



Integration of Multicultural Perspectives in History Learning: Implications for Inclusive and Sustainable Education Transformation

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Abstract

This article examines the urgency of integrating multicultural perspectives in history learning as part of efforts to transform education toward an inclusive, democratic, and sustainable system. As a discipline, history not only functions as a medium for transferring knowledge about the past but also plays a strategic role in shaping identity awareness, tolerance, and social solidarity. In the highly plural context of Indonesia, with its ethnic, religious, cultural, and linguistic diversity, history learning should serve as a medium for collective reflection and intercultural dialogue. However, current practices of history education in schools remain dominated by a single narrative that prioritizes the experiences of dominant groups, while the contributions of minorities, women, and indigenous communities are often marginalized.

Through a qualitative approach based on literature studies and critical reflection, this article demonstrates that multicultural perspectives in history learning not only enrich the curriculum content but also foster historical empathy, tolerance, and appreciation of diversity. Furthermore, the integration of multicultural values promotes the strengthening of character education, the democratization of the classroom, and the active participation of students in understanding history as a mosaic of shared experiences. The implications of this approach are highly significant, both in reinforcing an inclusive national identity and in preparing future generations committed to social justice. Therefore, the transformation of education through multicultural-based history learning becomes key to realizing a sustainable, adaptive, and globally relevant future of education.

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