

Millennial Generation Talks about Nationhood


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Millennial generation is threatened by a number of trans-national teachings and ideology that spread in social media and internet networks. Hence, the young generation is expected to have critical thinking and be selective in receiving a new ideology. They are suggested to learn more and ask their parents as well as reading books on the nation's history. These emerged in a dialogue conducted in Mandiri auditorium, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences UGM (Universitas Gadjah Mada), on Friday (16/12).

Diasma Sandi Swandaru, young researcher from Centre for Pancasila Studies UGM, viewed that ideological teachings may come from anywhere. But he suggested the millennial generation if they doubt a certain teaching or ideology that they have just learned, they should ask their parents as their immediate family. "If you're exposed to various teachings, return to your family or parents. Don't believe the people that you've just met, even if their analogy is right. Our parents are honest and will not deceive their children," he said.

In his opinion, the transnational teaching and ideology entered all elements of life. If there is a new ideology that will replace Pancasila as the state guidelines, he said, the young generation has to reject it and instead read history books to strengthen their stance. "Return to the onset of the establishment of this nation," he said.



Former President of UGM Student Chapter, Obed Kresna Widyapratistha, said it was very easy to tell apart the group that love Pancasila and that doesn't. Those who love Pancasila, in his opinion, love diversity, maintain tolerance, and protect the minority. "The one that doesn't love Pancasila usually dislikes diversity, not caring towards the minority and not protecting them so these people are getting more marginalised," he said.

They will also close their eyes if there are people getting evicted or beaten, and ignoring poverty and corruption. "The young people that love Pancasila would not let these all, poverty, corruption, destruction in nature, human rights abuse, and injustices," he said.

He suggested the young people to implement the values of Pancasila in their daily life and open dialogue with members of society.

Meanwhile, a young activist from Nahdlatul Ulama organisation and student of UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta, Arin Mamlakah Kalamika, said millennial generation was those that have a vision to benefit the society through their works. "An amazing millennial generation is those that perform real work, inspired by the teachings from the Holy Books, and develop local products and resources," she said.

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