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Ilmu Kewarganegaraan (Civics)

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INTRODUCTION

The book “*Ilmu Kewarganegaraan (Civics)*” is a book for further development and refinement of the book entitled “*Kewarganegaraan Republik Indonesia: Tinjauan Historis*”. According to the author, this development and refinement aim to enrich the study and discussion so that readers can better understand the purpose of writing this book. This development and refinement are symbolized by adding 2 (two) new chapters that discuss Citizenship from several perspectives and the relationship between the state and religion in Indonesia. The addition of this chapter is considered important because it shows things that deserve more attention, especially in the context of defending the Unitary State of the Republic of Indonesia.

The existence of this book is intended for all people in society because the contents of this book must be well understood by all citizens of the Republic of Indonesia. This book can also be used as a reference in understanding Citizenship Science and the intricacies of Indonesian citizenship, including the relationship between state and religion in Indonesia. The author tries to broaden the readers' insights regarding sensitive matters (around religion in Indonesia) even more deeply.

This book contains about the Science of Citizenship and the intricacies of citizenship and all its perspectives, as well as the relationship between state and religion in Indonesia as an addition to perfecting and developing the book. The chapter on the relationship between state and religion in Indonesia outlines how the state responds to religion and to what extent the state can participate in every religion in Indonesia.

The knowledge contained in this book is the basic knowledge that becomes a good and true citizen of the Republic of Indonesia so that it must be mastered by every citizen. Moreover, religious affairs in Indonesia are still sensitive now, so it is hoped that the future generations of the

nation can broaden their minds and insights. Besides that, the importance of the knowledge contained in this book can be used as a reference to deepen the knowledge of citizenship. That simple reason is what makes this book worth reviewing.

REVIEW

The book "*Ilmu Kewarganegaraan (Civics)*" is aimed at all people from various backgrounds, especially the nation's future youth. The knowledge written in this book is a basic science that must be understood by all Indonesian people. Every citizen throughout Indonesia needs to fully understand the intricacies of Citizenship Science, including the relationship between the state and the religion that is believed. Plus, the nation's future millennial children should not be eroded by the flow of globalization. Do not let foreign citizens understand more and be more interested in Indonesia because all Indonesian citizens are Indonesia's main key to maintaining Indonesia's existence and sustainability.

The book contains various information related to citizenship, which is very useful for every citizen, especially the topics discussed in chapter VIII regarding State and Religious Relations in Indonesia which previously were rarely of concern so that the topic is still hot and very interesting. Chapter VIII discusses the relationship between state and religion in the context of citizenship life. Looking back at the time of independence, it was not entirely due to human efforts, but above all, there was the intervention of God Almighty and His will. So that it is emphasized in the preamble of the Constitution of the Republic of Indonesia and Pancasila. The relationship between religion and state is increasingly being debated in our country so that some interesting perspectives are born regarding the extent of the relationship between state and religion in Indonesia.

This book has a big influence on readers, especially among the young nation's future generations, to deepen the insight of citizenship. Today's society has a deep and critical mindset. Given the rapid development of times and technological advances, Indonesia has become one of the countries affected by the flow of globalization, so it must be good at sorting all information so that it is not carried away in its swift currents, including the most sensitive matters such as religion and its relationship with the state. The discussion on the topic of Citizenship which is complex but lightly packaged makes all the information in this book easy to absorb. All the knowledge contained in this book provides an opportunity for every Indonesian citizen the opportunity to

deepen their knowledge of citizenship and citizenship to create a daily life that is calm and peaceful.

The great and good influences given by this book can help readers to fully understand the various knowledge of citizenship such as citizenship, nationalism, nationality, citizenship thoughts before and after independence, citizenship based on certain laws, existing perspectives regarding citizenship, and religion and its relationship with the state. All the knowledge contained in this book can also bring readers, especially the young generation of the Indonesian nation, to become individuals who know their country more deeply so that all of them have clear thoughts regarding maintaining the existence and sustainability of Indonesia. How not, things that need to be learned to become a good citizen, are presented in this book. From simple things, such as elements of the state, to complex things, such as the relationship between state and religion in Indonesia.

All the evidence that can be presented in this book to strengthen the knowledge provided is in the form of quotes from experts relating to the material given. Apart from quotations, some of them are also in the form of articles in the 1945 Constitution of the Unitary State of the Republic of Indonesia. The remaining evidence is in the form of the application of lessons about Civics that are included in every elementary, junior high, high school, and university level.

The evidence presented in this book convinces the readers that the knowledge of Citizenship can bring Indonesians to know their country more deeply. Various things in our daily life are related to the science of citizenship. All quotes that are taken always include the identity of the source. For example, “Ahmad Sanusi (1972: 3) concerning the notion of civics states that, insofar as civics can be viewed as a discipline in political science, the focus of his study is on the position and role of citizens in exercising their rights and obligations following and along with the limits of constitutional provisions. the country concerned”. In this example, we can see that it refers to Ahmad Sanusi's quote in 1972 in a book on page 3. Other convincing evidence, this book also raises several verses from the 1945 Constitution relating to the material discussed. For example, “Awareness of the importance of citizenship in its further development can be seen from the goals of national education as formulated in Article 4 of the Basic Law Number 2 of 1989 concerning the National Education System”. In this part of the sentence, we can also know that the knowledge contained in this book is also related to the 1945 Constitution.

On pages 71–72, the book “*Ilmu Kewarganegaraan (Civics)*”, it is explained that Indonesian citizens are supporters of the Republic of Indonesia. As a supporter of the Republic of

Indonesia, every citizen of the Republic of Indonesia must support the Foundation of the Republic of Indonesia and the outlook on life of the Indonesian people and feel that the Indonesian nation's view of life (Pancasila) is the source of the psyche of the people and the Republic of Indonesia. Because the basis of the State and the view of the life of the nation are the embodiment of the soul of the nation, the citizens are the basic guides of the state and the incarnation of the nation's perspective in social and state life. Thus, Indonesian citizens or Indonesian people or the Indonesian nation guarantee the preservation and survival of an independent, united, and sovereign nation of the people based on Pancasila and in their souls and deeds full of enthusiasm to build an advanced, prosperous, just, and prosperous Indonesian society (Paulus, 1983: 117). Then, on page 108 it is explained, In the explanation of Law Number 12 of 2006, it is further explained that citizens are one of the essential elements and the main elements of a country. Citizenship status creates a reciprocal relationship between citizens and their countries. Every citizen has rights and obligations towards his country. On the other hand, the state must protect its citizens. Then, explained on page 131, Suhadi (2019) explains that before Indonesia became independent, the founders of the Indonesian state had laid a very valuable foundation for the life of the nation and state. This valuable basis is to lay down the recognition of the establishment of the Indonesian state as a gift from God Almighty. All struggles to achieve independence to realize a life that is free, united, sovereign, just, and prosperous, are placed as human endeavors that should be carried out, but above all these efforts and endeavors it is God's will that determines. The recognition of the Indonesian nation for independence as a gift from God Almighty was placed in paragraph III of the opening of the 1945 Constitution of the Republic of Indonesia, right after Paragraph II, which in essence emphasizes that national independence is the fruit of the struggle for the Indonesian independence movement carried out by all nations in Indonesia. the entire territory of the country.

The style, organization, and size of this book are following its purpose and suitable for reading in various circles of Indonesian society, especially students of the younger generation of today. During globalization, where many developments and advancements have occurred in the world, including Indonesia, it is necessary to have a strong planting related to the science of Citizenship so that it is not easily carried away by currents that eliminate our identity as citizens of the Republic of Indonesia. With the rapid development of Science and Technology and the progress of today's society's mindset, the millennial generation, learning related to Citizenship is

expected to always be embedded and be able to be applied in everyday life as a companion so that they can face the times but do not lose direction and citizen identity. Indonesia. The young generation in this millennial era are smart, critical, and have a strong desire to learn something, especially those related to the life they are living in the present and the future.

No study, fact, or idea has been ignored by the author of this book to cause readers to reconsider. All knowledge and information in the book "*Ilmu Kewarganegaraan (Civics)*" is written and easy to understand. Science about the state and its contents are explained coherently and deeply. There is also a chapter that discusses the relationship between religion and state, and how the state can interfere in all religious matters considering that in Indonesia there are 6 religions recognized by the state.

The book "*Ilmu Kewarganegaraan (Civics)*" is one of the important books to be read and understood by all Indonesian people, especially the millennial generation. The science of citizenship is thoroughly discussed in a language that is comfortable to read for readers. The language used is simple but also does not eliminate the essence of "smart" in its nature so that it fits perfectly with today's young people who are simple, critical, and intelligent. Each chapter brings different material related to Citizenship. Even so, each chapter remains continuous with one another. This book is also suitable as a handbook, especially as a handbook for lessons or courses related to Pancasila and Citizenship in their school or campus.

However, it is necessary to pay attention to vocabulary and typing mistakes that sometimes make readers must make a little more effort to read them. Several times it was also found that the sentence was ineffective and wasteful which resulted in the sentence being a bit complicated. Some sentences also must be repetitive and be more careful when reading to better understand what is meant in the sentence.

This book, entitled "*Ilmu Kewarganegaraan (Civics)*", contains the knowledge of Citizenship which is very useful in everyday life so that it must be mastered by every citizen in Indonesia. However, it would be even better if the writer paid more attention to the use of sentences that were considered ineffective and vocabulary errors that confused the readers so that they had to be read repeatedly to understand the meaning of the vocabulary. It is better if the writings in the book are examined more deeply so that the readers do not experience difficulties in reading and understanding this book. Then, for readers, it is hoped that the knowledge that has been obtained

from this book can be attached to everyone and implement in everyday life to become good citizens to be able to maintain the existence and sustainability of Indonesia.

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