

Socialization of Strengthening the Role of the Community in Maintaining the Sustainability of Democracy Based on Constitutional Law

Sosialisasi Penguatan Peran Masyarakat dalam Menjaga Keberlanjutan Demokrasi Berdasarkan Hukum Tata Negara

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Abstract:

Sustainable democracy requires the active participation of the community in the supervision and implementation of the principles of constitutional law. In Sungai Piul, public awareness of their role in maintaining the sustainability of democracy still needs to be strengthened. Therefore, this socialization activity aims to increase public understanding of the importance of involvement in the democratic process, both through policy supervision and participation in elections and other democratic mechanisms. The method used in this activity is a qualitative approach with a descriptive-analytical method to describe the role of constitutional law in supporting community participation. The results of the socialization show that increasing public understanding of democratic principles can increase active involvement in maintaining the sustainability of democracy at the local level.

Abstrak:

Demokrasi yang berkelanjutan memerlukan partisipasi aktif masyarakat dalam pengawasan dan implementasi prinsip-prinsip hukum tata negara. Di Sungai Piul, kesadaran masyarakat terhadap peran mereka dalam menjaga keberlanjutan demokrasi masih perlu diperkuat. Oleh karena itu, kegiatan sosialisasi ini bertujuan untuk meningkatkan pemahaman masyarakat mengenai pentingnya keterlibatan dalam proses demokrasi, baik melalui pengawasan kebijakan maupun partisipasi dalam pemilu dan mekanisme demokratis lainnya. Metode yang digunakan dalam kegiatan ini adalah pendekatan kualitatif dengan metode deskriptif-analitis untuk menggambarkan peran hukum tata negara dalam mendukung partisipasi masyarakat. Hasil sosialisasi menunjukkan bahwa peningkatan pemahaman masyarakat terhadap prinsip-prinsip demokrasi dapat meningkatkan keterlibatan aktif dalam menjaga keberlanjutan demokrasi di tingkat lokal.



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INTRODUCTION

Democracy as a system of government provides space for the public to actively participate in various political decisions and state policies. However, the sustainability of democracy is highly dependent on the active participation of the community based on a good understanding of the law. In Indonesia, constitutional law is an important part of maintaining the democratic system, because it provides a legal framework for regulating the life of the nation and state. One of the aspects that needs to be strengthened is the participation of the community in understanding and implementing democratic principles in accordance with the provisions of constitutional law. People who understand their rights and obligations within the framework of state law will be the main guardians and drivers in realizing sustainable democracy.

Socialization about the importance of strengthening community participation in maintaining the sustainability of democracy based on constitutional law is very relevant. This socialization aims to provide a deeper understanding to the public about their rights and obligations as citizens bound by the law. With a good understanding of the principles of constitutional law, it is hoped that the community can play a more active role in overseeing the running of the government, voicing their aspirations, and contributing to a better democratic process. The importance of community participation in maintaining democracy is not only limited to general elections, but also to various mechanisms of supervision and participation in the public policy process. By understanding constitutional law, people can be more critical of the policies taken by the government and ensure that they are in accordance with the principles of democracy and human rights. Therefore, constitutional law education must be carried out continuously and involve all levels of society, including in areas such as the Piul River.

This socialization aims to educate the public about the importance of their participation in strengthening democracy through proper legal understanding. Knowledge of political rights, fair election procedures, and principles of good governance are indispensable to create a society that is aware of the law and able to actively participate in the life of the state. Empowering people with this knowledge will strengthen the democratic system and reduce the possibility of abuse of power and injustice in government.

The role of constitutional law in maintaining the sustainability of democracy is not only limited to the formation of laws, but also to supervision and law enforcement. People who are well educated about constitutional law will be more likely to participate in supervising the running of government and demand accountability from the authorities. This is especially important, especially in areas like the Piul River, which may still lack an understanding of their political rights. Proper socialization can open up people's insights on how they can contribute to maintaining a healthy democracy. The importance of understanding constitutional law in the context of democracy is to avoid practices of abuse of power. A healthy democracy requires transparency, accountability, and active participation from all elements of society. Constitutional law serves to limit the power of the government so that it does not exceed the limit and create injustice. A society that has knowledge of these basic principles can play a role in ensuring that the government process runs in accordance with the norms that have been set out in the constitution.

This socialization also aims to introduce the public to their constitutional rights as citizens who have an equal position before the law. In a democratic system, every

citizen has the right to participate in general elections, express opinions, and obtain legal protection from adverse actions. Therefore, knowledge about these rights is very important so that people can make the best use of them. In Sungai Piul, the level of public awareness of constitutional law and their political rights still needs to be increased. Therefore, this socialization is an important step to introduce democratic principles and constitutional law that can be implemented in daily life. Societies that understand the law will have the ability to protect themselves from discriminatory and unfair acts, and can take part in efforts to maintain the sustainability of a healthy democratic system.

The sustainability of democracy also depends heavily on high legal awareness among the public. A well-educated public about constitutional law will better understand how important it is to maintain the integrity of the government system and demand justice. Therefore, legal education is one of the keys in strengthening democracy that can be accessed by all levels of society, including people in areas that may be more remote such as the Piul River. In addition, strengthening public participation in maintaining the sustainability of democracy must also involve understanding how constitutional law regulates the division of power between state institutions. By understanding these basic principles, people can better monitor the running of government and ensure that power is not abused. Socialization about this in the Piul River is very important so that the community is not only passive, but active in maintaining democracy at the local and national levels.

Through an understanding of constitutional law, the public can also understand the legitimate ways to voice disagreement with government policies that are considered harmful. This is very relevant in the midst of social and political challenges that often arise in the life of the nation and state. In this context, the role of the community as a supervisor of democracy is very important to ensure that every policy implemented is in accordance with the principles of fairness and equity. On the other hand, the government must also pay more attention to legal education for people in areas such as Sungai Piul. With continuous socialization, the public will be more open to understanding various aspects of constitutional law that are the basis of democracy in Indonesia. This will form a smarter society in overseeing the course of government and strengthening democracy at the local level.

The constitutional law education provided must be inclusive and easy to understand, in order to reach all levels of society, including those who may have limited educational backgrounds. Socialization carried out with the right approach can have a positive impact in building better legal awareness in the Piul River. As a result, the public will be better prepared to maintain and strengthen the existing democratic system, resulting in a cleaner, more transparent, and accountable government.

METHOD

The method in this study uses a qualitative approach with an empirical method. The qualitative approach was chosen because this research aims to deeply understand the participation of the community in Sungai Piul in maintaining the sustainability of democracy, especially those related to constitutional law. In this context, the qualitative approach allows researchers to explore more broadly the meanings and processes involved in the political participation of the community. Through this method, researchers not only collect data, but also try to provide a

holistic picture of the social, political, and cultural dynamics of the local community in the context of existing democracy.

The data collection techniques used in this study include several mutually supportive methods to obtain comprehensive information. First, direct observation is carried out on community participation in democratic activities such as elections, village deliberations, and supervision of policies implemented by local governments. These observations are important to understand how people are actively involved in the decision-making process and policy supervision that affects their daily lives. In addition, observation techniques allow researchers to see firsthand the dynamics of interaction between communities and local political institutions.

In addition to observation, socialization was also carried out with the local community to gain perspectives on their views on their participation in democracy. This socialization activity provides a space for the community to share their experiences, obstacles, and challenges in participating in the political process. Through interactive discussions, researchers can dig deeper into people's perceptions and understandings of their political rights. In this case, socialization also serves as a means to educate the public about the importance of active participation in maintaining the continuity of democracy.

The data that has been collected is analyzed by descriptive-analytical methods to describe the existing phenomena in depth and provide an interpretation of the role of society in the democratic system. The descriptive-analytical method allows researchers to systematically analyze the data and present the results in a clear and structured form. By using this approach, the research can provide a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities in increasing community participation in the Piul River in maintaining the sustainability of democracy. This is expected to provide constructive recommendations in strengthening community participation in the democratic process, both at the local and national levels.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Democracy in Indonesia is increasingly experiencing significant challenges, especially in the context of strengthening the role of society in maintaining its sustainability. One way to maintain the sustainability of democracy is through socialization that can build people's political awareness, especially in areas where there is still minimal participation, such as the Piul River. This socialization is important because in a democracy, the active participation of the public in elections and other political processes is key in ensuring that the resulting policies reflect the will of the people (Hasanah, Mulka, Yudhistira, Inderawaspada, & Rudini, 2020). The success of this socialization will have a positive impact on the sustainability of a healthy and sustainable democracy.

Political education for the public is the first step in introducing them to the importance of their participation in democracy. This process of political education must be carried out in a simple and easy-to-understand way so that the people in Sungai Piul, who may have different levels of understanding, can actively participate in the democratic system (Satria, Fikri, Kaniska, & Suryanto, 2025). The main goal is to create voters who are aware of their political rights and the impact of political decisions on their daily lives.

Constitutional law has an important role in regulating how the state is run and how the rights and obligations of citizens are maintained. Therefore, the public must be given a good understanding of constitutional law so that they can understand

their rights as voters and as citizens in a democratic system of government. This includes an understanding of the constitution, the people's representative system, and a fair and transparent electoral process (Muhammad, Firdaus, & La Aci, 2023). People who understand constitutional law will find it easier to exercise their political rights wisely.

Socialization carried out in Sungai Piul must focus on community empowerment through various forms of activities, such as group discussions, training, and seminars on rights and obligations in democracy. This activity must be carried out continuously so that the public continues to get relevant and up-to-date information related to law and democracy. With sufficient knowledge, the public will be better prepared to face existing political challenges, including those related to money politics that often damage the integrity of elections (Khayyan et al., 2023).

Democracy education must also involve various levels of society, ranging from religious leaders, community leaders, to youth. This is important so that there is a social network that can support each other in strengthening a healthy political culture. Educating the public on the importance of voting smartly, without being influenced by the practice of money politics, is key to maintaining the integrity of elections and preventing practices that harm democracy (Arqon, Mustafa, & Gogon, 2024). Thus, people will have more faith in the democratic process and feel that their votes are valued.

It is also important to note that this socialization must be based on the laws applicable in Indonesia, including the 1945 Constitution, which forms the basis for all forms of public policy. Constitutional law guarantees political rights for every citizen, which must be carried out properly so that a democratic system of government can continue to run. Therefore, understanding this law is very important for the public so that they can be involved to the maximum in maintaining the sustainability of democracy (Chandra, Yanni, & Gusriyani, 2024).

The challenge faced in maintaining the sustainability of democracy is the inability of the public to access accurate and reliable political information. In areas such as the Piul River, limited access to this information often hinders people from actively participating in politics. Therefore, the socialization carried out must be able to reach all levels of society by using various media, including social media, to provide information that is easily accessible to those who live in remote areas (Ulfiyyati, Muhamad, & Akbari, 2023). This will strengthen the role of the community in the democratic process.

From a legal perspective, the role of society is also regulated by various public policies that aim to improve the quality of democracy. One of the policies that needs to be considered is the policy on public participation in the political decision-making process. People who understand that they have the right to participate in political decision-making will be more active in voicing their aspirations. This is part of an effort to create an inclusive and sustainable democracy (Dahri, Sayuti, & Chandra, 2023). Therefore, understanding public policy and the role of the community in the political process is essential to strengthen democracy.

Socialization about democracy should also include education about the dangers of money politics and other negative practices that can damage the electoral process. Politicians who use money politics to win elections not only undermine the integrity of elections but also undermine public trust in the political system itself. Therefore, socialization that emphasizes the importance of clean elections and free

from the influence of money will help build public trust in democracy and ensure that democracy runs well (Mangkurat & Mirajiah, 2023).

High political awareness can be achieved if people understand that the sustainability of democracy does not only depend on the government, but also on their active role as part of society. This means that every citizen, whether in urban or rural areas, must feel responsible for maintaining the sustainability of the democratic system. Socialization based on constitutional law will ensure that people know their rights and obligations in carrying out these roles, which in turn will strengthen Indonesian democracy (Khayyan et al., 2023).

Strengthening the role of the community in maintaining the sustainability of democracy also includes aspects of economic and social empowerment. A prosperous society will find it easier to be actively involved in the political process. Therefore, in addition to political education, it is also important to facilitate access to quality education and improve the economic welfare of people in areas such as Sungai Piul. This will create wider employment opportunities and open up opportunities for people to participate in politics better (Hasanah et al., 2020).

Socialization carried out in the Piul River must involve close collaboration between the community, local governments, and related institutions. The active participation of local governments is crucial in making this effort a success. The government must act as a facilitator who organizes various political education activities that can increase public understanding of the importance of their participation in democracy. One way that can be done is by organizing training, seminars, and discussion forums that discuss various issues related to democracy and constitutional law. This kind of activity will be an effective means to convey appropriate and relevant information to the public, so that they can understand their rights and obligations in the Indonesian political system.

The importance of training and seminars facilitated by local governments lies in their ability to explain directly to the public how the political and legal system in Indonesia operates. People who have a better understanding of the structure and mechanism of government will be better prepared to play an active role in the democratic process. In addition, these activities also provide opportunities for the community to ask questions, discuss, and share views on various issues that affect their lives. These open discussions help enrich people's insights on how they can participate constructively in the democratic process, especially in elections and public policy oversight.

In addition to holding training and seminars, local governments must also provide adequate facilities to support the smooth socialization process. These facilities can be in the form of comfortable spaces for meetings, access to political education materials, and effective means of communication to reach all levels of society. The existence of adequate facilities will make it easier for the community to participate in socialization activities without any technical obstacles. Local governments must ensure that every level of society, including those in remote areas, has equal access to participate in these activities. With the right support, the socialization process can run smoothly and create a society that is more politically aware and actively involved in strengthening democracy.

Ultimately, the sustainability of democracy in Indonesia will depend heavily on the high political awareness of the people, which is obtained through effective socialization and is based on constitutional law. People who have enough knowledge will be better able to maintain the democratic system so that it continues to run

well. Therefore, it is important to continue to strengthen the role of the community in the democratic process through appropriate education and socialization to achieve a sustainable and fair democracy for all parties (Chandra & Harmaini, 2020).

The sustainability of democracy does not only depend on the success of elections, but also on the active participation of the community in maintaining the integrity and quality of government. Without high public involvement, democracy will be easily eroded by various interests that are detrimental to the people. Therefore, strengthening the role of the community in maintaining democracy must be a top priority in the social and political agenda in Sungai Piul and other areas (Muhammad et al., 2023).

The sustainability of democracy is not only about successful elections, but also about how the political process functions in a transparent and accountable manner. In Sungai Piul, the biggest challenge in maintaining the sustainability of democracy is the low level of political participation and limited legal awareness. Without an adequate understanding of their political rights, people are often caught up in unhealthy practices, such as money politics, that can undermine the integrity of elections. For this reason, the socialization carried out must not only educate about political rights, but also build a sense of responsibility for democracy as a system that involves all citizens.

Effective political education in Sungai Piul can help people understand that they have the power to influence the policies taken by the government. However, to achieve this, the socialization process must be adapted to the local context, namely by considering the social, cultural, and economic conditions of the local community. For example, for relatively remote areas such as the Piul River, the use of information technology, such as mobile phone applications or social media, can be an important means of conveying information that is easily accessible to the public. This will help them to stay informed about important political events, even in the midst of geographical limitations.

Effective political education not only provides information about rights and obligations in the democratic process, but also facilitates people to understand the impact of political decisions on their lives. On the Piul River, where most residents may not be fully aware of the importance of political participation, this education becomes a bridge to introduce them to local and national political issues. Through an approach based on dialogue and direct involvement, the public can more easily understand how policies taken by the government affect sectors of life such as education, health, and social welfare. In addition, political education carried out at the local level also helps to create more critical and wise voters. Not only teaching them about the selection procedure, but also about how to assess potential leaders and the policies they offer. By increasing people's political knowledge, it is hoped that they can make smarter decisions and are not easily influenced by negative factors such as money politics or misleading propaganda. Therefore, it is very important for this educational activity to involve various parties, ranging from educational institutions, civil society organizations, to local media, which can provide appropriate and accurate information.

With increased political awareness, the people of Sungai Piul will not only become active voters, but also play a role in creating a stronger and more sustainable democracy. A continuous process of political education will shape a healthy political culture, where citizens understand that democracy is not only

about voting, but also about participating in discussions and making decisions related to their lives. It also opens up opportunities to increase transparency in government and strengthen the accountability of public officials, which in turn will improve the quality of democracy itself.

CONCLUSION

Strengthening the role of the community in maintaining the sustainability of democracy based on constitutional law is very important, especially in areas such as Sungai Piul. Through effective and sustainable socialization, people can understand their political rights and obligations within the framework of a healthy democracy. Proper political education will help build political awareness, create smart voters, and prevent negative practices such as money politics that undermine the integrity of elections. In addition, a deeper understanding of constitutional law will provide a solid foundation for people to actively participate in political processes and decision-making that impact their lives.

Strengthening democracy is not only the responsibility of the government, but also requires active involvement from the community. With high awareness, the community will be better able to maintain and strengthen the existing democratic system. Socialization based on constitutional law and community empowerment will help create an inclusive, fair, and transparent political environment. Thus, the sustainability of democracy in Indonesia, including in the Piul River, can be well maintained and provide greater benefits for all people.

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