

ISLAM NUSANTARA: MELTING THE FEMINIST SISTERHOOD SPIRIT AND MASCULINITY BELIEF INTO NATIONAL INTEGRITY

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Abstrak

Jika prinsip Feminist mengatakan bahwa tidak ada yang mampu memahami perempuan lebih dari perempuan itu sendiri, maka ideologi Maskulin pun akan memiliki pandangan yang sama. Sebenarnya dalam masing-masing tujuan utama dari ideologi mereka adalah untuk kehidupan yang lebih baik. Masing-masing ideologi tercipta dari sebuah proses hidup dan sejarah yang panjang. Sehingga, hal itu tidak perlu menjadi kesenjangan bahkan kebencian pada masing-masing ideologi. Namun, saat ini telah terlalu banyak kesalahpahaman yang terjadi. Feminis dijustifikasi sebagai pemberontak, sedangkan Maskulinitas dianggap sebagai musuh dengan sistem patriarkalnya. Gerakan persaudaraan feminis seringkali berposisi dengan pandangan maskulinitas yang membawa agama sebagai penyokongnya. Islam Nusantara hadir dengan lima prinsip sebagai mediator : 1). Tidak ada diskriminasi, 2). Menghormati HAM, 3). Rahmatan lil Alamin, 4). Kearifan lokal, dan 5). Pancasila. Paper ini ditulis berdasarkan hasil FGD dengan Pusat Studi Wanita Universitas Brawijaya dan Perempuan Antar Umat Beragama, serta wawancara mendalam. Semua manusia harus mengetahui bahwa integritas nasional hanya akan dicapai melalui rasa saling memahami dan menghormati perbedaan. Keduanya merupakan dua inti dari prinsip Islam Nusantara. Selain itu, Islam Nusantara memiliki kekhasan yaitu kearifan lokal dan Pancasila yang mampu melebur dalam setiap aspek kehidupan sosial keagamaan. Islam Nusantara adalah aset nilai Nasional yang mampu mempersatukan setiap perbedaan. Khususnya perbedaan ideologi

gender yang tujuan akhirnya adalah demi Persatuan Nasional.

Kata Kunci : Islam Nusantara, persaudaraan feminis, ideologi maskulinitas, persatuan nasional

Abstract

If the Feminist's tenet said that there is no more understanding women than women-selves, so the Masculinity's would have same opinion. For their own purposes, their ideologies were established for better life. It was born from a long life process and history. So that, it is not must be disparities even hatred for each ideology. But, too many misunderstanding was happened. Feminist was judged as rebellion, and in other hand Masculinity was judged as enemy with its patriarchal system. Sisterhood movement's idea often crash with masculinity belief that took religion as moral backing. Islam Nusantara comes to be mediator with hold five tenets. They are 1). No Discrimination, 2). Respecting Human Rights, 3). Moderate-Universally, 4). Local wisdom and indigenization, and 5). Pancasila. This paper is written based on Focus Group Discussion with Women Studies Center and PAUB (Interfaith Women Alliance), and in-depth interview. All of human must understand that integrity will be reached with understanding and respecting. Both of them are two souls of Islam Nusantara principal. Moreover, it has special values with the local wisdom and Pancasila that can melting and covering every attitude in the social and religious life. Islam Nusantara is one of National value asset that can be unifier differences, specially to integrate every gender ideology for the National Integrity.

Keywords: Islam Nusantara, feminist sisterhood, masculinity belief, National Integrity

Introduction

The controversy between feminist ideology and masculinity belief is happened since 1890(born of feminism) until now (Tong, 1998:17). All about feminism always be enemy for masculinity, and all about masculinity will be hated by feminism because of its patriarchal products. Moreover, masculinity have more social institution backing than feminism. Including religion, most of the holy book's interpretations are interpreted by men ideas. Beside that, many religion history always tell about men's effort and abolished about womens contribution. Women's position to be more decrease and subordinate, whereas men's position to be more progressive. These imbalances encourage feminist community to make the spirit of sisterhood (Mulia, 2014:11). Its main purpose is for making women's position and existancy stronger. All of women who have critical consciousness must be a unity for struggle and rebel. In other side, men's existancy will be maintained because they think that it is natural law of universe.

If this controversy still be continue until unexpected time, so where is peaceful ideal that always be campaigned by humanism? If this conflict still be continue for ancestry, so why all of nations still want a unity and integration? Moreover Indonesia has third National principal, "The Unity of Indonesia". That ideal is never reached if there is no mediator between these conflicts. Islam as majority has been justified for male order instead of as resolver of the gender inequity (Saadawi, 1997:8). But this can not be happened in Indonesia. Islam in Indonesia has values and principals which are collaborated with culture and local wisdom. That is Islam Nusantara. So, the main problem of this paper is "How can Islam Nusantara becomes mediator to melting all of gender ideological differences for national integrity?".

Feminist and Islam

In the history of Islam, Women have show their action and contributions in public since last of Jahiliyah era, when Prophet Muhammad SAW came and spread emancipation from the Islam values (Jawaad, 2002:32). Muhammad gave authorities and political voices for women's rights. So, many of women had been muslim earlier than their husbands because they could decide their belief choices. Women were joined in public discussion with prophet and prophet's wives too. This condition was more progressive until last of Muhammad's life. In the thirteen century, Abbasiyah Dynasty was collapse because of its morality decreases (Waddy, 1987:293). Women's position became apprehensive, back to the Jahiliyah era again. This condition was not much change until now. Afterwards many women did a rebellion and movement for gender equity and equality struggling. These spirit thought out the feminisme in Islam.

Feminism and Islam had same opinion about rights and humanism. Islam always support independence of women (Hasan, 2004:116). We could find it in the Quran and Hadith. Not only for women, but also for all of human, included man. There were many verses that tell about gender equity principal in the Quran (Cholil, 2008:47), such as the equality of women and men's degree in Allah's sight (51:56), women and men had same opportunities to be ideal Muslim/ah (13:49), women and men were interdependent and complementary with each other (2:187). Every interpretation must be considered with equity gender principal (Barlas, 2003:13). If there were distortions of the interpretation, moreover about gender imbalance, so that was cruel action in the religion. Every place where Islam has been practice, culture and local wisdom has affected how it is interpreted. But, the dominant cultures in this world were patriarchal, and it could damage the wisdom spirit of Islam.

Islam Nusantara

Islam entered in Nusantara with peacefully, no compulsion and no hatred. Islam brought motto "*Rahmatan lil 'Alamin*", loves for universe. Islam always give attention for every Nation's problem with its wisdom (Musa, 2016:49). Although Islam is the biggest religion in Nusantara, but it always give a respect for every religion and multicultural. That is called as pluralisme. Because the core of the belief is respecting and loving each other. None of religion give a hatred doctrine to other religions. For making a respecting and loving sense, we must eliminate justification, stereotype and discrimination for each other. We have to understand that all of religions have same rights to be believed by each believer. When religion is used to be backing of every ideological interest, it will be self-justification for violation.

Islam Nusantara (IN) comes from Nahdlatul Ulama (NU) intellectual's claim that IN is the mediator in the many controversy of Islam and local culture relation (Luthfi, 2016:1). Not only for that, but also for Islam and every ideological controversy. Moreover, Islam Nusantara will be announced and promoted into international world because of its peaceful principal. Indonesia and Islam Nusantara can be made as role model of peaceful nation for world society. Islam Nusantara can melting in the every ideology, culture, and society because of its universal values. For campaign this principal, Islam Nusantara use eight approaches, they are Philosophy, Culture, Linguistics, Philosophy of law, Laws, Anthropological history, Philological history, and Sociological history.

Methods and Materials

The research strategy included Focus Group Discussion (FGD) and In-depth interview. FGD was conducted with the Malang Interfaith Women Alliance and Women Studies Center Brawijaya University, and the next one with two interfaith leaders (Islam and Catholic).

Questions in the FGD is related to religion, gender studies, problems and resolving, national integrity and Islam Nusantara. In-depth interview would sharpen problems and resolving about gender and religion from other religion perspectives (Umar, 2002:18). Comparisons were also made on each perspective to get a unity concept about Islam Nusantara.

Feminist Sisterhood

A unity of women in the world to struggle gender equality and gender equity is called feminist sisterhood (West, 2005:5). The spirit of this movement is to reach a better life for women and all of human. They want to return a natural law that every human has same position with all of differences : ethnics, races, religions, gender, etc. They want to be free to reach all of their dreams and to show their exintacy in public (Beauvoir, 1989:14). These true ideals in this ideology get many stereotype and justification from society. This issue is not surprised because society in the world is still dominated by patriarchal system. Feminist sisterhood want to break that false consciousness about domination and subordination by male order (Ainiyah, 2015:19). This conflict bring into hatred and suspicious among women's perspective. Moreover, those feels make women sisterhood always hate every men's ideas.

Now, the tendency of this ideology is changed. The main purpose of struggle is not about how to make women's position will be equality with men, but how to make men's position is under women (Chin, 2007:5). This ideology want to be winner in this universe. So, this ideology need another ideological counter, so distortions of the main purposes will be turn back into better life for all of human.

Masculinity Belief

The majority of male or men in this world will say that men's position is upper than women's position in every life sector (Chapman, 2014:3). They claim that this condition is natural law from God.

Moreover, many history said that God is a men. They are constructed by a long process of history and internalization in the society (Ahmed, 1992:70). They will feel more proper in the leadership and authority position. They have an authority to manage other gender. They believe that they can lead more effective than women. Because they have special characteristics to be more powerful than others.

Male order believe that the world and society will be better in their hand. Responsibility is the inevitability for them. They can do anything during they want to do it. These narcissism are constructed by culture and society in the centuries. This is seed of the patriarchal system that applied in the most of the world. Now, tendency of this belief is changed. The main purpose of their ideal is not to manage every sector to better life, but they want to apply political interest for their constancy position. This condition bring them into false consciousness to be authoritarian. Many cases about insulting of other gender that did by men, specially to women. There is no respectability for other gender because they think that every respect is just for men. So, this ideology need another ideological as a counter for a new better perspective.

Point of Agreement between Feminis Ideology and Masculinity Belief

If all of ideological perspective sides can minimizing their prejudice and hatred with each other, they will find about a core purpose of every difference. **Each of ideology has noble ideal about better life.** This is a point of agreement either feminism or masculinity belief. So, They must turn back into first ideal about **humanism**. If all of human can minimizing their egoism and they can throw off their political interest, feminist sisterhood will never doing rebellion or destruct morality norm or value. Moreover, masculinity belief will never doing oppression with other gender. Patriarchy and matriarchy will be two systems that will complement each other. All of these problems and

controversy are born from the lost of humanism value (Bandel, 2016:43). Whereas, all of ideology want to raise up human rights without destroying other rights. So, respecting to the human rights is the key of spirit that will controlling all of ideological perspectives.

Five Tenets of Islam Nusantara

Islam Nusantara have five tenets or principals that can be used for unifier all of differences in the civilization. They are :

1. No Discrimination

Discrimination is prejudicial treatment because of different categories of people things. Islam Nusantara always campaign to respect and understand for differences. Difference is natural law in the world. Every physical or ideological difference come from God, so that is no reason for unfinished controversy or conflict.

2. Respecting Human Rights

Human Right is a right (freedom) that is believed to belong justifiably to every person.

Human rights comed and gifted by God for every human. So, there is no one who have the authority to control each other. Islam Nusantara always campaign to respect and understand for human rights.

3. Moderate Universally

Moderat Universally is other name of "Rahmatan lil Alamin". That is Islam's principal that spread love for universe. So, Islam Nusantara always campaign about spread love for each other. Moderat universally means that Islam Nusantara always flexible and neutral. So, every human can used this value in the every life aspects.

4. Local Wisdom and Indegenization

Local wisdom and indegenization is all about knowledge, belief, understanding, and culture that establish in the society. Islam Nusantara was melting into local wisdom in every culture and society. Because of flexibility, Islam Nusantara can be applied in the every locality. Although it

can be applied in the locality, but its value and principal is suitable for globality.

5. Pancasilaist

Every verses or Sila in the Pancasila including all about everyday life aspects. They are about religion life, humanism, integrity and unity, society, rights, equality and equity. All of that is the values that integrated in the Islam Nusantara principals. So, there is no distortions or opposites about Pancasila and Islam Nusantara. It is National value asset that can be applied in the civilization life.

Islam Nusantara as Unifier for National Integrity

Islam Nusantara comes into Indonesia with peaceful value and humanism principal. All of ideology that improved in Indonesia must be controlled by Pancasila as National basic principal. Whereas, all of verses or sila in the Pancasila always considered about religion, humanism, integrity and unity. All of ideology that comes into Indonesia must to have a contribution to build the Nation and unify the society. Islam as majority religion in Indonesia give the new concept about Islam Nusantara. Islam Nusantara is representation about Indonesia itself. Islam Nusantara always respecting and understanding multicultures, respecting and understanding human right, and respecting and understanding every difference. Because of its universal ideal, Islam Nusantara always flexible for every social context and condition. Islam Nusantara is always neutral with its principals, so it can be entered in the every ideology as long as that ideology has purpose to make a peaceful world. Islam Nusantara is one of mainstay for better civilization, because Islam Nusantara can be unifier all of differences into National Integrity.

Conclusions

From results of discussion, the conclusion of this paper is : "Islam Nusantara is a concept that filled about humanism principles. Those principles are

included : 1). No discrimination, 2). Respecting human rights, 3). Moderate Universally, 4). Local Wisdom and Indegenization, and 5). Pancasilaist. Because of its flexibility and neutrality, Islam Nusantara can be melted into every ideologycal perspective, including gender ideology. Islam Nusantara can be unifier between feminism and masculinity belief into National Integrity with the turn back reform to the point of agreement, that is humanism value. The Difference is the natural reality. So, do not make it as reason for disintegration. It is asset that will enrich our life."

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