

STUDENT'S PERCEPTIONS ON MULTICULTURALISM

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study focuses on Students' Perceptions on Multiculturalism. This research is important and relevant because in the world of education tolerance is one of the efforts in realizing the fourth point of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), namely, "Quality Education". Tolerance in a pluralistic society will occur if we have a good understanding of multiculturalism. Observing the tolerant attitude of students towards multiculturalism is important because it illustrates how students understand the multicultural concept of Indonesianness. These intolerant attitudes are caused by a low understanding of multiculturalism to become a cultured human being. This research will look at two things, namely about how students perceive multiculturalism? Also, how do students present themselves in online media about multiculturalism? This study used qualitative research method emphasized more on content analysis in its research stages. The result Regarding democracy and pluralism, the majority of high school students acknowledge that the uniqueness of Indonesia includes its cultural, ethnic, and racial diversity. Also, giving others the opportunity to express their opinions is considered a democratic value. Regarding the value of tolerance, high school students have an understanding of the importance of respecting the beliefs or religions of their friends. They agree that all religions teach goodness, depending on how these teachings are applied in life. Out of 157 students, 4 of them admitted to making sarcastic or derogatory jokes about other religions. The existence of this fact, according to the author, is part of the normalization of jokes that may not be understood by students. Religion, as one of the sensitive issues, is still made an object of ridicule.

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