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Inclusive Communities Through Religious Moderation Villages: Study of Literature

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Abstract.

Religious moderation is a concept that seeks to promote values of tolerance, affection, and inclusion among different believers in a society. This article aims to explain important aspects of modern society, as it encourages tolerance, respects diversity, and creates an environment that recognizes and respects religious diversity and provides equal opportunities for all individuals without any discrimination based on religion. The method used is the study of literature on the key topics of “religious moderation,” “inclusive society,” and “reliance freedom.” From regular studies, it has been found that inclusive societies, governments, religious institutions, educational institutions, and individuals have a responsibility to participate in efforts to promote religious moderation and build inclusive society. One of the steps that can be taken to form an inclusive society is the implementation of inclusive education approaches, interfaith dialogue, and cross-religious collaborative activities, which can help create societies that respect religious diversity, give equal opportunities to all individuals, and create a prosperous social order. In conclusion, the article emphasizes the need for cooperation to strengthen religious moderation and create an inclusive society based on the principles of solidarity, understanding, and mutual respect in order to disseminate moderate religious education by blending religious principles with universal human values.

Keywords: religious moderation, inclusive society, religious education, government policy, digital literacy

1. Introduction

Efforts to create condusiveness within the nation and nation, religious issues become sensitive. Therefore, the government’s commitment to making religions inclusive will create an inclusive system [1]. Religious moderation is a concept that emerges as an attempt to promote the values of tolerance, compassion, and inclusion between different believers in a society [2]. Religious moderation programs, often carried out by governments, private institutions and religious groups, aim to create a harmonious and peaceful environment for all members of society.

Religious moderation is an important aspect of modern society. It promotes tolerance, respect for diversity, and lives peacefully side by side among different religions [1].

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It is a necessary defense against violence and extremism associated with religious fundamentalism [3,4].

An important concept in religious moderation is to encourage the creation of inclusive societies [5-7]. Religious moderation aims to promote values of tolerance, respect and respect for religious diversity in a society [5]. In this context, the existence of an inclusive society refers to creating an environment that recognizes and respects religious diversity and provides equal opportunities for all individuals without any discrimination based on religion [5].

The importance of religious moderation in promoting inclusive societies can be seen from several aspects. First, religious moderation plays a role in alleviating conflict and enhancing interreligious harmony. By promoting understanding and appreciation of religious differences, religious moderation helps address the polarization and conflict that often arise as a result of interreligious misunderstanding and injustice. Second, religious moderation also contributes to building cross-religious cooperation to common goals. In inclusive societies, individuals of different religions can work together to solve social problems, promote peace, and advance common well-being [6,8,9]. This collaboration is reinforced by values of religious moderation that encourage brotherhood, mutual understanding, and an open attitude to differences. Religious moderation can be a foundation for the development of inclusive public policy [7]. In this context, policies that protect religious freedom, prevent discrimination based on religion, and encourage the active participation of all citizens are essential. Religious moderation helps create a safe and inclusive public space for all people, regardless of religious affiliation.

In implementing religious moderation to create inclusive societies, the role of various stakeholders is crucial. Governments, religious institutes, educational institutions, civil society, and individuals have a responsibility to participate in efforts to promote religious moderation and build inclusive societies. By promoting values of tolerance, consciousness, and respect for religious diversity, religious moderation helps alleviate conflict, build cross-religious cooperation, and shape inclusive public policy. With the commitment and collaboration of all parties, we can create societies that respect religious diversity, give equal opportunities to all individuals, and create a prosperous social order.

As an effort to promote the existence of inclusive societies through religious moderation, there are several steps that can be taken. The importance of adopting an inclusive educational approach in spreading an understanding of religious moderation [6,7,8,10].

Education that encourages tolerance, mutual understanding, and appreciation of religious differences can shape inclusive thinking from an early age. In addition, interfaith dialogue and cross-faith collaborative activities are also very important. Through open dialogue and mutual listening, an understanding of each other's religious beliefs and practices can be enhanced. Collaborative activities such as social activities, seminars, or interreligious workshops can also strengthen cooperation and build brotherhood between different believers.

Governments and related institutions also play an important role in creating policies that support religious moderation and inclusive societies. Policies that protect religious freedom, prevent discrimination, and facilitate the active participation of all citizens, regardless of their religion, will help create an inclusive environment [6,8,10,11]. Mass media can also play a role in encouraging religious moderation and the existence of inclusive societies. The mass media has the power to shape public opinion and spread information. By promoting objective preaching, giving room to different religious voices, and avoiding conflict-inducing narratives, mass media can be positive agents of change in creating inclusive societies.

Thus, in the face of the challenges and obstacles to fostering religious moderation and the existence of inclusive societies, strong commitment from all sides is required. Tolerance, mutual understanding, and respect for religious diversity must be values that are implanted in each individual and realized in actual action. Collaboration between religions, governments, educational institutions, civil society, and individuals is essential to achieving this goal. The importance of religious moderation in promoting the existence of inclusive societies is undeniable. Through inclusive educational approaches, inter-religious dialogue, supportive policies, the role of the mass media, and inter-party collaboration, we can create societies that respect religious diversity, accept differences with mutual understanding, and give equal opportunities to all individuals. By joint efforts, we can create an inclusive, harmonious and prosperous society. Therefore, this article provides an image that religious moderation is aimed at creating social harmony within the group of society so that it can be a sticker of unity in the construction of a nation by giving birth to an inclusive society.

2. Material and Method

This article uses a literature analysis approach as a method for collecting and analyzing data [12]. This approach involves searching for relevant sources, whether in the form

of scientific articles, books, research reports, or other documents [12,13] related to the topic of religious moderation and an inclusive society. The process of selecting sources is carried out to ensure that only relevant and high-quality sources are used [12].

The analytical method used involves the process of reading, identifying, and synthesizing information found in selected sources. The information is then analyzed systematically to identify patterns, themes, and findings that are relevant to the research topic [12]. This analytical approach makes it possible to develop a comprehensive understanding of religious moderation and the realization of an inclusive society based on relevant and verified sources [13].

3. Result and Discussion

3.1. Interfaith dialogue

A literary review of the importance of interfaith dialogue in promoting religious moderation reveals some relevant and important insights. The aim of the library study in this study is to explain the importance of interreligious dialogue in creating an inclusive environment, building mutual understanding and mitigating religious conflicts.

Some studies show that interfaith dialogue can play a key role in promoting religious moderation [5-8,14]. Through dialogue, people from different religious backgrounds can communicate with each other, share knowledge and experience, and create space for a deeper understanding of their respective religious beliefs, practices, and values [9,15]. It helps to break down the negative stereotypes, prejudices and fears that often arise from a lack of understanding and accurate information about other religions.

Interfaith dialogue also plays an important role in resolving religious conflicts and building peace [10]. Interreligious dialogue creates a space to speak openly, find points of encounter and find common solutions to emerging problems involving religious leaders, public figures and members of different communities. It fosters cooperation, tolerance and mutual respect, which in turn can help societies religious moderation. In addition, interfaith dialogue can make a significant contribution to building an inclusive and comprehensive perspective on social and political issues related to religion [6,8,15]. Through open discussion and mutual listening, interreligious dialogue encourages critical thinking, a deeper understanding of the needs and desires of society, and the search for solutions that take into account the interests of all parties. It laid a solid foundation for building inclusive, fair and harmonious societies.

Some literature also suggests that interfaith dialogue can strengthen unity in multicultural and multi-faith societies [5,6,8,10,15,16]. With globalization and increasing migration, people in different countries face the complex challenges of integration and living together [17]. Interreligious dialogue is a way to build bridges between religious groups, facilitate cultural exchanges and raise awareness of the rich diversity that exists. The importance of interfaith dialogue in promoting religious moderation is not limited to the individual level, but also has significant implications on the community and even the national level. Some studies show that countries that promote interreligious dialogue and facilitate inter-religion cooperation tend to have higher levels of tolerance, better social stability, and fewer conflicts [10,11,15,18]. In this context, governments, interreligious organizations and civil society play an important role in promoting and facilitating interfaith dialogue. You can hold regular meetings, discussion forums, seminars and other activities with representatives of different religions. Furthermore, training and information methods that promote mutual understanding, respect for diversity and inclusive values should be strengthened.

However, some challenges must be addressed in the implementation of effective interfaith dialogue. One of its main challenges is political, social and economic tensions that can affect the dynamics of dialogue [9,10]. Political conflicts or certain conflicts of interest may hinder the success of interfaith dialogue and prevent religious moderation [19,20]. It is therefore important that all parties involved in the dialogue abide by the principles of impartiality, fairness and transparency. In addition, the challenge is the gaps in the participation of different religious groups and their involvement in interfaith dialogue. Some religious groups feel underrepresented or neglected in the process of dialogue, which can create distrust and tension. It is therefore important to ensure inclusive participation, respect and respect religious diversity and give a voice to all stakeholders.

The importance of interreligious dialogue in encouraging religious moderation shows that interreligious dialogue plays a central role in building mutual understanding, mitigating religious conflicts, strengthening inclusive perspectives and building unity in multicultural and multi-religion societies. However, the challenges faced in the implementation of interfaith dialogue must be overcome in order to the objectives of religious moderation effectively and sustainably.

3.2. Moderate religious education

Individual views, attitudes, and behaviors towards religion and society are significantly shaped by religious education. Moderate religious education plays a major role in the process of creating inclusive societies [9]. Radicalism, extremism, and interreligious conflict can be defeated with a balanced approach to religious education that combines religious teachings and universal human values. Moderate religious education plays a multifaceted role in nurturing a comprehensive understanding of religion. To strengthen tolerant religious comprehension by instilling universal values present in all religions through a balanced educational approach. This helps society avoid fanaticism and appreciate the nuanced differences between various belief systems. Moderate religious education emphasizes fostering communication and dialogue among individuals from different religious backgrounds. By encouraging the exchange of religious insights and experiences, this educational approach reduces prejudice, enhances social ties, and promotes a deeper understanding of diverse doctrines and practices. It prioritizes personal development by aiding students in refining critical and analytical thinking skills. Examining religious teachings within their social, cultural, and historical contexts enables individuals to avoid narrow interpretations and cultivate a more inclusive and open-minded understanding.

Moderate religious education actively promotes social cooperation and tolerance among believers, guiding individuals to embody religious principles in their interactions with others. Through collaborative efforts in social projects and initiatives, such as humanitarian endeavors or poverty alleviation, it contributes to the development of friendly and cooperative societies. In conclusion, building an inclusive society necessitates the adoption of moderate religious education, which not only fosters tolerant understanding and healthy interreligious dialogue but also cultivates critical thinking skills and encourages social cooperation and tolerance, ultimately contributing to the construction of an inclusive, respectful, and equitable society.

3.3. Role of religious institutions and government

Religious institutions play an important role in promoting religious tolerance and building interfaith in society. Religious institutions such as churches, mosques, shrines, and other places of worship not only serve as worshippings but also as centers of spiritual, academic, social and cultural activities for believers of various religions [21-23].

The influence of religious institutions on religious tolerance and inter-religious aggression will be discussed in this article among other things: 1), encourage tolerant and inclusive understanding: Religious institutes can be very helpful in promoting tolerant, inclusive understanding of other religions. Religious leaders can spread messages about the values of respect, tolerance, and cooperation among religious peoples through sermons, lectures, and studies. They can implant the universal principles contained in religious teachings to create a friendly and harmonious society. 2), Encouraging Interfaith Dialogue: Religious institutions can serve as a place for interfaith discussion. They can host conferences, interfaith meetings, lectures, and other events that bring together people of different religions. By fostering interreligious understanding, removing harmful prejudices and stereotypes, and fostering closer ties and mutual respect among religious peoples, interfaith dialogue can help people gain a better understanding of other religions. 3), Creating Spaces for Collaboration and Cooperation: Religious institutions can create spaces for people of different religions to collaborate and collaborate in social, cultural, and humanitarian efforts [22]. They can plan joint charitable activities, social service initiatives, art and cultural events, and community development initiatives that invite representatives of different religions to participate actively. In addition to alleviating tensions and fostering inclusive gathering, this collaboration can strengthen social ties between religious communities. 4), Strengthening Religious Education Moderate Religious institutions also play a role in building religious education moderate [11]. They can offer religious education initiatives that give children the virtues of respect, harmony, and tolerance. Religious leaders can communicate a broad understanding of religious doctrines by avoiding extreme or limited interpretations.

Religious organizations can lay a solid foundation for diverse and open societies with the help of moderate religious education. Religious institutions play an important role in encouraging religious moderation and building interfaith between religious communities. Religious institutions can contribute to the development of tolerant, peaceful and respectful societies by encouraging interfaith dialogue, creating forums of cooperation, and supporting moderate religious education. Therefore, religious organizations should work together to encourage moderation. Religion is essential to building harmony and peace in society.

3.4. Political aspects in supporting religious moderation

Government policies are crucial in promoting religious moderation and promoting an inclusive environment in society [5,6,8]. All citizens are encouraged to participate actively in social, political and economic life through the implementation of such policies, which also strive to build interfaith and respect for religious freedom.

The Religious Freedom Protection Policy: Governments can make policies that defend religious freedom and respect everyone's right to choose and practice their religion. This is just one of a few government policy directions that can support religious moderation and encourage an inclusive environment. Protection of the rights of religious minorities, fair law enforcement against discrimination based on religion, and legal action against religious intolerance are part of this policy. The government fosters a friendly environment and respects religious diversity by implementing policies to protect religious freedom.

Moderate religious education policies can be made by the government for use in schools and other educational institutions. This policy may require the development of a curriculum that balances religious teaching with the fundamental values of humanity. Moderate religious teaching encourages inter-religious dialogue, appreciates differences, and teaches inclusive understanding. The government creates a young generation that understands other religions and is tolerant by implementing a moderate religious education policy. In order to encourage the active participation of all citizens in social, political and economic life, the government may adopt policies for empowering the religious community. The involvement of religious figures in the public decision-making process, the financing of social and economic programs for religious people, as well as the suppression of access to public services are some examples of such policies. Government encourages inclusive environment and interfaith cooperation by encouraging the participation of religious peoples.

The policy of dialogue and interreligious collaboration can be facilitated by governments by establishing forums, conferences, and inter-religion gatherings. This policy encourages communication, sharing experiences, and problem-solving cooperation between religious leaders and religious representatives. Governments provide opportunities for communities to develop understanding, mutual respect, and constructive cooperation by adopting policies of dialogue and interreligious cooperation. Thus, building a peaceful, tolerant, and mutual respecting society depends heavily on government policies that encourage religious moderation and encourage inclusion. Governments

can lay a solid foundation to encourage religious moderation and create inclusive societies through policies protecting religious freedom, moderate religious education, empowering religious peoples, and facilitating interreligious dialogue. Collaboration between governments, religious organizations, and society is essential to implement these policies and the common goal of fostering a peaceful and inclusive environment for all citizens.

3.5. Digital challenges in religious moderation

With the advancement of information and communication technologies, religious moderation faces new challenges in the increasingly sophisticated digital age. These difficulties affect how religious people engage and understand other religions. The spread of offensive content is one of the biggest obstacles to religious moderation in the digital age. It's easy to find content that triggers prejudice, intolerance, and religious extremism on social media platforms and websites [17,24]. This can lead to divisions and religious conflicts [19].

A person's understanding of other religions can be limited if it is only the point of view. It is important to consider how the filter bubble affects religious moderation. Jones et al. investigation revealed that the filter bubble could strengthen exclusive attitudes and prevent interreligious dialogue [15,25]. In terms of anonymity and the spread of hate speech, freedom of speech in the digital age often brings new challenges [17]. Many people spread messages that are intolerant and criticize other religions with anonymity [9,16,17]. A number of actions can be taken to address the digital difficulties associated with religious moderation.

Increase media and digital literacy. The ability to consume information critically and recognize information that is harmful to religious moderation should be nurtured in society. In order to enhance interreligious understanding and understanding, dialogue and interfaith mercy can be enhanced. To promote interfaith dialogue and to promote tolerance and respect for one another, there must be coordinated [26]. Enhance collaboration between government agencies and religious organizations to address current technological problems. Smith and Johnson's research highlights the need to build close partnerships between religious agencies and governments in developing strategies to combat the spread of negative content and hate speech in the digital space [7,11,15,25]. A greater understanding of the dangers of religious extremism and the values of tolerance in society is also needed. Public educational campaigns on religious diversity and the

value of creating inclusive societies can help limit the negative effects of technological challenges.

The main difficulties to overcome are the proliferation of harmful content, filter bubbles, anonymity, and hate speech. We can overcome these digital barriers and build inclusive societies by taking steps such as promoting digital literacy, interfaith dialogue, collaboration between religious and state institutions, and public campaigns.

4. Conclusion

The article underscores the paramount importance of religious moderation in fostering inclusive communities, addressing sensitive religious issues that resonate across entire nations. It highlights the transformative potential of religious moderation in propagating virtues like compassion, tolerance, and diversity appreciation. The overarching objectives of religious moderation, such as enhancing interreligious collaboration, mitigating conflicts, and cultivating peaceful environments, are emphasized. The article places a strong emphasis on the pivotal role of inclusive public policies and the active involvement of a diverse array of stakeholders, ranging from individuals and governments to civil society, educational institutions, and places of worship. Employing a literature analysis approach, the article systematically explores relevant sources to discern patterns and themes related to inclusive societies and religious moderation. The comprehensive findings and discussions delve into various aspects, including contemporary digital challenges associated with religious moderation, interfaith interaction, the significance of moderate religious education, the roles of religious organizations and government, and political dimensions. The article stresses the indispensable nature of interfaith communication in fostering understanding, resolving conflicts, and establishing peace. It identifies moderate religious education as a fundamental component for developing inclusive thinking, promoting interreligious dialogue, and facilitating personal growth. The importance of religious organizations promoting interfaith understanding, tolerance, and cooperation, along with supporting moderate religious education, is highlighted. The necessity for government policies that facilitate interfaith dialogue, protect religious freedom, support moderate religious education, and empower communities is underscored. Furthermore, the article addresses contemporary digital challenges related to religious moderation, proposing remedies such as raising public awareness through

educational initiatives, fostering collaboration between governmental and religious institutions, and enhancing media and internet literacy. The conclusion reinforces the collaborative nature of advancing religious moderation and creating inclusive communities, stressing the need for diverse stakeholders to work in unison. Integrating inclusive educational practices, interfaith dialogue, supportive policies, the role of mass media, and cooperative efforts is identified as imperative to constructing societies that embrace religious diversity, exhibit tolerance for differences, and provide equal opportunities for all.

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