

Potential for Social Conflict Between Communities Ahead of the 2024 Election (Case Study in Kukuh Village, Marga District, Tabanan Regency)

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Abstract. Social conflicts that often occur in society pose a threat to the implementation of the 2024 elections. Therefore, it is necessary to prevent and handle social conflicts that are predicted to arise in the 2024 elections. This research aims to determine the factors that cause social conflicts in Kukuh Village, Marga District, Tabanan and solutions as an effort to anticipate and prevent social conflict ahead of the 2024 election. This research uses a qualitative research approach with a case study type. Selected subjects were determined based on purposive sampling technique. Data collection uses observation techniques, interviews and documentation studies. The data analysis techniques used include data collection, data reduction, data presentation, drawing conclusions and carrying out verification. The results of the research show that the factors causing social conflict in Kukuh Village, Marga Tabanan District are economic factors, social factors and political factors. The solution or method that can be used to resolve conflicts in Kukuh Village is by instilling and strengthening the values of local wisdom in the community. Apart from that, to resolve the conflict that occurred in Kukuh Village, it can be resolved through deliberation between the conflicting communities, mediated by the village head, and finally by involving law enforcement.

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1. Introduction

The pluralism of Indonesian society, especially Tabanan Regency, is certainly a reality. People's lives are always dynamic, causing conditions in society to always change, whether from social inequality, tension, to divisions that often color the dynamics of their lives. The condition of society, which consists of various backgrounds, means that each individual in a community group has a different character, attitude, nature and outlook on life. Even though there are similarities in society, there is still a big chance of social conflict occurring.

Social conflict applies to all aspects of relations, which take the form of relations between individuals, relations between individuals and groups, or between groups and groups. Gelfand (2007) states that conflict is a process that begins when certain individuals or groups perceive differences between themselves or other groups regarding interests, resources, values, beliefs or other practices. Social conflict is conflict or friction within society experienced by individuals with individuals, individuals with groups and groups with groups, as well as conflicts within the individuals themselves. Conflict and society are like two sides of a coin that cannot be separated because conflict can produce integration and vice versa. Apart from that, the phenomenon of conflict is a causal phenomenon, has its own causes and has consequences for life.

Every society will live peacefully if social relations between its members take place regularly, according to applicable values and norms. This means that every social relationship in society is not disturbed, but everything runs harmoniously and orderly. On the other hand, if the interaction or relationship deviates from the applicable values, norms and codes of conduct, then social relations will be disrupted and as a result social life will be chaotic. Irregular social relationships will result in conflict. Conflict is a situation where the process of social interaction takes place without paying attention to applicable values, norms and rules. People acting arrogantly will cause conflict, chaos and disharmony. In village communities, people can live together with groups or people intimately. Contact or relationship is the basis of all social processes. Rivalry or competition is a form of peaceful social struggle, which occurs when two parties compete or compete to achieve the same goal or item. The struggle occurs to obtain a status, improve status and to gain power. Jaka Ferdian (2017) stated that if conflict is left unchecked it will pose a threat to one of the parties, specific conflict problems can spread to the global level. However, understanding conflict is not only seen from the conflict events that occur, but also looks at the root causes of conflict and the social systems that exist in society (Adiansah, et al., 2019). This is done to prevent the emergence of conflict management patterns that will actually obscure the main problem of the conflict that occurs.

Law Number 7 of 2012 concerning Handling social conflict states that social conflict is a violent clash between two or more community groups or groups resulting in injury and/or loss of life, loss of property, has a wide impact, and lasts for a certain period of time which gives rise to inequality and social disintegration thus hampering national development in achieving social prosperity. While conflict is seen from a negative aspect from a pessimistic perspective, it can be seen from the definition of Indonesian law which considers conflict to be a pathological phenomenon. Like the social conflict (fights between residents) that occurred in the community in Kuku Village, Marga District, Tabanan within the community itself and also occurred with other communities. There are many reasons why this can happen, but to know for sure a direct approach must be taken to the community. The cause cannot be ascertained whether it is influenced by a mere disagreement or perhaps there are other elements including jealousy, competition or perhaps just a simple problem that should not lead to conflict, the person who knows best why the conflict occurs is the person who has had the conflict themselves or at least people around him or even several people in the community. The stages of conflict between citizens which show an increase in conflict incidents or a decrease in the intensity of a conflict incident are described on a certain time scale which includes, among others, namely: 1) Pre-conflict Phase; 2) Confrontation Stage; 3) Crisis Stage; 4) Consequence Stage; and 5) Post-conflict Stage (Fisher: 2001). In this conflict stage theory, it is explained that there can be an increase in a conflict incident or a decrease in the intensity of a conflict incident which is described based on a certain time scale at each stage.

The conflict between residents that occurs in the community in Kuku Village, Marga District, Tabanan will then raise the question of why conflict occurs in that community, while we all understand that we see them as consisting of several people who are bound by the same work in everyday life, always together. in the same place, for example as a farmer, builder and trader. Moreover, the people in Kuku Village, Marga District, Tabanan are bound by very strong traditional values.

If we look at the facts that occur in the field of social conflict (fights between residents) in Kuku Village, Marga District, Tabanan, this has happened so often that people have seen this incident as something that is already taboo, so this is what makes researchers wonder that What actually causes it to happen so often? Meanwhile, we can see in their daily lives that they are both looking for an unethical life and then the incident or conflict is left alone.

The social conflict (fights between residents) that occurred in Kuku Village, Marga District, Tabanan should not happen repeatedly, this should be able to attract the attention of residents so that it can then be known what causes it and a solution can be quickly found so that the conflict occurs in the community this doesn't drag on. If the fights between residents that occur in this community are allowed to drag on, this could create a negative image for the indigenous community in Kuku village, Marga District, Tabanan in particular and in general damage the positive image of Bali Province which is a world tourism destination.

Indonesia will hold elections in 2024. It is hoped that the elections, which are an event for the people's party to elect the people's representatives along with the head of state, will be carried out in an orderly and smooth manner. However, social conflicts that often occur in society pose a threat to holding elections in 2024. Therefore, it is necessary to prevent and handle social conflicts that are predicted to arise in the 2024 elections.

Based on the thoughts and real conditions that occurred, it has inspired researchers to study social conflicts in society. This is considered very important to do immediately, because through this research it is hoped that it will be able to provide an overview to the Kuku Village leadership and law enforcement officials in determining their stance in order to realize an orderly and smooth 2024 Election. For this reason, the researcher specifically formulated research with the title "Potential for Social Conflict between Communities Ahead of the 2024 Election (Case Study in Kuku Village, Marga District, Tabanan Regency)".

2. Method

This research is a type of qualitative research with a case study model. Case Study is a series of scientific activities carried out intensively, in detail and in depth about a program, event and activity, either at the individual, group of people, institution or organization level to obtain in-depth knowledge about the event. Judging from the cases studied, this research is more directed towards a Retrospective Case Study. This research will make it possible to carry out follow-up healing or improvement of a case (treatment) found in Kuku Village. Healing actions do not have to be carried out by researchers, but by other competent people. Researchers only provide input from research results (Endraswara, 2012). The flow of this case study research can be illustrated from the following figure.

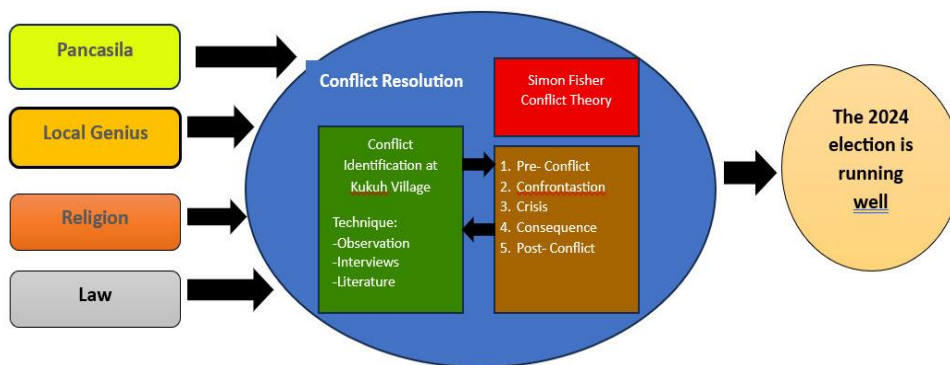


Figure1. Subjects Selected Were Determined Based On Purposive Sampling Technique

The subjects selected were determined based on purposive sampling technique. Sources of information come from: (1) people who have a direct relationship with the problem; (2)

Kukuh Village Head; and (3) members of the police. The principle used in data collection will be the human instrument principle, namely the researcher's role as the main research instrument which is integrated with the data source in a natural situation. This human instrument principle emphasizes researchers collecting data themselves through observing phenomena that occur, interviewing informants, and conducting documentation studies. Researchers use a human-to-human approach, which means that during the research process, researchers will have more contact with local communities around the research location. This results in researchers having the freedom to explore and find detailed information and data related to what they want to research. Researchers use interactive model data analysis which consists of data reduction, data presentation, and drawing conclusions (Miles, et al. 2014).

3. Results and Discussions

Of course, social conflict will always arise and become a threat and challenge among society. This must of course be a concern for every level of society, especially the police and local village government officials. Moreover, in 2024 there will be general elections, namely the election of people's representatives in the legislative and executive institutions. To prevent threats to these people's parties, it is mandatory to know the causes and ways to prevent social conflict in Kukuh Village.

3.1 Factors Causing Social Conflict that Emerged in Kukuh Village

Kukuh Village is a village located in the province of Bali. In general, this village looks very safe and conducive. However, on the other hand, it appears that there has been social conflict in Kukuh Village. There are three main factors that cause conflict in Kukuh village. First, social conflict is caused by economic problems. This economic problem is the cause of quarrels between traders regarding competition for trading places, competition for customers, and there are some traders who cheat so that buyers fight with sellers. Economic problems also trigger river environmental pollution as a result of pig farmers throwing pig waste into the river. Finally, people who work as farmers raise objections to the pig farmers. The second factor is the social behavior of people who like to get drunk. This can also be said to be a form of juvenile delinquency. Teenagers in Kukuh Village are used to getting together while getting drunk when there are friends' birthdays, weddings, fundraising events (bazaars). At a certain time there was a fight between young men due to offense when they were drinking. Apart from that, there was also a fight between people from outside the Kukuh village who were living temporarily in Kukuh Village while working, the fight that occurred between people outside the Kukuh village and the trigger was also due to drunkenness. The worst thing is that there are several teenagers who are drug addicts and are causing unrest in society. The third factor is politics. In Kukuh village there are three legislative candidates from three different parties (PDI Perjuangan Party, Democratic Party, and Indonesian Solidarity Party). If we refer to the 2019 election, there was a conflict between supporters of the PDI Perjuangan party and supporters of the Democratic Party. Therefore, with the number of legislative candidates in Kukuh Village increasing, this should be anticipated and paid attention to in order to realize a peaceful election in 2024.

3.2 How to Resolve Conflict

To resolve a conflict, there are various versions or models of conflict resolution. Conflict resolution is a need to see peace as an open process and divide the conflict resolution process into several stages according to the status of the conflict, namely; conflict de-escalation stage, negotiation stage, problem solving approach stage and peace building stage (Suprpto, 2013). Conflict resolution aims to resolve the conflict completely and create peace (Afandi, 2005). The

views of Neo-Marxist thinkers and radical thinkers see all conflicts as trying to reconcile clashes of interests that are actually irreconcilable, failing to explain unequal and unfair conflicts, and lacking adequate analysis from the perspective of global powers that exploit and oppress. The general principle of conflict resolution is "Don't fight, solve the problem".

Ending conflict through internalizing local wisdom values is seen as the right effort. Local wisdom is basically seen as the foundation for forming national identity (Amri, 2021). The Pancasila philosophy alone originates from the religious and wise cultural values inherited by the ancestors of the Indonesian people (Sari, et al, 2023). It is believed that local wisdom values can be an alternative in the phases of decreasing conflict intensity. This culture-based conflict resolution approach is considered effective because it can increase harmony and harmony between communities (Istiqomah & Widiyanto, 2020). In local wisdom there are six dimensions consisting of local knowledge, local values, local skills, local resources, local decision-making mechanisms and local group solidarity (Aji, et al, 2021). As a country with a very high level of diversity, Indonesia has a lot of local wisdom which can be a medium for conflict resolution. (Ridwan, 2007) states that a handling pattern that involves broad community participation by utilizing local community wisdom is an alternative conflict resolution that is worth considering. (Jati, 2013) in his research on Local Wisdom as Religious Conflict Resolution explains that *Pela gandong* as local wisdom has an important role in reconciliation by reuniting the solidarity of communities that were divided during the conflict.

Conflict can also be overcome if it is resolved and handled using appropriate methods. Conflict handling usually depends on the scale of the conflict, if the conflict is only related to misunderstandings between several traders and the community, the conflict is usually resolved through deliberation led by community leaders or village officials such as traditional heads or village heads. If the conflict is large scale and there are criminal elements such as drug addicts, then the party who helps resolve it is the police assisted by the village head.

a. Completed Privately

The majority of conflicts occurring among the people of Kukuh Village have been resolved privately through deliberation and kinship. The role of government is rarely seen here. Most people choose to resolve conflicts through deliberation between the conflicting communities. When the losses incurred are paid, the conflict ends immediately. There's no need to go to the authorities for a long time. The community is also very obedient and submissive to customs that uphold a sense of togetherness and family.

b. Village government

The party who handles the next conflict is the village head. The village head also plays a role in resolving conflicts related to his community by issuing warning letters and even expulsion letters for migrant residents who have several times caused social conflicts in the Kukuh Village area. For other cases where they cannot be resolved through deliberation or through a personal approach, these cases will be mediated by the Kukuh village government. The Village Government is also expected to always monitor the number of migrant residents and coordinate the security guard in each area to always patrol.

c. Law Enforcement (Police)

Law Enforcement is the final resolution party if fishing cases or conflicts cannot be resolved through deliberation through personal channels or through mediation from the village government. The period of the last five years for conflicts to be resolved through the police is

very rare. For example, regarding the occurrence of teenagers becoming drug addicts in 2022 and the occurrence of teenagers being poisoned due to drinking mixed liquor in 2023, both of which will cause unrest in society.

4. Conclusion

The potential for social conflict in the community in Kukuh Village is a threat and challenge in creating a peaceful and conducive situation ahead of the 2024 General Election. There are three main factors causing the emergence of social conflict in Kukuh Village, namely economic factors, social community factors, and political factors. Social conflicts that often occur in Kukuh Village can be resolved through (private) deliberation, mediation by the village head, or involving law enforcement officers (Police). All parties are expected to work together to maintain a conducive situation and condition of the community environment. The hope is that if social conflicts can be prevented and resolved, the implementation of the 2024 elections will be smooth, based on the principles of Direct, Public, Free, Secret, Honest and Fair. This potential conflict that arises can also be a reference for village heads and law enforcement officials to prevent potential social conflict in Kukuh Village ahead of the 2024 elections.

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