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BOOK REVIEW :
THE CONTRIBUTION SERIES OF PSYCHOLOGICAL THINKING FOR THE
NATION 4: PSYCHOLOGY AND NATIONAL INTEGRATION
(*SERI SUMBANGAN PEMIKIRAN PSIKOLOGI UNTUK BANGSA 4: PSIKOLOGI DAN*
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Indonesia is a country that consists of differences in ethnicity, language, customs, and skin color. This diversity can cause conflict and division, both caused by internal problems or external problems, so national unity is needed to maintain the integrity of the nation and prosper the people. Therefore, this book, which contains the thoughts of psychologists, was created as a contribution from psychologists in maintaining the unity and integrity of the nation.

The book contents are 27 articles from 38 authors. It is a collection of the thoughts of psychologists on the issue of national integration. Their thoughts can be used by college students to add insight and train their thinking in solving various problems of the nation. In addition, It is also expected to inspire power holders and various parties in finding solutions and answering national problems related to the themes.

According to the title, the writer explains the nation's problems in Indonesia using psychological studies. As we know, Indonesia often has conflicts that can threaten the unity of the nation. Indonesia causes this has a variety of diversity so that the potential for conflict can occur at any time. Therefore, the author tries to give his thoughts to solve the problems in Indonesia through a psychological view.

"The Contribution of Psychological Thought to the Nation 4: Psychology and Nation Integration Series" needs to be reviewed to provide a reviewer's understanding of the book's topics, strengths, and weaknesses based on the reviewer's views. In addition, It is made to invite readers to think and reflect on the thoughts of the psychologists. Thus, readers can consider it to be read further as an appropriate reference or guide in solving problems related to national integration.

The writers' thoughts in the book are explained in detail and completely. It also includes the basics of their thoughts. It greatly fulfills the needs of college students, power holders, and various other parties in finding solutions to solve problems related to the integration of the Indonesian nation. The thoughts did not appear suddenly, but it appeared as developed the thoughts of other figures such as Mosco, Peter Golding, and others related to the conflicts being analyzed.

The latest information from this book is how the author analyzes and views the problem of Indonesian diversity using psychological studies. Indonesia is a country that has a variety of diversity; ethnicity, language, region, religion, skin color, customs, and sharing perspectives. At the belief system level, all Indonesian citizens are aware that Indonesia has a variety of diversity that has been introduced for a long time with the concept of "Bhinneka Tunggal Ika". Sadly, this diversity cannot be separated from the problem. Friction and clashes between different groups based on ethnicity, region, religion, or interest often adorn the mass media. This shows that the concept of "Bhinneka Tunggal Ika", which has become a belief system, is often forgotten. This is in line with the scheme proposed by Fishbein & Ajzen (2005). It is The Theory of Reasoned Action / Theory of planned behavior. This theory explains that the existing

belief system will affect attitudes, subjective norms, and control of individual behavior. These three things will strengthen a person's intention or intention to do things that are believed and felt true. When forgetting about the belief system occurs, the behavior will become out of sync. The author relates this theory to diversity in Indonesia. If the belief system is still deeply rooted in citizens' citizens, national integration will be realized.

To overcome the problems in diversity, the author uses psychological studies to see diversity in dealing with diverse social environments. Psychological studies are the science of studying and considering how individuals think and behave. Diversity is constructed socially, and this construction affects the identity and behavior of individuals (Blaine, 2012), as described in the Psychology of Diversity if there is a racial conflict that arises from diversity, the basis for examining the conflict not through differences but through Indonesian people's way to construct this diversity.

The author views that one of the keys that are considered to reduce the possibility of a shift in society due to differences and diversity is a positive perception of multiculturalism. Individuals in society can develop positive perceptions about multiculturalism through education in educational institutions and families that emphasize diversity. Diversity-based education can be done from an early age in children. The learning process by people can be accompanied by actual content and examples that support the teaching. The positive consequence of education that is friendly to difference and diversity is encouraging individuals to engage and interact directly with other people who are not from the group to help reduce prejudice through these positive experiences.

The author tries to analyze the national integration problem in diversity in Indonesia through psychological studies. Conflict can occur due to the involvement of human behavior. Through psychology, readers understand that psychological studies can also be applied to analyze various problems in Indonesia.

The influence is that readers become more critical in looking at these issues and knowing how to address them. Cases that threaten national integration will always exist, and the methods used will always differ over time. Therefore, it can train readers in analyzing the cases contained in this book. The readers also know the author's way of criticizing and overcome these problems. As a result, readers can become accustomed to analyzing new cases and contributing to their thoughts to solve them.

In the book content, the authors only provide a few specific pieces of conflict evidence because the conflict evidence provided is described in general, such as political conflicts, elections, and racial conflicts. However, there is a conflict where the case is explained more specifically. It is the case of local sons and immigrants in Papua, which arises because of social construction.

The conflict evidence is true in Indonesia if the reader knows that conflict from in the news. Unfortunately, people who have never heard of this conflict will feel that the truth is confined. The author only states that this conflict occurred several years ago without giving a specific time for the conflict. As a result, readers have to search the internet for information on the conflict to ensure that the conflict happened in Indonesia.

This conflict occurred due to the declaration of the Papua program as a transmigration destination, which the traditional elders in Papua rejected. This rejection is based on the experience of the transmigration program during the New Order era. In that era, a lot of forest land was cleared, and the employment of local peoples was limited because transmigrants had more competence than local people. The authors conclude that the social construction has made immigrants being considered colonizers. After analyzing, the author's view on this problem is that officials should provide guidance and information that the transmigrants come as brothers who will pay attention to customary rights, teach skills, and teach knowledge. Thus, the social construction of newcomers will be different. This case can be found on page 161.

The contents of the book are 27 articles with different titles. The contents are well organized. The placement of the articles is adjusted to the theme of each chapter. Each article in the chapter also can be connected so that they complement each other. It consists of 473 pages, so the book looks quite thick.

There is no studies, facts, or ideas that the author of the book ignored. The problems presented by the author are under the facts though these problems are discussed in general terms. In analyzing, the studies that psychologists use are also mentioned to support the psychologists' explanation in describing their thinking. Thus, the studies, facts, or ideas conveyed by the author are very clear because these aspects are interrelated in their explanation.

This book is worth reading because the cover used fits perfectly with the topics discussed. The cover is a picture of three hands with different skin tones holding on to one another. It reflects the nation's integration in diversity. Moreover, the language is very polite. The reference sources are also mentioned completely, and citations accompany the inclusion of thoughts from other characters.

However, It has several shortcomings. The language used is too formal, so it seems awkward and easy to get bored when reading for a long time. The problems that occur also have no specific time and location of the conflict. In addition, there are several typing errors.

Writers need to include in more detail the location and time of conflict. Although the author reveals the conflicts that often occur in Indonesia, it would be better if the conflicts discussed to be more specific. As a result, readers can make comparisons between conflicts in the same scope. In addition, the writers need to pay attention to using the words used so that there is an integration between the words in a sentence. Also, the writers should pay attention in choosing words so that they are not too stiff and the readers can read comfortably and do not get bored easily.

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