

Independence of the Islamic Students Association Responding to Indonesian Politics, Perceptions of Online Media

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Abstract

This article discusses the HMI issue, the main issue discussing the independence of the Islamic Student Association organization towards national politics, fully using historical research methods (History Research) with historical methods starting from the Heuristic, Criticism, Interpretation and Historiography stages. This article aims to find out about the HMI organization in the Indonesian political arena regarding the perception of online media. The data analysis technique in this research places more emphasis on the process of searching for data from online media which is carried out using internet studies. Based on the research results, it shows that the HMI Organization in its development has always been independent in the nation's political arena, even if there are cadres who take part in politics, it is the personal right of each individual.

Abstrak

Artikel ini membahas isu HMI, isu utama membahas independensi organisasi Himpunan Mahasiswa Islam terhadap politik bangsa, sepenuhnya menggunakan metode penelitian sejarah (History Reserarch) dengan metode sejarah dimulai dari tahap Heuristik, Kritik, Interpretasi, dan Historiografi. Artikel ini bertujuan untuk mengetahui organisasi HMI dalam kancah politik Indonesia persepsi media online. Teknik analisis data dalam penelitian ini lebih menekankan pada proses pencarian data dari media online yang dilakukan menggunakan studi internet. Berdasarkan hasil penelitian, menunjukkan bahwa Organisasi HMI dalam perkembangan-nya memang selalu independent dalam kancah politik bangsa, walaupun ada kader yang berpolitik, merupakan hak pribadi dari pada masing-masing individu.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Indonesia is known for its abundant natural resources and natural beauty. The diversity of tribes, races and beliefs that distinguish this country makes it known as the equatorial Zambrut. As a result, the founding figures of the country made Pancasila and Bhinneka Tunggal Ika the basis of the state.

In Indonesia, students are very influential in life in the structure of society. Students have a unique role in society and have great responsibilities because they are intellectuals. Students are the next generation of national leaders because they have high intelligence and very large numbers, so they can influence social transformation in social life.

The Islamic Student Association (HMI) is a student organization that has quite an important role. Cadres from this organization are present in almost all regions of Indonesia. Apart from that, this organization has also spread to various campuses throughout Indonesia.

In Indonesia, many student organizations are religious, including Islamic and Christian student organizations, as well as other student organizations. As a student organization, HMI has a big responsibility to improve the life of the nation and does not conflict with the goals of establishing the Indonesian state. In this way, HMI can fulfill its responsibilities. HMI is an external campus student organization, both at private and state universities.

HMI is an organization based on the Koran and Hadith. The aim is to create a just and prosperous society that is approved by Allah SWT by implementing the provisions that have been determined. The objectives of HMI are five (Five) objectives, which are explained in the HMI constitution in article 4 AD. HMI functions as a cadre organization for Islamic students that is oriented towards cadre formation. Every activity carried out is basically a cadre formation process, so that HMI functions and only forms professional Muslim intellectual cadres. HMI's role as a struggle organization is explained as an organization that continues to struggle to carry out and form Muslim, intellectual and professional cadres for the benefit of the nation as a whole, so that HMI people are ready and can benefit the entire community as long as it does not conflict with the organization's mission. Student participation in this organization will produce a social process. This process is a dynamic aspect in community relations. The dynamic aspect in question is human interaction with one another. In the view of the general public, HMI is a community organization that cares for each other and shares with brothers and sisters affected by disasters, so that HMI throughout Indonesia often takes a stance such as conducting fundraising. In society, a social process will definitely emerge as a result of student courage in an organization. This will result in changing components of society's life. In it there will be a natural relationship process between individuals and groups, which results in social interactions such as social activities. The Islamic Student Association was not founded alone or supported by the resources necessary to survive.

Literature Review, book by H. Agussalim Sitompul entitled "History of the Struggle of the Islamic Student Association (1947-1975)." This book tells the story of the beginning of the struggle to establish HMI. Many problems occurred so that the Islamic Student Association organization was founded, and its formation was not a quick thing. The founders had already designed this organization in such a way. Differences in research Previously, the title of the research that I will discuss is the Islamic Student Association from an online media perspective. The book by Darsono Yusrin Sali entitled "HMI Struggle on the Island of a Thousand Mosques (History and Action)" This book tells the story of the beginning of the struggle to establish HMI in NTB. Many problems occurred so that the Islamic Student Association organization was founded. Ida Yuliawati's thesis, a student at Semarang State University in 2005, was about "The History of the Aisyiyah Organization and its Role in the Elevation of Women in Semarang, 1967-1997", this research has a writing systematic that is similar to the writing systematics that will be filtered into the article that I will write. This research is very different from others because the title and object of study taken are different but have the same research method, namely using historical research methods. In the results of the XXXI CONGRESS in Surabaya, the author explains the organizational structure of the Islamic Student Association.

Thus, from the search I conducted on the research described above, there has been no research that discusses the Islamic Student Association from an online media perspective. This research the author intends to bring up research that has never been researched. Research problem, based on the background above, the formulation of the problem to be researched is: How do online media perceive in reporting HMI's independence in response to Indonesian politics? Research Objectives: Every research certainly has aims and objectives to be achieved. The objectives to be achieved in this research are: perceptions of online media in reporting on HMI's independence in response to Indonesian politics.

2. RESEARCH METHOD

This research uses historical methods with a descriptive qualitative approach. Historical methodology is an effort to reconstruct the past of the object being studied. The operational steps carried out using this method include collecting data sources. In this research, most of the primary data is used. From various online media that report about HMI. Apart from that, secondary sources originating from journal articles are used in research. After all the data has been collected, the next step is sorting the data. This step is very important to obtain truly valid data from the data sources that have been collected.

After the data has been successfully separated and sorted, the data is then analyzed and then synthesized into a complete historical form by considering the emergence of a historical event which cannot always be separated from the consequences behind it. In this way, the chronological element which is an important part of the final process of historical research can be achieved and accounted for in a way scientific. Data Types: The types of data researchers use in this research are as follows: Primary data, primary data, namely data collected by researchers through direct observation or analysis using online media. Secondary data, Secondary data is data obtained from articles and books that report on HMI.

Method of Collection Data, to obtain data related to this research, here the researcher will collect the data in several ways, namely: Library research, namely research by studying theoretically, understanding concepts related to research, reading articles, journals, and books related to this research.

3. RESEARCH RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A. HMI independence

To whom is the HMI organization aligned, as stated in CHAPTER III Article 6 of the Articles of Association (AD): "HMI is independent". Independence is a characteristic that does not side with any group or party. Except only for the truth. Independent nature is also evidence of objective judgment and freedom of thought and action in an endeavor. The nature of independence HMI divided into two, namely ethical independence and organizational independence. Ethical independence is the impartiality of an individual towards certain groups. HMI cadres must be on the side of something, namely truth that has been tested and has value. So HMI cadres are not allowed to participate and join political parties. Thus implementing ethical independence for everyone in HMI cadres means actualizing the dynamics of thinking and behaving and behaving both "hablumminallah" and in "hablumminannas" only submitting and obeying the truth. Organizational independence in the interpretation of HMI independence means that: "In the integrity of national life, HMI organizationally always carries out active, constructive, corrective and constitutional participation so that the nation's struggle and all development efforts to achieve its ideals are increasingly realized. The HMI organization must not side with the interests of any party or any group or group except only truth and objectivity. With this independent nature and line, the HMI organization must have the character of cadres and organizations so that efforts to achieve organizational goals can be realized. The development of academic people, creators, servants, who breathe Islam and are responsible for the realization of a just and prosperous society that is blessed by Allah SWT. Hopefully.

B. Response in Online Media regarding HMI independence

Republika published online news, as a country that adheres to a democratic political system, Indonesia will hold General Elections (Pemilu) in 2024. The 2024 Election stages have started in 2022, and will become more intense in 2023 and peak in 2024.

Responding to this political year, the General Chair The Executive Board of the Islamic Student Association (PB HMI), Raihan Ariatama, emphasized that the organization Which he led remained independent. Because organizational independence is a constitutional command. HMI's Articles of Association Article 5 emphasizes that HMI is independent," Raihan added that HMI's independent nature also applies in the context of the political year. "HMI does not take sides with any of the presidential and vice presidential candidates or political parties. "Moreover, providing support, not even taking sides," he stressed. In the 2024 Election, Raihan explained the role of HMI as an intermediary actor from civil society who will participate in making the democratic party a success. "Our obligation as children of the nation is to make this simultaneous election a success, so that the election can take place. smoothly, safely, peacefully, honestly and fairly. "So as to produce trustworthy leaders, who are fully devoted to a developed Indonesia," said Raihan. Furthermore, Raihan invited the younger generation to actively participate in making the 2024 elections a success. "In terms of quantity, the number of our generation is very large. KPU data reveals that around 52 percent of the total voters are young voters aged 17 to 40 years. "This large quantity is the strength of our generation to collect the ideas of the candidates who will contest later," he said. According to Raihan, the 2024 election is a battle of ideas to overcome various problems that occur in society. "We will color this political year with the politics of ideas , not a political gimmick. "Therefore, young people must be present as political subjects, not just political objects," concluded Raihan. Thursday, (27/7/2023) in his statement. (<https://news.republika.co.id/berita/ryhi89320/ketum-achievement-affirms-pb-hmi-remains-independent-in-political-year>).

Detik news published an article, on February 5 2011, the Islamic Student Association (HMI) turned sixty-four years old, a long historical journey to record its achievements for the benefit of the Indonesian nation. An Islamic student organization that was born from the sacred womb of the motherland with an Islamic, Indonesian and intellectual commitment. In the midst of criticism and pessimism among many groups - including activists and alumni - regarding the future of HMI, In a way Personally, I still have a certain amount of optimism that HMI will remain the biological child of the Indonesian people as long as it still has a vision, mission and goals that have never changed from the initial ideals when HMI was founded. Why is this optimism still based on HMI? Because as the oldest Islamic student organization in Indonesia, HMI is not a political organization, but HMI has political power through its independence. (Detiknews article, "Independence of HMI Political Power", <https://news.detik.com/opini/d-1561084/independensi-bangunan-politik-hmi>).

In such a perspective, concerns about the intervention of the political and economic power of its alumni, or the power of state political power, do not seem to be worth worrying about. HMI has political power, not in the process of supporting or rejecting based on political calculations and calculations of power, more than that, HMI still has a strong commitment to the flourishing of civil society in Indonesia. In realizing HMI's goal, "to develop academic people, creators, servants who breathe Islam and are responsible for the realization of a just and prosperous society that is blessed by Allah SWT", HMI own the strength of independence which originates from spiritual values and high spirituality that the human essence of every human being will always tend to the values of truth (hanif).

The tendency of every human being towards the values of truth (hanif) is also what places HMI's independent position based on the values of its struggle on the most essential values of truth in realizing its political morals, as in Al-Koran "And let there be among you a group of people who call to virtue, enjoin what is right and forbid what is

evil, they are the lucky ones," (QS. Ali Imran: 104). "You are the best people born to humans, enjoining what is right, and forbidding what is wrong, and believe in Allah." (QS. Ali Imran: 110), "And those who believe, men and women, some of them (are) helpers of others. They enjoin (do) what is right, forbid what is wrong, establish prayer, pay zakat and they obey Allah and His Messenger. They will be given mercy by Allah, verily Allah is all-powerful, all-wise." (QS. At-Taubah: 71) With this transcendental support, HMI has political power, specifically great political morals to encourage the presence of civil society in Indonesia. In a very theoretical view, the moral political power of HMI must also encourage the presence of increasingly open political communication as a condition for the presence of civil society, as Gramsci requires two conditions for the formation of civil society, namely: First, it really depends on the availability whether or not there is a space or stage for the battle of ideas, notions or ideologies. Therefore, the problems of democracy and civil society cannot be separated from political communication.

Second, the prerequisite for civil society life is the disappearance of feudalism as a single ideology. On the other hand, feudalism will be eroded by itself if society's critical and creative powers are opened. To open all this, it is necessary to create an "open field of communication", including political communication. For activists, HMI cadres and HMI alumni should encourage HMI's moral political power to realize its independence in the strength to support and call for what is good and virtuous and refuse to reject evil, believe in and obey Allah and His Messenger. Not on political pragmatism which is not HMI's identity.

C. Challenge in The Future of HMI

It cannot be denied that in realizing its moral politics, HMI has faced various challenges and problems throughout HMI's history. These challenges and problems not only come from the tug-of-war of state political power but also from the tug-of-war within HMI of political pragmatism and idealism. The future of HMI is determined by how much HMI is able to face the challenges and problems it faces always maintain the values of independence. And in maintaining its independence, HMI must orient its cadres to its three main values:

First, Islamic values must become the orientation for HMI cadres. With inclusive Islamic values, HMI is able to create a conducive religious atmosphere in the conditions and religious challenges in Indonesia which continue to face problems. Sacrilege religion and maintaining pluralism in Indonesia. Therefore, it is important for HMI to always be present in solving real community problems so that HMI will truly become the biological child of the community.

Second, Indonesian values are part of the orientation of the HMI cadre. These Indonesian values are a manifestation that HMI's moral politics can truly be realized for the progress of the Indonesian nation to make Indonesia a good country with a merciful God, *Baldatun Thoyyibatun Warobbun Ghofur* (QS. Saba: 15), a country that fertile prosperous, *gemahripah loh jinawi toto serene kerto raharjo* blessed by God. Third, intellectual values must always be the orientation in the HMI cadre. The HMI cadre is oriented towards developing the intellectual vision of its cadres. This great energy will have the potential to develop HMI into the most real living campus for students throughout Indonesia.

HMI will be able to build intellectual values as long as HMI continues to make each of its cadres a place where a culture of listening thrives, by developing a culture of dialogue, discussion and debate both formally and informally. Developing a reading culture both in textual and contextual meaning in reading the increasingly rapid and advanced developments of the times, so that HMI cadres have broad intellectual insight

and have analysis that provides solutions for the needs of progress. And develop a writing culture to conceptually organize ideas and thoughts that are beneficial for the progress and welfare of the Indonesian people. The most crucial question that we must raise is, can HMI continue to maintain its independence to realize its sacred hopes and ideals as a moral and political force in Indonesia? It seems that we must continue to rely on optimism for HMI so that it can become a political moral for the growth of civil society in Indonesia. To Nur Fajriansyah, General Chairperson of PB HMI and to all HMI activists and cadres Indonesia It's not an exaggeration if we entrust that optimism to them. We want HMI to be the hope of the Indonesian people, as was General Soedirman's hope on HMI's first anniversary. (Chairman of PB HMI 2002-2004, Coordinator of MPK PB HMI 2004-2006 and Deputy Secretary General of PKMN KAHMI 2009-2012. (Datiknews."Independence of HMI Political Power"<https://news.detik.com/opini/d-1561084/independensi-force-politik-hmi>).

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4. CONCLUSION

The challenges and problems throughout HMI's history have not only come from the tug-of-war of state political power, but also from the tug-of-war within HMI of political pragmatism and idealism. HMI's future is determined by how much HMI is able to face the challenges and problems it faces by always maintaining its independent values. starting in 2022, and becoming more intense in 2023 and peaking in 2024. Responding to this political year, the General Chair of the Islamic Student Association (PB HMI), Raihan Ariatama, emphasized that the organization he leads is independent. This statement was made in response to the increasingly heated political situation ahead of the 2024 elections. Because organizational independence is a constitutional requirement. Article 5 of HMI's Articles of Association emphasizes that HMI is independent.

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