَفُوا ۗ إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَتْقَاكُمْ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ
خَبِيرٌ

Meaning: “*O mankind! Lo! We have created you male and female, and have made you nations and tribes that may know one another. Lo! The noblest of you, in the sight of Allah, is the best in conduct. Lo! Allah is Knower, Aware*”. (Surat al-Hujurat [49]:13).

The mention of the word *qaum* in the Qur'an is 322 times, while the word *syu'ub* is mentioned once, and the word *ummah* is 51 times. This further emphasizes the absence of conflict between nationalism and religion (Islam). Meanwhile, nationalism is a basic concept which includes, *first*, unity and integrity, wherein the Qur'an in Surah al-Anbiya 'and Surah al-Mu'minin verse 5 expressly commands unity and unity and commands to unite firmly in the religion of Allah. *Second*, the origin of descent, the presence of religion in a nation tries to maintain offspring without questioning the differences. *Third*, language, there is an acknowledgment from the Koran for the existence of various languages that need to be respected in their use. *Fourth*, customs, the existence of customs does not conflict with *al-khair*, namely the principles of Islamic teachings. *Fifth*, history, history becomes the most important point because it is one of the media that can unite people's feelings, thoughts and steps. *Sixth*, love for the homeland, integrity and love for the homeland can be a medium for every citizen in implementing and proving a sense of nationality within them (Hasan Zaini, 2020).

Every citizen is expected to be able to place unity and integrity, the safety and interests of the nation and state above the interests of individuals and groups, provide a wide space and place for patriotism and uphold the spirit of nationalism. In addition, the national insight of every citizen must be able to develop unity while still upholding Bhineka Tunggal Ika, creating an advanced nation with an independent, sovereign, united, just and prosperous identity. Everything that is applied in the national perspective of every citizen must be based on the Pancasila philosophy of life which has received recognition from all nations in the world (Budi Mulia, 2020).

Values of National Insight in the View of Islam

Every Indonesian citizen must devote his soul and body to the sovereignty and unity of this nation n themselves. National insight is not only by having the spirit and mastering nationalism, but must be explored from the bottom of the

heart that can make the sense of nationality stronger from time to time which is always maintained and fostered, for the sake of the unity and integrity of the nation (Wahyono, 2007). The existence of the ideals of this nation's struggle will be maintained if the generations of the nation have a sense of love for the homeland and national insight.

Strengthening national insight towards the nation's young generation will make them have a great national spirit (*nationalism*) towards the nation. Because national insight is a means to foster and instill the importance of love for the homeland and belief in always defending the country (Mutiarra Mellinda Fatimah, Aim Abdulkarim, 2020). Without national insight, the national values of a nation will fade because of the reduced sense of love for the homeland and reduced national insight in the life of the nation and state.

The values and spirit of nationalism that have become the agreement and formulation of the founding fathers of the nation are expected to become for the philosophy of life for every citizen. Because of deepening and pursuing this will increasingly make this nation and state stronger and exist in the eyes of the nations of the world. Moreover, this nation in its history has tried hard and full of struggles and sacrifices to be free from various forms of oppression and colonialism. (Supriyadi Ahmad, 2017).

Sovereignty and national unity are the special identity of a nation that has gone through a long process with all the struggles and sacrifices made by its people. So in maintaining this existence and identity, every citizen must have the spirit of nationalism (*nationalism*), the spirit of defending the country, and a sense of love for the homeland that arises from the existence of national insight. In order to achieve this, they must be able to transform their religious understanding into the spirit of nationalism. Thus, the character of *nationalism* and national insight that they have will show their existence and identity in the life of the nation and state.

Islam in terms of national insight is a concrete proof that Islam has a function as a complement to the life of the nation and state. Islam will always have the potential to support the establishment of an egalitarian, just, and

democratic Indonesian construct. Therefore, the Indonesian people make religion (Islam) a social ethic which means that Islam is part of an alternative to avoid a clash between religion and nation building or modernization. So that the values inherent and in Islam will always support the establishment of a democratic, egalitarian and fair Indonesian construct. Thus, national insight will give birth to an understanding that the Indonesian nation is a multicultural and very plural country (Eko Sumadi, 2016).

For the sake of realizing the values of national insight inherent in every Indonesian citizen, they must understand some of the basic values of national insight (Budi Mulia, 2020). These basic values include; *First*, there is an appreciation of the dignity and worth of humans as creatures created by God. *Second*, love for the homeland and nation. *Third*, democracy or popular sovereignty. *Fourth*, the determination to live a free, independent and united national life. *Fifth*, a just and prosperous society. *Sixth*, social solidarity. Some of the basic values of national insight, if truly owned by every Indonesian citizen, then the existence and identity of the sovereignty and unity of this nation will be recognized by nations around the world.

Transformation of National Insights in National and State Life

The national insight of Indonesian citizens must be based on an integralistic understanding or school of thought. Integralistic understanding includes an understanding that emphasizes the existence of a close relationship between countries without having to side with a strong group. Because the integralistic understanding in it contains Pancasila which tries to put the principle of togetherness in life and crave harmony in the relationship between individuals and society. Through this understanding, every citizen will not know of the tyranny of the minority and the domination of the majority. Because integralistic understanding already includes family values, togetherness, diversity, harmonious values and religiosity (Muhammad Naupal, 2017).

The state and nation according to integralistic understanding are considered as integral elements of the various elements that compose them, and the existence of a larger group will be resolved without any partiality. The parts that constitute

the composition of the creation of the unity and sovereignty of a nation will be handled wisely and wisely without causing conflicts that divide the unity and integrity of the nation. The existence of this integralistic understanding further emphasizes that the transformation of the national perspective of every citizen must always prioritize the existence and identity of the nation. Because it has indirectly eroded the existence of problems that always act in the name of the diversity of all elements that make up the realization of a nation and state. Whereas all Indonesian citizens should have a sense of love for the homeland which in Islam is part of faith. The Messenger of Allah said:

حُبُّ الْوَطَنِ مِنَ الْإِيمَانِ

Meaning: "Love of the motherland is part of faith"

It is appropriate that every element of an Indonesian citizen has a sense of love for the homeland which is implemented in their lives. In fact, they must be ready to sacrifice their lives and property for the progress of their nation and state and try to dispel anyone who will destroy the sovereignty and unity of the nation (Musthofa, 1913). All of that cannot be separated because of the values of love for the homeland that are already inherent in them, as according to Junaid al-Baghdadi that love is for someone who has a relationship, so that love is something that has value. But the value is lost, then the love will also disappear. If this opinion is associated with the love for the homeland of every citizen, it will certainly provide an understanding that love has value. But if the value of love is lost, then surely love will be lost (Al-Ghozali, n.d.).

Strengthening the values of national unity and integrity must be carried out by all elements of Indonesian citizens who are Moslem who belong to the majority group of this nation. Their perspective on nationality must always be based on Pancasila and the 1945 Constitution (UUD) relating to themselves and the environment which are expressed to achieve their goals as a sovereign and independent nation. Thus, their national insight must be anthropological, philosophical (Pancasila), legal (legal), psychological (self and environment), ideological (goal), strategic (being in the middle of the archipelago). This is a form of transformation of the national insight of Moslem who always prioritize

the common good and always respect of differences. Islam always obliges all its adherents to defend their nation and state (Nasrullah Nurdin, 2018).

Defending the nation and state for all Muslims is considered an obligation that must be carried out. Even persistence in defending and defending the state in Islam is considered a part of jihad *fi sabilillah*. This is in line with what has been exemplified by the ulama and kyai in fighting for, seizing, defending, and defending the Indonesian nation from the hands of the invaders (Najmudin, Syihabudin Said, 2020).

All Indonesian citizens must be able to understand and appreciate the sacrifices and struggles that have been carried out by the ulama, kyai, santri and all elements of society who have been involved in the struggle for independence. So that the atmosphere of transformation and social change of Indonesian society today should get attention starting from the role and place and function of religion in the process of transformational change. Moreover, social solidarity, cohesion and social harmony arise from religion which there is a value system that can give birth to spirituality and noble morality in religion (Aris Priyanto, 2021).

The noble morality possessed by every citizen will make the nation stronger and more sovereign. Because morality is an attitude of the soul that has been embedded in the heart that is able to encourage someone to be able to do actions easily, without thinking and without contemplating it first. (Tamami, 2011). It is hoped that this will make them have a high awareness of the importance of national insight. National insight is the most important medium in growing the spirit of nationality and love for the homeland. So it must always be instilled in heart and transformed by all citizens for the realization of justice, prosperity, welfare, democracy, sovereignty and the unity of the Unitary State of the Republic of Indonesia (NKRI).

Awareness of the importance of national insight will make the Indonesian nation still have dignity and honor as well as have an existence and identity as a pluralistic, independent, and sovereign nation among the nations of the world. Because the existence of a sovereign and dignified nation will not be separated from the morality and love of every citizen for the values of sovereignty and unity

possessed by his nation. Although a person's love will manifest in social interactions and social systems that affect the ways and particles that allow it to be changed, the axis and principles do not change (Nur Khalik Ridwan, 2014).

CONCLUSION

Religion has a big role in shaping the nature and character of the national insight of every citizen. As Islam considers that love for the homeland is part of faith. So it is an obligation (*fardlu 'ain*) for all Indonesian people to always maintain the sovereignty and unity of the nation. Thus, the national insight they have must be well understood and transformed in their daily lives. So that national insight is not only embedded in the heart, but they can be realized and implemented in their lives by sticking to the noble values of the nation and the ideals of the nation. That way, the important role of religion in strengthening the national insight of every citizen is something that cannot be underestimated by anyone, including all nations in the world.

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