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HOW MILLENNIAL GENERATION FROM DIFFERENT ETHNIC GROUPS CAN PROMOTE INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION TO BUILD SOCIAL HARMONY

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Abstract

Social harmony is a cornerstone to build a multi ethnic county in this planet. Principals' understanding and skills pertaining to diversity are important in leading diverse schools and preparing all students for a democratic and multicultural society (Hernandez &Kose, 2012). This study aims to explore students' perceptions on intercultural communication practices to build social harmony at higher education in Indonesia. The study employed quantitative research under the paradigm of descriptive statistics revealing mean, standard deviation, percentage, kurtosis, Skewness followed by detail explanation of the statements given by the subjects. The subjects of the study were the students of English Department Universitas Negeri Makassar in 2019/2020 academic year. The instruments of the research were questionnaire and interview. The study therefore reveals that: (1) Results indicated that some positive behaviors of people from different ethnic groups need to be promoted, e.g., tolerance, mutual understanding, mutual respect, not demeaning people from different ethnic groups, etc., and (2) Results also indicated that positive stereotypes and inclusive behaviors become vital in building social harmony and peace in a multi ethnic country. The implication of the present study is that to build social harmony, solidarity, and solidity, Indonesia as a multi ethnic country which is inhibited by thousands ethnic groups, cross cultural competence and intercultural communication are vital capital among Indonesian people, especially for millennial generation to maintain in social lives.

Keywords: Intercultural Communication, Social Harmony, Higher Education.
