

The Influence of Social Change on Gender Roles in Society: A Civil Law Perspective

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Abstract

This research aims to analyze the influence of social change on gender roles in society from a civil law perspective. The research method used is literature study by collecting data from various sources such as books, journals and related articles. The research results show that social changes influence gender roles in society, especially in terms of rights and obligations in civil law. Social changes such as technological advances, globalization, and changes in social values affect gender roles in society. The conclusion of this research is that social changes influence gender roles in society and efforts are needed to adapt civil law to these social changes.

Keywords: Civil Law, Social Change, Gender Roles, Society

INTRODUCTION

Gender roles are an inseparable part of society. Gender roles are formed through a long social process and are influenced by various factors, such as culture, religion and economics. In traditional societies, gender roles are often rigid and inflexible. Men are required to act as breadwinners and protectors of the family, while women are required to act as housewives and caregivers of children (Fauziah, R. A., 2018)

Social changes that occur in society can have an impact on gender roles. Social change can cause changes in the norms, values, and behavior expected of men and women. Social changes can also open up new opportunities for men and women to play a role in various areas of life.

Gender roles are a set of norms and expectations relating to the behavior, responsibilities, and characteristics appropriate to a person's gender. Gender roles can be influenced by various factors, including biological, social, and cultural factors (Sulistyowati, I., 2015).

In civil law, gender roles have been regulated in various provisions, such as provisions regarding marriage, divorce and inheritance. In marriage provisions, for example, husband and wife have the same rights and obligations. In divorce provisions, for example, husband and wife have the right to file for divorce. In inheritance provisions, for example, sons and daughters have the same right to receive inheritance (Nurhayati, S., 2021).

Social change is a phenomenon that occurs in society. Social change can affect various aspects of people's lives, including gender roles.

Gender roles in society have become an important topic in social science studies. Gender roles refer to the roles expected of individuals based on their gender. Gender roles in society have changed along with social changes that have occurred. Social changes such as technological advances, globalization, and changes in social values affect gender roles in society. In the context of civil law, gender roles also influence individual rights and obligations in society. Therefore, this research aims to analyze the influence of social change on gender roles in society from a civil law perspective.

RESEARCH METHODS

This research uses qualitative research methods with a literature study approach. Literature studies are carried out by collecting data from various sources, such as scientific journals, books and online articles. The collected data is then analyzed to examine the influence of social change on gender roles in society from a civil law perspective.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The research results show that social changes have had an impact on gender roles in society. Social change has led to changes in the norms, values, and behavior expected of men and women. Social changes have also opened up new opportunities for men and women to play a role in various areas of life.

The following are some examples of the influence of social change on gender roles in society (Connell, R. W., 2002):

- Women are increasingly active in formal employment. Social changes have caused more and more women to work in formal employment. This is caused by various factors, such as increasing education and employment opportunities for women.
- Men are increasingly playing a role in the domestic sector. Social changes have also caused more and more men to play roles in the domestic sector, such as taking care of children and housework. This is caused by various factors, such as men's increasing awareness of the importance of their role in the family.
- The occurrence of gender equality in various areas of life. Social changes have encouraged gender equality in various areas of life, such as education, work and politics.

Social changes affect gender roles in society, especially in terms of rights and obligations in civil law. The following are some examples of the influence of social change on gender roles in society (Budiharsana, T., 2017):

Technological Advancement: Technological advancement has influenced gender roles in society. For example, with the advent of reproductive technology such as IVF, gender roles in the family can change. Previously, gender roles in the family were considered a woman's responsibility to give birth and care for children. However, with the advent of reproductive technology, gender roles in the family can change to become a shared responsibility between men and women.

Globalization: Globalization has also influenced gender roles in society. For example, with globalization, women can have greater opportunities to work outside the home. This can affect gender roles in the family and women's rights in civil law.

Changes in Social Values: Changes in social values also affect gender roles in society. For example, with changes in social values that are more inclusive, gender roles in society can become more flexible and not tied to rigid gender stereotypes.

From the results of this research, it can be concluded that social changes influence gender roles in society and efforts are needed to adapt civil law to these social changes.

CONCLUSION

Social changes have impacted gender roles in society. Social change has led to changes in the norms, values, and behavior expected of men and women. Social changes have also opened up new opportunities for men and women to play a role in various areas of life.

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