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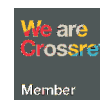
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## ABSTRACT

### Keywords:

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Indonesia's diversity, unified by Pancasila, faces challenges from extremism, highlighting the need for religious moderation across all faiths to maintain harmony, tolerance, and national unity. This study aims to determine the role of the Central Sulawesi Province Police Department in grounding Pancasila values and religious moderation in shaping the nation's character in Central Sulawesi province. To find out the factors that inhibit the grounding of Pancasila values and religious moderation in shaping the nation's character Research The research method used is a qualitative descriptive method. The author determined the informants by the purposive sampling method The data collection techniques in this study were carried out through interviews, observations and documentation. The results and discussion of this study show that the effective role of Kesbangpol in Grounding Pancasila Values and Religious Moderation in Shaping the Nation's Character can be seen in Central Sulawesi Province the implementation of policies contained in the 2021-2026 Kesbangpol Strategic Plan, showing that the policy is realized with the implementation related to the implementation of Pancasila values, political education and national insight. Of course, this can have a positive impact on religious moderation in community life to shape the nation's character. Inhibiting factors The factors that inhibit the grounding of Pancasila values and religious moderation in shaping the nation's character in Central Sulawesi Province consist of 2 factors, namely internal factors and external factors.

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## Introduction

Indonesia as a nation is unique with its diversity in terms of ethnicity, race, customs, traditions, culture, language, beliefs and beliefs that can blend together in the ideology of Pancasila (Anzaikhan et al., 2023; Ghafur & Abdul, 2024). The great contribution that Indonesia has is an extraordinary potential that we must be grateful for by maintaining and caring for it so that it is not scattered by extremism and radicalism that develop through the flow of globalization and information disclosure (Hadi, 2023). There needs to be a solution to become a filter for the nation's life that must be instilled in the soul of the nation. Moderation offers a solution as a middle way option to counteract ideologies that are not in line with the nation's identity, The identity of the Indonesian nation can be understood as the values contained in Pancasila, which reflect the principles of diversity, tolerance, social justice, and unity (Hasan, 2021). The identity of the Indonesian nation is rooted in the values of Pancasila and the principle of Bhinneka Tunggal Ika, which emphasizes diversity, tolerance, and unity. As a country with various ethnicities, religions, and cultures, this national identity is a bulwark against conflicting ideologies, such as extremism and radicalism. Moderation plays a role as a solution to

maintain social, political, and religious balance so that it remains in harmony with national values. In scientific studies, the nation's identity must be explained systematically with a strong theoretical foundation and objective analysis of the challenges and strategies to maintain it in the era of globalization.

Central Sulawesi is one of the provinces in Indonesia, which is very pluralistic consisting of various ethnicities, religions and beliefs. Of course, this diversity is not only an advantage but also has a big challenge in managing diversity, this challenge covers various aspects of social, political, economic, and cultural life that require deep understanding, tolerance, and joint efforts to maintain harmony and justice in society. Facts about various events with SARA nuances (Tribe, Religion, Race and Inter-group) include the shooting of pastor Susianti Tinulele while preaching at the Effatha Church, Banteng Street, South Palu District, Palu City, Central Sulawesi on the week of July 18, 2004. The bomb explosion at the Maesa Palu market in December 2005 killed 8 people and injured dozens of others. Then a shocking event, Pastor Irianto Kongkoli on October 16, 2006 who was shot dead on Monginsidi Palu street and of course the interfaith conflict that occurred in Poso district in the 1998-2001 period which claimed a lot of victims (Zulfiah, 2016).

The phenomenon of unique conflicts occurs because it involves people from the same ethnic and religious groups, namely Kaili and Islam, and even often have close kinship ties (Nisa & Muhlis, 2022). in the Sigi Regency area, Central Sulawesi Province, such as the action of the East Indonesia Mujahidin group led by Ali Kalora who slaughtered a family in Palolo District, as well as various communal conflicts such as territorial boundary conflicts that are prone to occur in a number of The sub-districts in Sigi Regency are Sigi Biromaru District, Palolo District, Nokilalaki District, Dolo District, West Dolo District, South Dolo District, Gubusa District, Kulawi District, South Kulawi District and Lindu District.

Related topics in the name of religion and ideology are often a source of conflict and division in society. Not only between Bergama ummah but differences in religious sects can also become divisive, especially if religious and ideological issues are used as commodities in the 2024 political year (Masbukin et al., 2024; Ramadhan & Islam, 2022). Therefore, the importance of religious moderation and the actualization of Pancasila values is very relevant in maintaining peace, tolerance, and unity of the Indonesian nation.

In Indonesia, various religions are recognized and respected as an important part of the cultural diversity and beliefs of the community reflect the spirit of Bhinneka Tunggal Ika, which means "Different, but still one" a principle that underlies religious life in the country. The principle of religious moderation is basically applied in the teachings of all religions recognized in Indonesia. In Islam, there is the concept of washatiyah, which has the equivalent meaning of the words tawassuth (middle middle), i'tidal (fair), and tawazun (balanced). Islam teaches the principles of tawassuth (moderate), i'tidal (fair), and tawazun (balanced) to avoid extremism and build harmony in a pluralistic society. In the context of religious moderation, washatiyah is a guideline for maintaining tolerance, social stability, and respect for diversity, so that it is relevant in creating a peaceful and inclusive life (Arafah, 2020).

Religious moderation in Christianity is realized through strengthening maximum interaction, both between religions and between sects within the Christian community itself. This approach emphasizes the importance of dialogue and cooperation to strengthen tolerance, harmony, and broader understanding in religious life (Director General of Christian Guidance of the Ministry of Religion of the Republic of Indonesia, 2019). Catholicism is known by terms being "open" to "fundamentalists" and "traditionalists" (who reject renewal in the sense of the Catholic church). Open groups support the renewal of church teachings, while fundamentalists and traditionalists reject change and retain old doctrines. These differences reflect ideological dynamics within Catholic communities, which influence attitudes toward social issues such as minority rights, gender, and the role of religion in public life (Notermans et al., 2011).

Religious moderation is practiced by the Confucian religion. Junzi Confucians (faith and virtue) view this life through the eyes of Yin Yang, because Yin Yang is the philosophy, thought and spirituality of a Confucian who wants to live in the Tao. Yin Yang is the Middle Attitude, not the extreme attitude. This principle emphasizes a middle ground, avoiding extremism, and seeking

balance in all aspects of life, including in religious practices and social interactions. Confucian teachings emphasize harmony as the key to maintaining the stability of religious and social life, so it is relevant in the concept of religious moderation in a pluralistic society (Nyitray, 2010).

Manifestation of Hindu Moderation about moral teachings, namely how to maintain a harmonious relationship between fellow human beings. Meanwhile, in Buddhism, the essence of religious moderation teachings can be seen from the Buddha's Enlightenment which comes from Sidharta Gautama. In both Hinduism and Buddhism, religious moderation focuses on the principles of balance, moral ethics, and social harmony, which play a role in creating a harmonious and peaceful life in a multicultural society (Juwono, 2016).

Religious moderation is a very important concept in avoiding extremism and religious intolerance. When individuals or groups adopt very extreme views in their religious practices, this can lead to conflict and violence. Religious moderation encourages everyone to practice their religion with respect for other religions and beliefs, as well as with an open attitude to differences. This helps maintain harmony between religious communities and prevents conflicts that undermine national unity.

The actualization of Pancasila values is an effort to maintain and strengthen the basic ideology of the Indonesian state. Pancasila, as the basis of the state, emphasizes principles such as social justice, unity, democracy, and just humanity. Actualization of Pancasila values means applying these principles in daily life, both in personal actions and in public policymaking.

Research related to the role of national unity and politics in grounding Pancasila values and religious moderation in shaping the nation's character has been widely carried out in various contexts in Indonesia. However, studies focusing on Central Sulawesi Province are still limited. In a study by Nashir (2019), Pancasila is seen as a central ideology that plays a role in maintaining balance in the life of the nation and state (Nashir, 2019). The values of Pancasila, according to this study, are the main reference in instilling religious moderation as a form of embodiment of harmony in a plural society. Meanwhile, Muhtarom and Raya (2020) emphasized that religious moderation in the Indonesian context needs to be seen as a strategy to ward off radicalism and strengthen national integration, especially in areas that are vulnerable to horizontal conflicts (Muhtarom & Raya, 2020).

Azizah (2023) in her research found that social conflicts in Central Sulawesi, especially in Poso, are a reflection of the imbalance in the internalization of Pancasila values and the weakness of religious moderation (Azizah, 2023). From various previous studies, it can be concluded that the grounding of Pancasila values and religious moderation in shaping the nation's character is greatly influenced by aspects of education, politics, and public policy. In contrast to previous research, this study aims to analyze the effective role of Kesbangpol in grounding Pancasila values and religious moderation as an effort to shape the nation's character in Central Sulawesi Province. Thus, this study not only looks at the aspect of conflict resolution, but also highlights how Kesbangpol contributes to strengthening national identity and social harmony through the internalization of national values.

In this study, we explore Kesbangpol's policies from the strategic plan (Renstra), which in the future will be a revision of the strategic plan for the future periods and then what strategies are carried out by Kesbangpol in facing challenges related to national security issues, radicalism, as well as geopolitical and cyber challenges, in applying Pancasila values and religious moderation to shape the national character in Central Sulawesi Province, especially Palu City.

The existence of the National and Political Unity Agency is an effort to optimize the duties and obligations of local governments in handling social conflicts and national vigilance, especially in the Central Sulawesi Province area, as stated in the Central Sulawesi Governor Regulation No. 19 of 2013 concerning the description of the duties, functions and work procedures of the Central Sulawesi Regional National Unity and Political Agency which is the vision of "The realization of a safe order of life for the people of Central Sulawesi, peaceful, harmonious, democratic, just and prosperous based on the nation's cultural values and political ethics towards a quality and competitive society in the forum of the Unitary State of the Republic of Indonesia which is based on Pancasila" The National Unity and Political Agency of Central Sulawesi Province has one of the tasks in handling social conflicts and realizing national vigilance, Therefore, all main tasks and functions will be carried out

with a work program that has been prepared It is carried out in one year in order to realize a peaceful, orderly and orderly community life ([Salinan Peraturan Gubernur Sulawesi Tengah No. 19 Tahun 2013 Tentang Uraian Tugas, Fungsi Dan Tata Kerja Badan Kesatuan Bangsa Dan Politik Daerah Sulawesi Tengah, 2013](#)).

The task of grounding Pancasila and religious moderation as a foundation in people's lives is not only the responsibility of the government. The community and community organizations need to help in instilling these values in the community, especially among young people. This is because they will always learn in instilling their character.

Previous research has shown the important role of Kesbangpol in various aspects, ranging from fostering community organizations (CSOs), conflict prevention, to internal performance analysis. The study on Kesbangpol Linmas in Sungai TFull City highlights the efforts to foster CSOs through socio-political training, although there are still obstacles such as lack of registration and internal consolidation of CSOs. Research related to the 2017 Jakarta gubernatorial election revealed how Kesbangpol plays a role in preventing conflicts through early detection and warning systems, which effectively reduce potential conflicts in the midst of polarization. Meanwhile, the performance analysis of the Semarang City Kesbangpol highlighted that limited funds and human resources have an impact on services and responsiveness to community needs, although financial accountability remains a top priority. This research generally confirms that Kesbangpol has a strategic role in maintaining social and political stability, although it still faces various challenges in its implementation ([Asikin et al., 2018](#); [Efyanti, 2018](#); [Nurcahyanto, 2016](#)).

The purpose of this study is to analyze the role of the Central Sulawesi Provincial Kesbangpol in instilling Pancasila values and religious moderation as an effort to shape the nation's character. This research also aims to identify factors that support and hinder the process of internalizing these values in society.

## Methods

This study uses a qualitative descriptive method to describe phenomena according to the conditions during the research. The approach used is phenomenological, which focuses on the subjective experience and interpretation of society. This approach allows researchers to understand and describe the role of Kesbangpol Central Sulawesi in instilling Pancasila values and religious moderation to shape the nation's character ([Creswell & Poth, 2016](#); [Sugiyono, 2015](#)). This research will be carried out by the Office of National Unity and Politics (KESBANGPOL) located on Jl. Tj. Api No.7, Lolu Sel., Palu Tim. District, Palu City, Central Sulawesi 94112. In this study, interviews were conducted with several informants to explore the role of Kesbangpol in instilling Pancasila values and religious moderation in Central Sulawesi. The main informants consisted of three men, namely Dr. Fahrudin, S.Sos., M.Si., Kristosuryanto Tumakaka, S.Sos., and Mansyur, SH, who are Kesbangpol officials and have in-depth insight into the policy and implementation of religious moderation programs. In addition, two women from the community, Warda and Ina, were also interviewed to get a first-hand perspective on the understanding and application of these values in daily life.

Data sources are an important element in research, because errors in data selection or understanding can affect research results. In this study, two types of data sources are used, namely primary data and secondary data. Primary data was obtained directly from original sources through interviews with relevant informants, such as the head of Kesbangpol, related to Pancasila grounding activities and religious moderation ([Ruslan, 2004](#)). Meanwhile, secondary data was collected through literature studies, including magazines, newspapers, articles, and other records that supported and related to the location and object of the research ([Nazir, 1988](#)).

The data collection techniques in this study include observation, interviews, and documentation. Observation was carried out through direct visits to the Kesbangpol office to observe the activities that took place ([Tanzeah, 2009](#)). Interviews were conducted face-to-face with respondents using interview guidelines to dig up information directly from relevant sources ([D. Sugiyono, 2010](#)). Meanwhile, documentation is used to collect written data such as records, books, policies, and other relevant documents to complete information and support research results.



The validity test of the data in this study was carried out by triangulation technique, which combines various methods and data sources to check the credibility of the results. This technique is used to compare and ensure the accuracy of the data that has been collected (Sugiyono, 2015).

The data analysis in this study follows three main stages: data reduction, data presentation, and conclusion drawn/verification. Data reduction is done by summarizing and selecting important information from interviews, documentation, and observations, while irrelevant data is eliminated. The summarized data is then presented in the form of descriptions, charts, or diagrams for easy understanding and further analysis. The final stage is the drawing of conclusions, where the researcher interprets the findings and verifies the results to ensure accuracy, answer the formulation of the problem, or adjust the focus of the research according to the findings of the field (Afrizal, 2014).

## Results and Discussion

### The Effectiveness of the Role of Kesbangpol in Instilling Pancasila Values and Religious Moderation to Shape the Nation's Character in Central Sulawesi Province

#### *Policies of the National Unity and Political Agency*

The role of the Kesbangpol Agency as a policy implementer aims to address the issue of nationality and national character, especially in preventing intolerance and strengthening social solidarity. The main challenges faced include low community solidarity, potential conflicts in a pluralistic society, and a lack of understanding of cultural noble values due to the influence of globalization (Kesbangpol, 2020).

**Table 1.** Formulation of Strategies and Policies in the Strategic Plan of the National Unity and Political Agency of Central Sulawesi Province

Strategy	Policy
1 Strengthening the implementation of Pancasila Ideology and National Vision;	1 Preparation of Programs and Ideological Policies for National Insight and National Defense;
2 Strengthening the implementation of political education, political culture ethics, and improving democracy;	2 Coordination and Monitoring of Ideology and National Insight;
3 Formulate technical policies and strengthen the implementation of the Field of Empowerment and Supervision of Community Organizations;	3 Developing policies on Political Education, Political Culture Ethics and Monitoring of the Political Situation in the Regions;
4 Formulate technical policies and strengthen the implementation of Economic and Socio-Cultural Resilience;	4 Carry out the coordination of political education, political parties and elections;
5 Increasing Early Awareness and handling social conflicts in accordance with the provisions of laws and regulations.	5 Developing Policies and Empowerment of CSOs
	6 Implementing Money Empowerment and Mediation of CSOs Disputes;
	7 Facilitating the Prevention of Narcotics Abuse and Religious Harmony
	8 Implementing Coordination of Economic and Socio-Cultural Resilience;
	9 Optimization and Use of Social Media to socialize and reduce conflicts in the community;
	10 Strengthening the Foreigner Supervision Team with Related Agencies in maintaining peace and public order.

According to the Head of the Kesbangpol Agency, preventive efforts such as socialization and strengthening understanding of Pancasila values are very important, especially for the younger generation. Pancasila education that is balanced with religious science is considered crucial in

forming a moderate mindset and preventing radicalism. The focus is to instill national values from an early age and strengthen the understanding of Pancasila as the moral and intellectual foundation of society.

According to Mr. Fahrudin, an important step in preventing radicalism and intolerance is to instill an understanding of Pancasila values in religious moderation. Once knowledge is provided, it is important to ensure that the understanding is applied in people's lives. With a strong understanding of Pancasila and the balance between general science and religion, individuals will be firmer in facing the influence of radicalism and maintaining the spirit of *Bhinneka Tunggal Ika*. The main role of the Central Sulawesi Kesbangpol Agency is to introduce and strengthen this understanding to increase awareness and prevent intolerance. The role of the National Unity and Political Agency of Central Sulawesi Province can be seen from the 2021-2026 Resntra on Table 1. Referring to the results of the documentation shows that efforts to cultivate the right values and knowledge are an important point in the formulation of the strategy, namely Strengthening the Implementation of Pancasila Ideology and National Insight. In the policy section developed in the form of the Preparation of Programs and Policies for the Ideology of National Insight and National Defense;

The policy role of the Central Sulawesi Provincial Agency for National Unity and Politics as the main policy is to strengthen the implementation of the Pancasila Ideology and national insight. providing good and correct knowledge, as well as a broad understanding, is believed to be able to increase awareness of the grounding of Pancasila and religious moderation in the midst of the development of globalization and science and technology (Sultengpemprov, 2024).

According to Mr. Kristosuryanto Tumakaka, S.Sos, Head of Ideology and National Insight, the policy direction of the Central Sulawesi Kesbangpol refers to the strategic plan (Renstra) with a focus on national ideology and the implementation of Pancasila values. The main challenge is the difficulty of measuring public understanding of Pancasila, in contrast to student assessments at school. Although people have studied Pancasila since basic education, its application in daily life is still a challenge. Kesbangpol continues to strive to strengthen the actualization of Pancasila values through seminars and workshops as an important reminder for the community.

The results of the interview with the Head of the Central Sulawesi Police Department, Dr. Fahrudin, S.Sos., M.Si, highlighted the importance of actualization of Pancasila values and religious moderation in community life, especially in preventing conflicts like the one that occurred in Poso. The main challenge is the lack of real application even though the understanding of Pancasila has been taught from an early age. The Pancasila actualization index is a benchmark, but its application in society is still difficult to achieve without collective awareness.

Mr. Kristosuryanto Tumakaka, S.Sos, added that Kesbangpol has held various activities such as religious dialogues, collaborations with FKUB and BMAG, as well as campaigns through media and podcasts. The Pancasila grounding program also involves various parties, including BPIP and the city government. Although many initiatives have been carried out, the implementation of the program is still considered limited and requires strengthening, expansion, and adequate budget support to increase its effectiveness and reach in the community.

### ***Strategy for the Implementation of the National Unity and Political Policy***

The policy implementation strategy of the Central Sulawesi Kesbangpol Agency will be effective if it receives public support. The two main strategies implemented include minimizing social disparities and encouraging community participation in reporting radicalism and terrorism. Based on the 2016 2021 Strategic Plan, the main strategy is to increase the sense of nationalism and national insight through seven development programs. This strategy aims to strengthen community involvement in maintaining unity and preventing radical ideas.

The strategy for implementing the role of the Central Sulawesi Kesbangpol Agency in grounding Pancasila values and religious moderation is carried out through partnerships and real actions. According to Mr. Mansyur, SH, Head of Vigilance, this effort aims to minimize radicalism and intolerance by embracing various parties, including the media, and reducing social gaps. The government is expected to improve professionalism to gain public trust.

**Table 2.** National Vision Development Program and Work Program Indicators

<b>Expansion of National Insight</b>	<b>Program Performance Indicators (Outcome)</b>
1 Increasing Sense of Solidarity and Social Ties in the Community	1 The dissemination of information related to information on Radicalism and Social Conflict through talk shows that are routinely carried out through activities related to the understanding of the actualization of Pancasila values
2 Dissemination of Information Related to Issues of Radicalism and Social Conflict	2 Spread of Information Related to Information on Radicalism and Social Conflict
3 Environmental Safety and Comfort Control Training	3 Implementation of Basic Training on National Defense
4 Increasing Public Awareness of the Nation's Cultural Values	4 Increasing public understanding
5 Basic National Defense Training	5 Increasing Students' Understanding of Drug Abuse
6 Counseling on Prevention of Circulation/Use of Liquor and Drugs	6 Increasing Understanding of CSOs Laws and Regulations
7 Development of CSOs and NGOs	

Based on Table 2 kesbangpol also strengthens coordination across agencies, forums, and the community to increase awareness of potential conflicts. Partnerships with government agencies and NGOs are an important part of implementing this policy, because Kesbangpol plays a role in various aspects of social and political life of the community.

This implementation strategy is one of the efforts of the Central Sulawesi Provincial Kesbangpol Agency in the form of the National Insight Development Partnership, which is presented in detail in the Table 3.

**Table 3.** Strategy for Strengthening Coordination Across Agencies, Forums and Communities in the Context of Increasing Early Awareness of Potential Conflicts

<b>Partnership program to develop national insight and religious moderation</b>	<b>Program Performance Indicators (Outcome) and Activities (Output)</b>
1 Increasing tolerance and harmony in religious life	1 Increasing Tolerance and Harmony in Religious Life.
2 Increasing the role of the religious harmony forum (FKUB)	2 Increasing the role of the Forum for Religious Harmony (FKUB) with the formation of religious moderation villages
3 Establishment of community early awareness forums	3 Monitoring of Potential Social Conflicts in the Regions (coordination)
4 Seminars, talk shows, discussions on national insights	4 Implementation of Supervision of Belief Streams and Religious Streams (sub-districts)
5 Supervision of religious and religious streams in society	5 Coordinated Information
6 Environmental safety control	6 Security and Achievement of the Situation
7 Facilitation of cooperation between institutions in creating community security	7 Conducive Security (times)
8 Monitoring the implementation of the presidential election, gubernatorial election, pilbup, and pilkacam	8 Monitoring of the Public Security and Order Situation (activities)
9 Preparation of maps of areas prone to social conflict	9 Monitoring of the Public Security and Order Situation (activities)
	10 Preparation of a Map of Areas Prone to Social Conflict (package)



The Central Sulawesi Provincial Kesbangpol Agency carries out various strategies in grounding Pancasila values and religious moderation to prevent radicalism and intolerance. One of the main strategies is the development of national insight and partnerships with various parties, including government agencies, NGOs, and community leaders. This program aims to increase public awareness of the importance of reporting potential radicalism and terrorism to the authorities as a preventive measure.

According to Mr. Kristo Suryanto Tumakaka, S.Sos, Kesbangpol encourages the community to play an active role in minimizing social gaps and strengthening relations between residents. In the theory of community participation (Arnstein, 1969), the active involvement of the community in public policy determines the success of government programs, as explained in the "Ladder of Citizen Participation" model. The perspective of social cohesion (Putnam, 2000) emphasizes that strong social relationships through initiatives such as those carried out by Kesbangpol can increase togetherness, reduce conflicts, and strengthen social stability. Meanwhile, the theory of governance and social collaboration (Ansell & Gash, 2008) highlights that overcoming social disparities requires cooperation between the government and the community in creating inclusive and sustainable policies, as applied in the collaborative governance approach to deal with social problems more effectively. This awareness is expected to be able to prevent the development of radical ideas that have the potential to break unity. Media support is also optimized to disseminate the message of religious moderation and strengthen the actualization of Pancasila values in society.

Mr. Mansyur, SH emphasized the importance of partnership and coordination across agencies in implementing this policy. Kesbangpol collaborates with FKUB and BMAG, as well as uses media such as radio and podcasts to disseminate information about the dangers of radicalism. This socialization aims to provide a correct understanding of radicalism and terrorism, so that the public is more aware of the dangers that threaten national unity.

In addition to socialization, Kesbangpol also carries out a role as a communication tool and information filter to ensure that the public is not trapped in hoaxes or misleading information. In the era of technology and globalization, information filtering is important so that people are not easily influenced by radical ideas. Kesbangpol plays an active role in providing education to the public on how to distinguish valid and misleading information.

Although various efforts have been made, the results of the study show that the implementation of the communication role is still not running optimally. Socialization about the dangers of radicalism and terrorism has not been carried out massively and in a structured manner. To overcome this, Kesbangpol needs a broader and more intensive strategy, as well as community support so that its role as a communication tool can run effectively in maintaining stability and national unity.

## **Factors Hindering the National Unity and Political Agency in Grounding Pancasila Values and Religious Moderation in Central Sulawesi**

### ***Internal Factors***

#### ***Human Resources (HR)***

Based on an interview with Mr. Dr. Fahrudin, S.Sos., M.Si., Head of Kesbangpol, the main obstacle in grounding Pancasila values is the lack of understanding and awareness among Kesbangpol officers themselves. Some officers need a deeper understanding of the relevance of Pancasila in creating religious moderation. This program requires cross-agency cooperation, although it is in line with the duties of Kesbangpol.

Mr. Fahrudin also highlighted the issue of internal ethics in Kesbangpol, where negative behavior among officers can hinder the spread of Pancasila values to the community. In conclusion, the implementation of Pancasila in society requires increased internal understanding, resource support, maintaining neutrality, and improving work ethics. This step is important so that Pancasila becomes a strong foundation for national unity and progress.

#### ***Program Budget Limitations***

An interview with Mr. Fahrudin revealed that budget limitations are the main obstacle in the implementation of political education programs and the spread of Pancasila values. Budgeting must

go through an in-depth study and involve many parties according to procedures. In recent years, budget cuts have forced Kesbangpol to reduce or cancel planned programs.

Limited funds also make it difficult to implement campaigns and activities that reach the wider community. However, Kesbangpol remains committed to carrying out its duties and hopes that solutions can be found so that the values of Pancasila and religious moderation are better understood and applied, strengthening the nation's character.

***The design of the implementation plan is a continuous priority so that it can have regular and periodic activities***

According to Mr. Kristosuryanto Tumakaka, S.Sos., Head of Ideology and National Insight, coordination and planning are very important in the implementation of the program. He emphasized that the relationship between priority policies and budgets affects the activities of instilling Pancasila values and religious moderation. The implementation of the program must be reconsidered so that it runs continuously and does not stop due to limited funds.

***Monotonous and invariable implementation methods and strategies***

An interview with Mr. Kristosuryanto Tumakaka, S.Sos., revealed that the lack of innovation and monotonous methods in Pancasila counseling is the main obstacle in attracting the interest of the public, especially the younger generation. He emphasized the need for innovation and adaptation to technological and social developments so that political education is more effective and relevant.

Although Kesbangpol has organized various programs such as seminars and workshops, community participation is still low because the methods used are less attractive and irrelevant to daily life. Kesbangpol realizes the need for evaluation and reform in the implementation strategy to increase public involvement and understanding of Pancasila values.

***External Factors***

***Public awareness in knowing insights about the cultivation of Pancasila values and good and correct religious moderation***

External obstacles in implementing Pancasila values through Kesbangpol are complex, especially due to changes in the community environment and the rapid flow of global information. According to Dr. Fahrudin, S.Sos., M.Si., foreign ideologies and values that are not in harmony with Pancasila are easy to enter through social media and the internet, influencing people's views. He emphasized the importance of becoming an intelligent society in filtering information and maintaining love for Pancasila to protect the nation's values from negative outside influences.

***Public Understanding of the Instillation of Pancasila Values and Religious Moderation***

Public awareness of the importance of instilling Pancasila values and religious moderation is still low, influenced by the complexity of daily life. Dr. Fahrudin, S.Sos., M.Si., Head of Kesbangpol, stated that the lack of participation in socialization is a big challenge, even though the effort aims to build public awareness.

Some residents, such as Warda and Ina, admitted that they were not interested and did not understand the relevance of the Kesbangpol program in their lives. In addition, residents like Budi feel that the language used in the socialization is difficult to understand, thus reducing their interest in participating. Awareness of the role of Kesbangpol in maintaining political stability and security is still low, so it is necessary to deliver simpler and more innovative information. Evaluation and development of new strategies in socialization are important steps to increase public participation and understanding.

## Conclusion

The role of the Central Sulawesi Provincial Kesbangpol in grounding Pancasila values and religious moderation has a positive impact on shaping the nation's character. The implementation of the policies contained in the 2021-2026 Kesbangpol Strategic Plan has been realized through various programs, including political education, national insights, and socialization of Pancasila values. These

programs play an important role in strengthening religious moderation and strengthening unity in community life.

However, there are several inhibiting factors in the implementation of the program. Internally, the main obstacle faced is the limitation of human resources (HR) who are inadequate in understanding and conveying the values of Pancasila effectively. In addition, budget limitations are a big challenge that has an impact on the implementation of the program regularly and continuously. Socialization methods and strategies that tend to be monotonous are also an obstacle in attracting broad public participation.

External factors include low public awareness of the importance of Pancasila values and religious moderation. This lack of understanding contributes to the perception of the public that does not prioritize socialization activities, thus hindering Kesbangpol's efforts in building the nation's character through grounding these values.

Even though Kesbangpol has implemented various policies and programs that have had a positive impact, it is still necessary to strengthen internal capacity, innovate in socialization strategies, and increase public awareness so that this program can run more effectively and sustainably in shaping the nation's character based on Pancasila values and religious moderation.

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