

Chinese-Indonesians must support #PapuanLivesMatter

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ABSTRACT

As we know that Indonesia has so many groups of people and cultures, because it makes us be one in Pancasila, which has meaning even though we are different but we are still one entity. But without our realizing, there are so many racists that we do by our own siblings, Papua descents. When there are demonstration about racism in U.S, it perfectly has an impact on the Papuan population as well. So in this time, we will discuss about the "PapuanLivesMatter" demo in Indonesia. (1) What provoked the demo aside from the giant wave # BlackLivesMatter United States? (2) Why do they think racism against Papuans does not deserve special attention? And then (3) Why do they say that comparing the racism experienced by African-Americans with that experienced by Papuans is ridiculous?

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INTRODUCTION

Racism is a form of community which is believe that there are groups of people who have different behavioral characteristics according to physical appearance, this can also mean discrimination or antagonism that shows others because they are from different races or can be the majority of a particular region. She defined racism as "the dogma that one ethnic group is condemned by nature to congenital inferiority and another group is destined to congenital superiority like a religion, a belief which can be studied only historically".

In addition there are races which are forms of community groups based on similarities in certain forms, this can be defined as a social construction in the United States where people are distinguished or identified by their skin color, language, and physical features. , and are classified and classified into different racial groups. The most prominent or visible racial diamerica are white and black groups, including refugees and immigrants, as well as biracial people who have "at least one parent who has been classified as a racial minority". Black people in the United States are quite a lot, because black people in America come from African-American descent who settled in America.

Black Lives Matter (BLM) is a movement that is a form of citizen protest against incidents of police brutality against African-Americans or more precisely black people. This organization is the largest organization such as Dream Defenders and Assata's Girls. This movement is an activist movement aimed at anti-racist advocacy and protest that was formed on July 13, 2013 or about 6 years ago. Location International (mostly in the United States) and of course this movement was of course formed by strong people like Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors, Opal Tometi. This movement began in 2013 starting with the #BlackLivesMatter hashtag on social media after the release of George Zimmerman in the shooting death of African-American teenager Trayvon Martin in February 2012, due to the many acts of police brutality in America that caused many people to kill Africans. nationally for street demonstrations.

This movement received international attention and made national headlines during George Floyd's global protest in 2020 after Floyd's death by police officer Derek Chauvin in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The appearance of the phrase "All Lives Matter" as a form of response to the Black Lives Matter movement was rejected because it did not fit the understanding of "Black Lives Matter" and there was also a hashtag formed by police supporters namely Blue Lives Problem, not only that but many more forms of response to rejection the organization even some civil rights leaders disagree with the tactics used by Black Lives Matter activists.

We think different skin colors are examples that we often see in Indonesian lives, where the whiter your skin color, the more people will praise you while the more your skin color, you will not be separated from bullying. As in the Miss Indonesia event, as we know, there are not many black people, so maybe at most only two black people can enter the event. This is in our opinion only a small part of the form of racism that is not seen in Indonesia, but currently no one cares, racism will become a daily habit.

Unconsciously we always differentiate people based on their skin type, for example in our government always choosing a member from the group with the same skin type as us. Punishment also becomes unnatural when dealing with certain groups of people such as Papua. This is the beginning of Papuans demonstration, and because they aware that facilities in Papua are far from the facilities in Jakarta or other cities in Indonesia. Papuans repetedly protested and the government just answered but they did not move at all, even though in Papua there are a lot of natural wealts that always be used by the government for business. If this problem continues, it is like that the

Papua will separate from Indonesia in the future just like the past events that Timor Leste voted for their own independence.

The giant wave of the #BlackLivesMatter United States campaign has now spread throughout Indonesia. A number of groups have begun to discuss racism in this country and have touched on a topic rarely discussed: racism against Papuans

For a long time, racism towards Indonesians of Chinese descent, also called Chinese, had dominated the national discourse on this issue. When someone says the word racism in the Indonesian context there is ups and downs, and racism has not completely disappeared. But progress has been made because we have discussed this issue openly. But this does not apply to racism against Papuans. Many people are not happy with the topic #PapuansLivesMatter.

PROBLEM

Based on our own opinion after reading the article, there is a problem between Chinese-Indonesian descents and ethnic Papuans. Where the Chinese-Indonesian think that racism in Papua is not appropriate to be resolved, considering there are so many other cases of injustice and racism in Indonesia. They think that what happened in Papua is not a result of racism but a fair punishment for separatists. But after the big wave that occurred in the US, it provoked demonstrations about human rights and freedom of expression in Papua. They used the #PapuansLivesMatter as a foundation in this problem, and it bombarded by spammers.

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DISCUSSION

Besides because of the wave #BlackLivesMatter in US, there is a problem that provoked the demonstrations about racism against Papuans and it is because this problem is related to many unresolved human rights violations there, like an incident that occurred five years ago where highschool students were shot dead during the protest in Paniai, Papua.

Others said that racism against Papuans did not deserve special attention given the number of other victims of injustice in Indonesia. At present, racism against Papuans is an urgent problem in Indonesia, and victims of racism against Chinese people. Indonesia still has a lot to combat racism against Chinese-Indonesians.

Many people say that comparing the racism experienced by African-Americans with that experienced by Papuans is ridiculous. They claim racism in the US is worse, so the problem in

Papua does not deserve the further discussion. But how can we know the actual problem there when freedom of speech has been muted in the provinces of Papua and West Papua. We cannot understand the gravity of the situation if we prevent Papuans from speaking and refuse to listen when they succeed in making their voices heard.

CONCLUSION

So the core of our journal is about racism that people don't realize, and about people who don't care about the demonstrations that Papua is doing. Believe that we have to care about all the racists in this world, right now it doesn't look important but what about the future. Many possibilities we will go outside our country, when we are abroad we will become a minority and when racism in that country has become a habit, it is possible that we will be exposed to racism. So start caring about racism that is happening in this world, because one step you will save you from injustice in the future and one step you will bring the next generation to a better life.

For the problems we discussed above, the solution is as a unity that lives together in Indonesia, we must be able to build a sense of tolerance towards the differences that exist between us. The community must begin to foster respect for the diversity of ethnicities and skin colors that exist in Indonesia. Discard racist traits to achieve mutual prosperity. Because basically our country is a Pancasila country which means different but still one, so we as the people of Indonesia must apply the teachings contained in every precept in the Pancasila.

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