



Harmonizing Pancasila with Noble Technological Values amidst Digitalization

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Abstract

In the current epoch marked by the swift progression of digitalization, the convergence of enduring principles and state-of-the-art technology assumes a heightened significance. This paper delves into the confluence of Pancasila, the fundamental philosophy of Indonesia, with the dynamic landscape of digitalization. Employing a literature review approach, the research undertakes an exploration of existing scholarly works to shed light on the ways in which Pancasila, anchored in its core tenets of justice, unity, democracy, and humanity, can synchronize with and provide guidance for technological progress. The examination focuses on elucidating how the incorporation of Pancasila can cultivate ethical and conscientious conduct within the digital domain, fostering a societal ethos that champions noble values while embracing the advancements of technology. Through a meticulous analysis of pertinent literature, this article aspires to offer nuanced perspectives on the potential synergy between Pancasila and digitalization. Its ultimate goal is to contribute to the development of a harmonious coexistence between technology and moral values within the Indonesian context. By navigating through the intersections of tradition and innovation, the study seeks to provide valuable insights that pave the way for a balanced integration of Pancasila principles into the rapidly evolving technological landscape, fostering a society where ethical considerations remain at the forefront of progress.

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INTRODUCTION

Overcoming cultural, ethnic, racial and religious differences in Indonesia is the main responsibility of society to maintain the unity and integrity of the country. This mission motivated our ancestors to form

the Indonesian ideology, a way of life that aims to create security and tranquility in diversity. Pancasila as the foundation of the nation's ideology cannot be separated from the 350 years long struggle of our predecessors for Indonesia's independence from colonialism. The importance of Pancasila values not only applies during the period of independence but also in maintaining national identity and unity in the modern era. Therefore, Pancasila values must be fostered and preserved in the daily lives of Indonesian people.¹

This initiative is very important considering the tendency of people to forget the essence of Pancasila, and some of them do not even fully understand the values of Pancasila as a national ideology. Embracing the values of Pancasila is the first step to preserving the strong individuality of the Indonesian nation and maintaining the unity and unity of the homeland. Ki Hajar Dewantara emphasized the importance of a strong nation as a foundation for unity. Hopes for Indonesia's unity and security remain high, and changing times must not destroy unity and mutual respect. Indonesia's strength should come from the nation itself, with joint efforts to maintain unity. In order for society to become agents of change that maintain national values, the spirit of nationalism and love for the country must be instilled from an early age. The importance of fighting spirit was demonstrated by General Sudirman who promised that his men would not leave the guerrilla area until the war ended in victory. This spirit must be an inspiration for all Indonesian people to maintain unity and make Indonesia better in the modern era.

In this context, social media as an online platform plays an important role in shaping society's opinions and values. Social media is online media that allows communication in oral, written and video form. Social media has made communication easier not only within countries but also across national borders. Commonly used social media platforms include Google Meet, Google Scholar, Zoom, Instagram, TikTok, YouTube, Facebook and Twitter. In the midst of a global pandemic, social media has become the main alternative for communicating, learning, entertainment and sharing memories.²

¹ H Zamharir and S Sazali, "Kemanusiaan Baru: Sebuah Wacana Peneguhan Gagasan Dalam Sila Kedua Pancasila," *Ilmu Dan Budaya*, 2018.

² Konstantinos Kouroupis and Dimitrios Vagianos, "Freedom of Expression and Digital Rights in Social Media: Challenges and Risks," *Journal of Data Protection and Privacy* 4, no. 3 (June 1, 2021): 294–302.

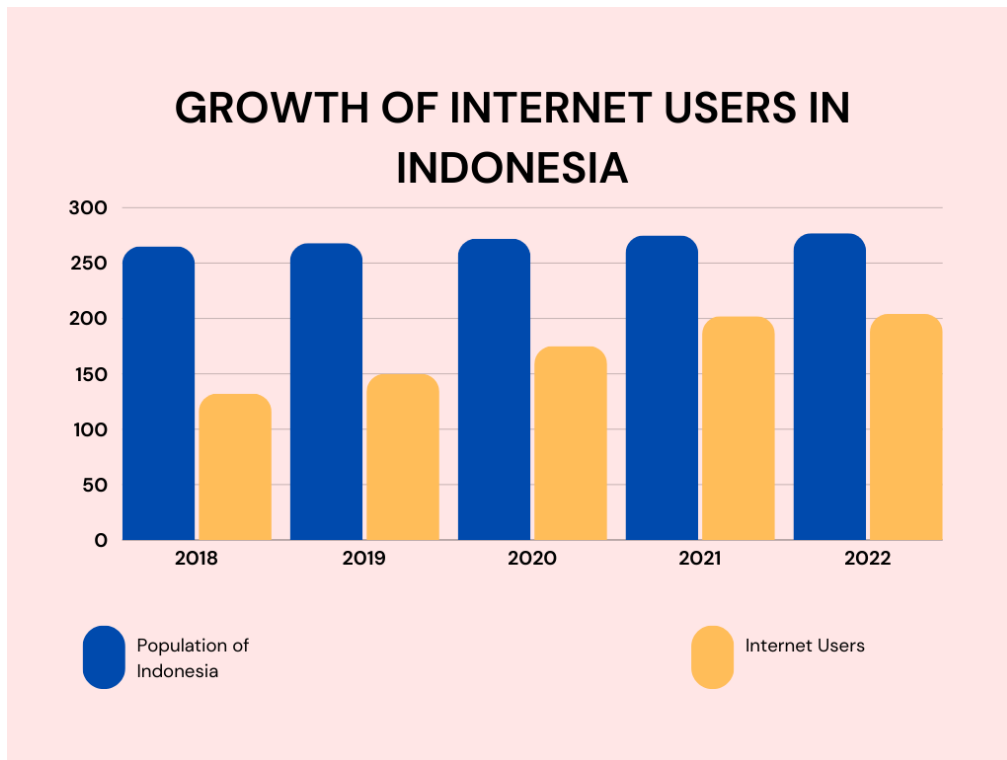


Figure 1. Internet users in Indonesia in the last 5 years.³

[Source: compiled by author]

However, apart from the convenience and usefulness of social media, there are also many challenges and problems. In the era of digitalization, social media platforms can pose serious threats to state stability and individual integrity. The emergence of various issues related to digital security, the spread of fake news, and the negative impact of content that is not in line with Pancasila values shows the need for a serious approach to the use of social media. The importance of ethical awareness and Pancasila values in using social media is the key to overcoming this problem. Indonesian people need to understand that social media is not only a means of communication, but also a forum that influences thought patterns and behavior. Therefore, the use of social media must follow the guidelines of Pancasila values to maintain national harmony and unity.

One of the problems that arises in the era of digitalization is the spread of false information and false reports. This can damage public perception, create uncertainty, and even divide unity. Therefore, strong digital literacy and an understanding of Pancasila values are needed to filter information received via social media. The government also needs to take effective steps to regulate and monitor the use of social media. Policies that support the positive use of social media, such as digital education campaigns, the establishment of clear regulations, and strict law enforcement against the spread of false information, can be a solution to reduce the negative impact of social media.

³ VOI, "Internet Users In Indonesia Are Growing Rapidly, These Are Tips For Maintaining Data Security In The Digital Space," May 22, 2022, <https://voi.id/en/technology/170374>.

In this context, the role of educational institutions and families is very important. Education on Pancasila values and digital literacy must be an integral part of the curriculum both at school and home levels. A deep understanding of Pancasila values helps people evaluate social media content and ensure its use is in accordance with the principles inherited from our ancestors. In addition, creating a digital environment that is safe, positive and supports Pancasila values requires collaboration between the government, educational institutions and social media platforms. Creating an online community that focuses on values and national unity can be a positive step in facing the challenges of the digital era. In facing changing times, Indonesia must continue to uphold the values of Pancasila as the main pillar in maintaining unity and integrity. Social media, as a product of the digitalization era, has become an instrument that can shape people's opinions and attitudes. Therefore, the role of society in using social media wisely and in accordance with Pancasila values is very crucial.

In conclusion, maintaining the unity and integrity of Indonesia in the era of digitalization requires awareness of Pancasila values in the use of social media. Educational measures, digital literacy, clear regulations, and collaboration between the government, educational institutions, and social media platforms are the keys to overcoming emerging problems. In this way, Indonesia can remain strong and united in facing the challenges of an ever-evolving era.

METHODS

In this article, the research method used is a literature review, which allows researchers to investigate and analyze the conceptual framework as well as previous related research findings. This approach allows us to develop a comprehensive understanding of how Pancasila, Indonesia's basic philosophy, can be integrated and aligned with technological developments in the era of digitalization. By collecting and evaluating relevant literature, we can identify implications, perspectives, and concepts that have been proposed by previous researchers, providing a foundation for constructing arguments about how Pancasila values can guide and align technological progress with ethical principles and noble values. Through this literature review approach, this article seeks to provide in-depth and informed insight into the potential synergy between Pancasila and digitalization, highlighting the relevance and contribution of this philosophy to the formation of harmony between technology and moral values in the Indonesian context.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Pancasila as the Noble Values of the Indonesian Nation

First of all we need to know what philosophy is. Philosophy is a science that studies the nature of various forms to achieve truth and clarity. In summary, philosophy can be said to be the science of nature,

according to Nugroho. It can be concluded that the ultimate truth is obtained from different search processes regarding descriptions of the meaning of nature and different essences.⁴ This opinion is explained further in the Citizenship Journal Vol. To strengthen his argument, he explained as follows.

The values contained in philosophy are the result of the most critical human thinking, embracing various different views but remaining loyal to the same aspects of thought. Philosophy is a way to explain how humans think and what efforts they make to explain Pancasila ideas correctly. In other words, philosophy is also a medium for presenting the results of one's own assessment and perspective, which is the ideology of Pancasila itself. The definition of philosophy in previous studies is the implementation of thoughts about Pancasila which is the basis for facts about the existence of nations and cultures.⁵ And the purpose of national diversity is to create a variety of fundamental and comprehensive basic understandings.

The existence of philosophy, although constantly changing, can provide many opportunities to spread different social perceptions. Moreover, the benefits of philosophy make someone more tolerant and innovative towards ideology. God has done everything in His power to provide many benefits to humans, including their way of thinking. Therefore, people are expected to develop their thinking to the maximum by continuing to innovate in expression, seeking deeper knowledge, and adhering to the values and norms that govern a more meaningful life. In conclusion, the existence of philosophy helps humanity to progress in their respective countries and overcome various problems that could lead to their downfall.

The characteristics of the Indonesian state are democracy. Apart from that, there is Pancasila democracy which represents the people in mediating Indonesian sovereignty. Representatives are elected directly by the people and are fully trusted to guarantee policies in various aspects of political life. Even though it is a democratic country, its implementation does not reflect the implementation of democratic institutions in which the people participate directly. The founders of the country hope that in the future Indonesia would become a Pancasila country with a spirit of independence, sovereignty, justice and prosperity. Based on European experience and studies of the lives of village communities, more complete popular sovereignty is the basis of a revived state in the West. originating from individualistic democracy, our democracy is a political democracy that prioritizes deliberation.

The Impact of Digitalization on Indonesian Society

We often witness many individuals who are irresponsible and misuse social networks, especially with the increasing use of digital platforms during the pandemic and the Work From Home era. According to Jogyanto (Doni, 2017), behavior is the result of people's desires which are the driving force behind their

⁴ Agus Purwanto, Yoyok Cahyono, and Khaerul Fahmi, "The Benefits of Using Social Media in the Learning Process of Students in the Digital Literacy Era and the Education 4.0 Era," *Journal of Information Systems and Management* 2, no. 2 (2023).

⁵ P.G. Ingram, *Censorship and Free Speech : Some Philosophical Bearings* (Routledge Revivals, 2020).

actions. In the digital era, cases of violations are increasingly common, where naughty people take advantage of technology without considering the consequences.

Rapid technological developments have made the internet equal to other basic needs, allowing access without limitations of space and time. Even though it provides convenience, this also carries risks such as cyberbullying, especially when the perpetrator and victim are minors, according to research by Suci Meinarni.⁶ This phenomenon is getting worse with the increasing use of social media, which is considered the main trigger for cyberbullying.⁷

Cyberbullying can destroy privacy, defame one's reputation, and have a serious impact on the victim's mental health.⁸ Apart from that, the spread of fake news or hoaxes via social media is also a worrying issue. Safko stated that social media can influence public opinion and create certain opinions, while the spread of fake news is often done for certain purposes, such as increasing sales or creating chaos.

The main step to avoid fake news is to increase the community's capacity to deal with information whose truth is unclear. Education through the media, such as socialization and understanding the basics of reporting, can provide methodological knowledge for news verification. On the other hand, misuse of technology also occurs in the form of online fraud, which includes various modus operandi, such as transferring large amounts of money via accounts or credit.

The increase in sexual crimes, both in person and via social media, shows the complexity of this problem. There are obstacles for victims to speak out for fear of being belittled or damaging their reputation, while perpetrators sometimes receive protection from certain groups. This problem reflects inequality and a lack of awareness among Indonesian people regarding the importance of mental health and interpersonal comfort.

The shock of digital culture in Indonesia has had a profound impact on various aspects of people's lives. Lifestyle transformations are becoming more pronounced, especially with the adoption of apps, social media platforms and e-commerce that are modifying the way we communicate, shop and consume content.⁹ Information consumption patterns have also changed drastically, where easy access to information via the internet and social media raises new challenges regarding the truth and reliability of

⁶ Ni Putu Suci Meinarni, "TINJAUAN YURIDIS CYBER BULLYING DALAM RANAH HUKUM INDONESIA," n.d.

⁷ H. M. T. Imani, F. A., Kusmawati, A., & Amin, "Pencegahan Kasus Cyberbullying Bagi Remaja Pengguna Sosial Media," *KHIDMAT SOSIAL: Journal of Social Work and Social Services* 2, no. 1 (2021): 74–83, <https://jurnal.umj.ac.id/index.php/khidmatsosial/article/view/10433>.

⁸ N P S Meinarni, "Tinjauan Yuridis Cyber Bullying Dalam Ranah Hukum Indonesia," ... : *Jurnal Ilmu Sosial Dan Humaniora*, 2019.

⁹ Ni Putu Suci Meinarni et al., "Legal Knowledge Development Plan in Responding Student's Understanding on IT Law: 'Pawongan' Approach," *Proceedings of the 3rd International Conference on Learning Innovation and Quality Education (ICLIQE 2019)*, Atlantis Press 397, no. Icliqe 2019 (2020): 1239–47, <https://doi.org/10.2991/assehr.k.200129.152>.

information. Social media plays a major role in shaping public opinion, creating platforms where opinions and views can spread quickly, exerting a significant influence on people's thoughts and perceptions. Additionally, digital culture shock is creating a real impact in education with online learning becoming the norm. These changes, along with the growth of the digital economy, are affecting the economy, employment and entertainment culture across the board. While society is gaining new opportunities, challenges related to digital security, changing work patterns and complex social impacts also need to be addressed. Amidst this diversity of impacts, digital entrepreneurship is growing rapidly, opening the door to innovation and economic growth. Thus, the shock of digital culture has brought about significant and profound changes in the lifestyle and social dynamics of Indonesian society.

Harmonization of Pancasila with the Digitalization Era

Pancasila displays a humanist character, prioritizing humanization by strengthening rights and obligations, and highly respecting the honor and dignity of the Indonesian people. The five principles of Pancasila bring a number of benefits to the lives of Indonesian people. Pancasila, as a guide to human behavior, functions to prevent harm to oneself and others. Someone who upholds the principles of Pancasila will indirectly create a comfortable atmosphere in everyday life.¹⁰

At every Red Flag and White Flag Ceremony in formal education, Pancasila is routinely recited by all ceremony participants. Not only as memorization, but also as a way to continue to remember and internalize how to behave in everyday life. This practice reflects Indonesia's efforts to increase tolerance for diversity in society.¹¹ In the digital era, the implementation of Pancasila values is becoming increasingly relevant. The five precepts contained in Pancasila are the main guidelines for using social networks wisely. The principles of Pancasila can be an effective instrument for minimizing potential differences and conflicts that may arise in the digital world.

The existence of Pancasila has a positive influence on people's thinking, especially in the context of play. Pancasila, with its various aspects, teaches important values that include tolerance for religious diversity in Indonesia. This tolerance requires society to maintain an open attitude towards religious events without taking extreme steps, without degrading oneself, and of course, without endangering one's life.

The first principle of Pancasila, "Faith in One Almighty God," reflects the demand to appreciate and respect the diversity of religions that exist in Indonesia. In this case, people are expected not to carelessly regard religion as a joke, but to use religious values as the basis for a wise and respectful attitude.

¹⁰ AAMC Dyanggi, N Islam, and R Rian, "Digital Literacy as An Effort to Build National Resilience In Defending the Country in the Digital Field," *Journal of Digital Law* ... 1, no. 3 (2022): 1–9, <https://www.ejournal.catuspata.com/index.php/jdlp/article/view/202%0Ahttps://www.ejournal.catuspata.com/index.php/jdlp/article/download/202/149>.

¹¹ Jamal Wiwoho and Munawar Kholil, "Pembumian Pancasila Sebagai Bintang Penuntun Hukum Di Indonesia," *Jurnal Majelis: Media Aspirasi Konstitusi* 4 (2020).

The second principle of Pancasila, "just and civilized humanity," emphasizes the equal rights and obligations of every human being regardless of differences. It teaches society to see all individuals as equal human beings, without discrimination based on different factors. Thus, Pancasila not only guides behavior when playing, but also directs people to live their daily lives with full respect for differences and a spirit of justice.¹²

Therefore, as humans who have their own strengths and weaknesses, it is important to realize that each individual is different. We should not allow ourselves to feel superior or underestimate other people's mistakes. By respecting and paying attention to each other's feelings, we can create an atmosphere of calm and security in expressing our personal lives.

The third point of Pancasila, "Indonesian Unity," emphasizes that the values of life in Indonesia are plural in society. This principle teaches the importance of maintaining unity so that divisions do not occur between individuals, especially due to bad speech on social media. As a wise society, we have a responsibility to protect other individuals so that no one is harmed by negative comments on someone's posts.

The fourth principle of Pancasila states that "The people are guided by wisdom in representative deliberations." In this context, all individuals are expected to act wisely and resolve problems well so that they do not happen again in the future. Victims and perpetrators need to work together to resolve problems, prevent threats to a person's life, and ensure justice is achieved.

The fifth principle of Pancasila, "Social justice for all Indonesian people," requires civil defenders to demonstrate wisdom in making fair decisions without committing fraud, as well as acting as public representatives with sincerity and integrity. By applying these principles, we can build a just, harmonious and prosperous society.

CONCLUSION

In an increasingly advanced digital era, Pancasila is not only relevant in the context of social values, but also has a key role in guiding the use of technology. Pancasila principles, such as unity, representative deliberation and social justice, are the basis for dealing with technological dynamics. The importance of Pancasila in technology is reflected in the way Indonesian people carry out activities in cyberspace. When using social networks or digital platforms, the value of unity encourages respecting differences of opinion and maintaining harmony in online interactions. The convenience is that when people are wise in communicating and responding to differences in cyberspace, technology can become a positive tool that

¹² BAMBANG SUGIANTO, LA TAENA, and LA BILU, "IMPLEMENTASI PANCASILA TANTANGAN DAN SOLUSINYA," *Gema Pendidikan* 26, no. 2 (2019), <https://doi.org/10.36709/gapend.v26i2.8175>.

brings benefits to society. The principle of representative deliberation also becomes relevant in the development and implementation of technology. Decisions involving technology often require participation and contributions from various parties. By involving various representatives, technology can be developed in a more balanced manner and in accordance with community needs. In addition, social justice is important in dealing with the impact of technology on society. Pancasila teaches the importance of wisdom in making fair decisions, including in regulations and the use of technology. The application of technology must ensure that no group is disadvantaged or neglected in the development process. In this way, Pancasila is not only a foothold in social aspects, but also a guideline for running technology ethically and sustainably. The principles of Pancasila provide a strong foundation for creating harmony between technology and noble values in building Indonesia's digital society.

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