
Analysis of the Character of Responsibility in Pacu Jalur Traditions

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Abstract- This study aims to analyze the character of responsibilities contained in the *Pacu Jalur* tradition in Teluk Kuantan, Riau Province. *Pacu Jalur* is a tradition that has been going on for a long time until now, which has become a characteristic and a pride for the Teluk Kuantan community which indirectly influences the lives of the local people. To collect this research data using qualitative methods with observation, interview and documentation techniques. Based on the results of the study it was found that in the *Pacu Jalur* tradition there are various characters/values that can be used as guidelines for people to behave in daily life. One of the characters/values contained in the *Pacu Jalur* tradition is the character of responsibility. The character of responsibility is illustrated from the initial preparation of the *Jalur* to the process of implementing the *Pacu Jalur*. Without responsibility *Jalur* in the process of making and during the process of implementing *Pacu Jalur*, the goals set will not be realized, in other words success will be difficult to achieve. This shows that the character of responsibility is very important possessed by each individual to achieve the goals set.

Keywords: Responsibility- Character- *Pacu Jalur*

1. Introduction

Communities in each region have a variety of different traditions according to the regional character of the community. One of the existing traditions is the *Pacu Jalur* tradition in the Teluk Kuantan community of Riau Province which at the same time portrays them as water people (Hamidy, 2004). The tradition of the *Pacu Jalur* has been going on for a long time now from generation to generation. Initially the *Pacu Jalur* tradition was aimed at celebrating Islamic holidays, but in its development the *Pacu Jalur* was carried out to commemorate the Republic of Indonesia's independence day which was held in August each year (Suwardi, 1984/1985). *Pacu Jalur* is an effort of several Tracks in a paddle race that is released simultaneously at the same time until reaching the finish line (Suwardi, 1984/1985), *Pacu Jalur* length ranges from 20-30 meters with a load of pacemakers between 40-60 people (Hamidy, 2004). Each tradition in the community contains inherent values in accordance with the character of the local community, as well as the *Pacu Jalur* tradition which contains characters/values that can be used as guidelines for behavior in daily life. The character values contained in the *Pacu Jalur* tradition are religious character, cooperation, responsibility, discipline, hard work, unity and unity, sportive and communicative (Marhadi & Erlisnawati, 2016; Aslati & Silawati, 2017; Erlisnawati, et al., 2016; Sari, 2017; Hasbullah, 2017).

This study aims to analyze the value/character of responsibilities contained in the *Pacu Jalur tradition*. Values are all things related to human behavior regarding good or bad as measured by religion, tradition, ethics, morals (Zakiyah & Rusdiana, 2014). Character is typical values that are imprinted on oneself and seen in their behavior (Koesoema, 2007), good character is doing the right actions in relation to one's self with others (Lickona, 2012). Good character according to Lickona (2012) has three interrelated parts, moral knowing, moral feelings and moral action. Megawangi (2009) has 9 character pillars: 1) Master's love and the universe and its contents, 2) responsibility, discipline, and

independence, 3) honesty, 4) respect and courtesy, 5) love, care, and cooperation, 6) self-confidence, creative, hard work, and never give up, 7) justice and leadership, 8) good and humble, 9) tolerance, love for peace, and unity. Character quality describes how a person is involved and behaves with the world (Bialik, 2015). *Pacu Jalur* as a tradition in the Teluk Kuantan community that has lasted a long time contained a variety of characters, one of which is the character of responsibility. Responsibility is the attitude and behavior of a person to carry out their duties and obligations as they should be done, to oneself, the community, the environment (natural, social and cultural), the state and God (Puskur, 2006; Mustari, ²⁰¹¹).

2. Methodology

This type of research is qualitative research. *Qualitative research is an inquiry process of understanding based on distinct methodological traditions of inquiry that explore a social or human problem, the researcher builds a complex, holistic picture, analyzes words, report detailed views of informants, and conducts the study in a natural setting*, Creswell (2016). The technique used is observasi, interviews and documentation relating to *Pacu Jalur*. This research was conducted in Teluk Kuantan, Kuantan Singingi Regency, Riau Province. The data analysis technique used is descriptive narrative data analysis, by narrating the research results obtained.

3. Result and Discussion

For the people of Teluk Kuantan, Riau Province, the *Pacu Jalur* tradition event is awaited thing every year. Ranging from children, adolescents, adults and parents will spill over during the *Pacu Jalur* event. *Pacu Jalur* as a community tradition in its form has its own characteristics and values. One of the characters contained in *Pacu Jalur* is a character of responsibility. The character/value of responsibility in the tradition of *Pacu Jalur* is seen from the participation of the community and members of the *Pacu Jalur* in the process of making the *Jalur* to the *Pacu Jalur*. The responsibility of the community at the time of making the *Jalur* can be seen from making voluntary material and moral contributions according to their individual abilities, willingness to sacrifice, participating in all activities without being asked. The responsibility of all members of the community in the making of the *Pacu Jalur* helps to complete the creation of the *Jalur* on time. Without responsibility the *Jalur* will not be completed, and the desired goal will not be realized. This responsibility does not end at making the *Jalur* alone, but until the *Jalur* follows the race. At the time of the *Pacu Jalur*, the participant as a person who has a role to control the *Jalur* is also responsible for the tasks they carry. The responsibility of "partisipan" can be seen from carrying out the tasks that become their responsibility, following *Pacu Jalur* in time, prioritizing common interests, participating in groups. Without an awareness of the responsibilities that become obligations, success will not be achieved. This illustrates that the awareness of the responsibilities held by the community members at the time of making the *Jalur* until the process of implementing the *Pacu Jalur* encourages the completion of the *Jalur* making or the achievement of the objectives set the *Jalur* is completed on time and ready to be used when the race is carried out. This means that by carrying out responsibilities properly the success of the stated goals will be realized, otherwise if the responsibilities are not carried out then the success of the stated objectives will be difficult to achieve.

Based on an analysis of the character of responsibility in the *Pacu Jalur* tradition, it is pointed out that the character of responsibility is very important to have in everyday life by every individual in social life, both locally, nationally and internationally. Character becomes an individual guide in displaying good behavior (Berkowitz & Bier, 2004). The demand to be accountable both to oneself, family, and society must be met by each individual (Eliasa, 2014) Responsible is human awareness toward

behavior or attitude either consciously or unconsciously. Responsible also means that to do something as a form of awareness towards their obligation. According to Lickona (2012) responsibility is an active part of morals including looking after oneself and others, fulfilling obligations, contributing to society, reducing suffering, and building a better world. The responsible value cannot be underestimated, because the form of responsibility can be directly seen both in the present and future.

Picture 1. Jalur in Run-Way



Source: Chanel Genpi Kuansing

4. Conclusion

The *Pacu Jalur* Tradition is an effort of several Jalur that are paddled and released simultaneously at the same time on the river until they reach the final stake or finish. This tradition has been going on for a long time until now which aims to commemorate the independence day of the Republic of Indonesia which is held in August every year. *Pacu Jalur* contained in the Teluk Kuantan Riau Province contained various kinds of characters, one of which is the character of responsibility. The character of responsibility is seen starting from the process of making the Jalur to the process of implementing the *Pacu Jalur*. Without Responsibility, the goals set will not be achieved in other words, success in achieving goals is difficult to realize.

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