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Middle Class Priyayi : Dillema in the Crossroad of Cultural Changes (Case Study of Lifestyle Changes Midle Class of Priyayi in Yogyakarta)

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Abstract: Cultural history and lifestyle of the middle class priyayis(royal family) Jogyakarta has been reviewed by many experts in accordance with the times, ranging from culture and lifestyle of aristocracy in the Dutch era, the era of independence up to the culture and lifestyle of the middle class priyayis at this time. Change the culture and lifestyle of the middle class priyayis, according to Sutherland (1975), Kartodirdjo (1985), Kayam (1989), Kuntowidjoyo (1990), Woworuntu (2010) and Wasino (2014) occurred because the middle class priyayis is not only associated with genetic or ascribe but also because of the achievements as well as the function of the presence of the priyayis in the governance of public life. This paper aims to examine changes in the culture and lifestyle of the modern middle class priyayis today. The research method used is phenomenological approach. Data were collected through interviews, participant observation and documentation. The result is a culture and lifestyle of the middle class priyayis in Yogyakarta no longer rooted in the philosophy of Java, but it has been mixed (blended) with pragmatic value. Some of its middle class priyayis no longer look at a lifestyle rooted in "Mesu budi" or emphasis on the value of virtue, but rather refers to the values of modernity. However, there is still a mostly middle class priyayis who still holds the values of Javanese philosophy, though not completely. In this case middle class priyayis facing a serious dilemma, is in the crossroad of cultural change between Javanese culture and modernity. These lifestyle changes happened because of his education, open access to information and internal fragility value priyayis difficult to sustain.

Keywords: middle class, priyayi, Mesu budi, cultural change, modernity,

RESEARCH BACKGROUND

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