

# INTER-ETHNIC SOCIAL INTERACTION FOR MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION STUDY IN THE COMMUNITY OF BAYAR JAYA VILLAGE

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## ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study is to find out the form of social interaction between Malays, Javanese and Karo, to find out the influence of social interaction between Malays, Javanese and Karo on conflict prevention in Bayar Jayavillage and also to find out the influence of social interaction between Malays, Javanese and Karo about conflict prevention in Bayar Jayavillage. inter-tribal government. social interaction in the prevention of ethnic conflicts in Tambang Jaya Village, Bahorok District. This type of research is qualitative descriptive research. Data collection techniques include interviews, documentation and observation. The data analysis technique used is qualitative descriptive. The results of this study show that the forms of social interaction between the Malay, Javanese and Karo tribes in Bayar Jayavillage are cooperation, competition, accommodation and assimilation. Among the Malays, Javanese and Karo tribes, the forms of cooperation that can be seen are social cooperation and cooperation. The form of competition can be seen from economic competition and competition in the administrative field. A form of settlement that can be seen from the existence of settlements and inter-ethnic practices in Bayar Jayavillage, Bahorok District. And this form of assimilation can be seen in the use of colloquial language between tribes in Bayar JayaVillage, Bahorok District. Social interaction between ethnic Malays, Javanese and Karos has social effects, namely positive effects that cause cooperation and negative effects that cause conflict or conflict. The government has a very important role in suppressing and resolving confusion that may arise from conflict through negotiation, mediation and mentoring.

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## Introduction

Education is an effort to nurture and develop human personality either in the spiritual part or in the physical part. There are also some experts who interpret education as a process of changing the attitude and behavior of a person or a group of people in maturing through teaching and practice. With

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education we can be more mature because education has a very positive impact on us, and also education can eradicate illiteracy and will provide skills, mental abilities, and so on. According to Prof. H. Mahmud Yunus and Martinus Jan Langeveld, education is an effort that is deliberately chosen to influence and help children with the aim of improving science, physical and moral so that it can slowly lead children to their highest goals and ideals. So that children can have a happy life and what they do can benefit themselves, society, nation, country and religion.

Humans are social creatures, where humans cannot live alone, from the birth of a new human being to death, humans always need others, because to fulfill social contact. In language, contact means touch. Contact occurs in the form of member contacts. According to sociology, the term social contact arises when a person or group of people is in a relationship with another party, which does not always have to be physical, but social contact can also occur through social symptoms such as speech. For the rest of the people on (phone.), reading letters, sending each other information via email, etc. So social contact can be interpreted as an individual or group action in the form of a sign that has meaning or significance for the perpetrator, and the recipient responds to the action with a recorded reaction. The person contacted can be primary or secondary.

Contact is considered primary when contact occurs through face-to-face meetings, such as shaking hands, smiling at each other, and others, while secondary social contact is when contact occurs through intermediaries such as telephone, etc. (Soekanto, 2012). Social contact is seen from its form, namely positive social contact and negative social contact. Social contact can be said to be positive if the form of relationship is more oriented towards a collaborative model. On the other hand, negative social contact is when a relationship that arises causes conflict, which can result in the breakdown of interaction (Haryanto and Nugrohadi, 2013).

Social interaction occurs. Communication is the existence between two or more people who have a relationship, providing mutual interpretation of the message conveyed by each person. Through the interpretation given to the behavior of others, the person manifests himself or herself in behavior as a reaction to the time given by the other party.

In communication, there are often various forms of interpretation of the meaning of something or the behavior of others, all determined by differences in social context. Communication can be interpreted as a process where there is mutual understanding between the parties who establish a relationship, and through this understanding the parties begin to realize behavior as a reaction to the goals or messages conveyed by the other party (Soekanto, 2012).

The uniqueness of human communication is not limited to the use of signs, but the words or sound symbols used in communication, which have the same and constant meaning. Linguistic symbols allow others to sense the other party's movements or voices. Who can give the impression that he is sad, happy, doubtful, accepting, rejecting, afraid etc. (Narwoko and Suyatno, 2007).

Communication features include:

1. Positive communication can be said to be if the parties involved in this communication work together because both parties understand each other's intentions or messages conveyed.

2. Negative communication, i.e. Negative communication is when the communicators do not understand each other or misunderstand the intentions of both parties so that it does not cause cooperation, but on the contrary causes conflict between the two (Elly and Usman, 2011). Their daily activities and needs cannot be separated from humans or other groups. These relationships are accompanied by social interactions in human life. Thinking about education, first of all, it is necessary to know two terms that are almost the same form and are often used in the world of education, namely pedagogy and pedagogic. Pedagogy means "education" while pedagogic means "educational science". The word pedagogos which at first means service then turns into a noble work. Because the meaning of pedagogy (from pedagogos) means a person whose task is to guide children in their growth to an independent and responsible area. The work of education includes many things, namely: everything related to human development. Starting from physical development, health, skills, minds, feelings, willingness, social, to the development of faith. In a simple and general sense, the meaning of education is a human effort to grow and develop potentials, both physical and spiritual, in accordance with the values that exist in society and culture. Education and culture exist together and advance each other. religious spiritual power, self-control, personality, intelligence,

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## Literature Review

In social interactions between individuals or groups, conflict is actually normal. If previously conflict was considered an unnatural phenomenon or phenomenon that had a negative impact, now conflict is considered an ordinary phenomenon that can have both negative and positive impacts. Conflicts in human life have become commonplace. Many define the meaning of conflict, just like the meaning of human life, it has many definitions and perspectives. According to Indonesia, conflict (KBBI, 2008) can be interpreted as dispute, disagreement, conflict, tension or dispute. Communication sometimes does not go as expected, conflicts can arise in the communication process. Alo Liliweri explained several definitions of conflict from various sources, namely conflict (Alo Liliweri, 2005).

The definition of conflict according to Gamble (2005) is a conflict between conflicting beliefs, opinions, values, needs, assumptions, and goals. Hocker and Wilmot (Gamble 2005) write that conflict can also be the result of inadequate communication, misunderstandings, miscalculations, socialization and other unconscious processes. This is in line with the pioneer of conflict resolution education, Morton Deutsch (Bunyamin Maftuh, 2005), who said that in a conflict, social interaction between individuals or groups is influenced more by differences than similarities. On the other hand, according to Scannell (2010), conflict is a natural and normal thing that arises from differences in people's perceptions, goals or values. Conflict arises from the mismatch of social processes. Conflict is also a kind of struggle for rare things like rank, status, power, authority, etc.

On the downside, people see the consequences of violent conflicts (such as wars, etc.), which often show both tangible and intangible damage and losses. Conflicts are often seen as traumatic and disrupt the stability or balance of people's ideals.

Conflict prevention is a series of activities to prevent conflict by increasing institutional capacity and early warning systems. (Law of the Republic of Indonesia Number 7 of 2012 concerning the Handling of Social Conflicts. The state, local governments, and communities carry out conflict prevention through several efforts, namely the following:

1. Maintaining public order conditions To maintain public order, everyone is obliged:
  - a. Develop a tolerant attitude and respect for each other's freedom of worship in accordance with their beliefs and beliefs.
  - b. respect the ethnic, language and cultural differences of others
  - c. recognize the equality and basic responsibilities of every person, regardless of ethnicity, origin, religion, creed, gender or skin color.
2. Development of a peaceful dispute resolution system Disputes in the community are resolved peacefully, prioritizing deliberation to reach an agreement. Thus, the results of the consensus negotiations are binding on the parties.
3. Reducing the potential for conflict The Government and local governments are obliged to reduce the potential for conflict in the community as follows:
  - a. carry out planning and implementation of development that pays attention to the wishes of the community.
  - b. apply the principles of good governance.
  - c. Implementation of peace programs in areas with potential conflicts.
4. Creation of an early warning system The government and municipal governments create an early warning system to prevent:
  - a. Conflicts in areas identified as potential conflict areas and escalation of conflicts in areas that do occur.
  - b. Expansion of conflict in conflict areas.

The early warning system can be in the form of conveying information about potential conflicts or conflicts in certain areas to the community. The government and the city are building an early warning system through communication tools. Governments and local governments use the following methods to establish an early warning system:

- a. Research and mapping of potential conflict areas.
  - b. Fast and accurate transmission of conflict-related information and data.
  - c. Conduct training.
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## Methods

This research will be carried out in Bayar Jaya Village, Bohorok District, Langkat Regency. The researcher took this location because it is in Bayar Jaya Village, Bohorok District, Langkat Regency because it is inhabited by the majority of Malay, Javanese, and Karo populations.

The samples taken were partly from ethnic Malays, Javanese, Karo and the local government. The Bayar Jaya Village, Bohorok District, Lalat Regency. The sampling technique used in this study is random sampling. So, the sample of this study consisted of multi-ethnic Malays, Javanese and Kars in Bayar Jaya Village, Bahorok District, Lalat Regency.

Instruments are measuring tools and will provide information about what we are researching (Sappaile, 2007). Research instruments are made for one specific research purpose that cannot be used by other studies, so researchers must design their own instruments to be used. The arrangement of instruments for each study is not always the same as other research because the objectives and working mechanisms in each research technique are also different. The tools used in this study are the main tools and supporting tools. The main instrument of this research is the researcher himself. Researchers as instruments can interact directly with informants and understand and evaluate various forms in the field. Meanwhile, the supporting instruments for this research are interview and observation guidelines.

### Data Collection Techniques

The techniques in collecting data and information in this study are as follows:

#### 1. Interviews,

Interview methods are systematic data collection methods with one-sided questions and answers, which are based on research objectives. The interview format used in this study is an in-depth interview method with general guidelines, namely the preparation of questions related to certain topics according to the metrics used in the research. This interview was aimed at Malays, Javanese and Karo who were the subjects of the research.

#### 2. Documentation

Namely, the data collection technique is in the form of collecting secondary data from archives collected as tragedies or documents by the Bayar Jaya village government during interaction and socialization about the peaceful conflict between the Malay, Javanese and Karo tribes in Bayar Jaya Village.

#### 3. Observation

In this study, direct observation was carried out and at the same time things that may be needed in the research were written. The researcher conducts observations mainly to check if there is information about the informant needed for the research.

Data analysis techniques All materials and information obtained during the research will be analyzed using qualitative descriptive analysis techniques to describe/describe all information obtained from the literature and informants in the field. To support this data analysis technique, the researcher makes appropriate interpretations, both grammatically and systematically, to try to understand the facts and draw conclusions.

## Result and Discussion

Cooperation is a joint effort between individuals and groups to achieve common goals. Cooperation usually occurs because of the existence of common interests or goals. The cooperation between the Malay, Javanese, and Karo ethnicities shows that the harmonious attitude between the Malay, Javanese, and Karo ethnicities in Bayar Jaya Village is well established. This can be seen from the fact that cooperation is still maintained in the daily life of the people in Bayar Jaya Village. As expressed by Fatimah who revealed that: "we always hold cooperation in the form of community service both at the Village and Hamlet levels. All residents participate in community service work to clean the environment together." (Interview, February 02, 2023).

The community reflects this life of cooperation by doing community service work to clean up the local environment. This was done by the people of Bayar Jaya Village as an effort to strengthen the bond of closeness between ethnicities in Bayar Jaya Village and as one of the efforts to jointly maintain the cleanliness of the local environment. This was also expressed by Edi Suyoto who said that: "By

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holding community service, it can bring all existing residents closer together, so that interaction can be well established and can make Bayar Jaya Village more comfortable." (Interview, 05 February 2023)

Through these activities, each ethnicity, both Javanese, Malay, and Karo ethnicity, can maintain inter-ethnic harmony in Bayar Jaya Village, because by jointly carrying out cooperative activities, it can maintain the bond of brotherhood between the three ethnicities. With the cooperation, ethnic Malays, Javanese, and Karo can also work hand in hand in building Bayar Jaya Village. In carrying out these activities, each ethnicity, both Malay, Javanese, and Karo ethnicities, is directly involved in carrying out community service, although sometimes there are some residents who only give their participation in the form of food assistance. However, this does not cause jealousy towards the community.



Picture 1.  
Cleaning the river

Accommodation between Malay, Javanese, and Karo ethnicities found that in general the accommodation in Bayar Jaya Village was running according to what was expected, in the sense that it was running well. This accommodation itself is more common because of compromise and tolerance between ethnicities. This can be seen in existing accommodations, such as in the fields of government, religion and culture. As expressed by Siti Aminah that: "We residents here always maintain friendship and respect each other. If there is an activity, always support by participating in those activities, such as activities made by the local government." (Interview, February 17, 2023) From this, it can be seen that there is accommodation in the government sector, this can be seen from the efforts of each Ethnic group who support the decision and also the work program of the Bayar Jaya Village government whose decisions and work programs are made by all Ethnicities

This was also expressed by Rusland who revealed that: "residents here always maintain friendship with each other. They respect each other in religious matters, for example, in religion we get in touch with each other, such as at Christmas we come to get together and that person also gets together during the holidays." (Interview, February 20, 2023) .In carrying out the daily life of the Malay, Javanese, Karo shows the existence of accommodation in the religious field in Bayar Jaya Village which can be seen from the religious activities carried out by the ethnic groups in Bayar Jaya Village, both Malay, Javanese, Karo and other ethnic groups, through this religious activity it can be known that there is tolerance between ethnicities in carrying out their religious rituals. As in the celebration of the third holiday, ethnicities stay in touch with each other to maintain familiarity with each other.

It was also revealed by Marinem that "Community members always maintain friendship and respect each other by participating in their activities, we come to celebrate as well as they on Islamic holidays to maintain each other's friendship." (Interview, February 22, 2023). Meanwhile, accommodation also occurs in the field of culture as seen from the culture owned by the ethnicity in Bayar Jaya Village. Every Ethnicity in Bayar Jaya Village holds a cultural party every year by uniting all Ethnicities in it, usually called a cultural party.

Social interaction is a relationship between individual to individual, group to individual, and group to group. Social interaction is a process between individuals and individuals, individuals to groups, or groups to groups in the form of activities based on norms and values that apply in society. Social interaction itself can be in accordance with existing values and norms if existing rules and values can be applied properly. If there is no awareness of each individual, then the process of social relations itself cannot function as expected. In daily life, humans certainly cannot be separated from their relationship with each other, they always have to look for other individuals or groups to communicate.

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This is because social interaction is the key to all social life. It is impossible to live together without communication or mutual communication. In the lives of individuals and groups, in the implementation of interactive relationships, there must be activities that influence and react to each other in people's life activities.

### **Conclusion**

Based on the results of the research that has been conducted, it can be concluded that social interaction between Malay, Javanese, and Karo ethnicities in Bayar Jaya Village runs harmoniously. Malay, Javanese, and Karo ethnicities live side by side with mutual respect and respect and need each other. The conclusion that can be drawn from the sub-problem in this study is that cooperation between Malay, Javanese, and Karo ethnicities has been going well until now.

Every ethnic group in Bayar Jaya Village always tolerates each other and helps each other in every way, each ethnic group has a high sense of social and mutual respect. The cooperation is established in the form of cooperation, labor and trade. Gotong-royong is undeniably a characteristic of the Indonesian nation that has been passed down from generation to generation, so its existence must be maintained. This pattern is a real form of mechanical solidarity in people's lives, so that every citizen involved in it has the right to be helped and is obliged to help, by

In other words, there is a principle of reciprocity. The competition between the Malay, Javanese, and Karo ethnicities is still in a normal stage, in the sense that the competition that occurs between these three ethnicities is still healthy without worrying about having an impact on conflict. The competition that occurs in Bayar Jaya Village includes economic and government competition.

The accommodation that occurs in Bayar Jaya Village is more in the form of compromise and tolerance. because the compromise that exists in Bayar Jaya Village occurs indirectly or unconsciously by the community and also the compromise that occurs will eventually give rise to an attitude of tolerance between ethnic Malays. Java, with the village of Jaya. The assimilation that occurred between Malay, Javanese, and Karo ethnicities in Bayar Jayavillage can be seen from the daily life between ethnicities in Bayar Jaya Village. In daily life, it is not uncommon for each ethnic group to use another language to adapt to the surrounding environment.

The social interaction that exists between the Malay, Javanese, and Karo ethnicities in Bayar Jaya Village for a long period of time will have an impact or results for the perpetrators. The positive impact that arises from the interaction that occurs between Malay, Javanese, and Karo ethnicities in Bayar Jaya Village is that it can create cooperation so that it can create social integration of the three ethnicities in Bayar Jaya Village. Meanwhile, the negative impact arising from the existence of social interaction between Malay, Javanese, and Karo ethnicities in Bayar Jaya Village can trigger conflicts or conflicts that will lead to divisions between ethnicities in Bayar Jaya Village. In reducing and resolving turmoil that has the potential to lead to conflicts, the government uses methods that are often used in conflict resolution, namely by conducting negotiations, mediation and facilitation. Third parties such as the government and outside parties who are not involved in the conflict will act as negotiators, mediators and facilitators.

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