

LAW REFORM

The law is still a cause for concern is a reflection of Indonesian President Joko Widodo's statement emphasizing the need for reform in Indonesia's legal sector. President Jokowi's statement indicates that efforts to reform the law must not recede and must continue to be fought for no matter how complicated and difficult it is, considering Indonesia is a State of Law. In 2023, something that is very urgent in efforts to reform the law is to design the right strategy and be able to reach legal needs at this time and in the future. The current problem is the weak morality and integrity of law enforcement officials in carrying out their duties as guardians of law enforcement. This fact makes our legal system in trouble. Therefore, it is necessary to prioritize efforts to reform the law.

St. Thomas Aquinas taught that the most basic moral commandment is to do good (doing good) and stay away from crime (stay away from crime). All law enforcement crises that occur in Indonesia are basically moral crises that result in decreased public confidence in law enforcement. Law is meaningless if it is not accompanied by ethics so that the quality of law is determined by the quality of morality. Other notes relate to issues that surround the legal field such as a judicial system that lacks independence and impartiality, justice that is often compromised, etc. These problems sometimes become obstacles to the establishment of the rule of law in Indonesia. Need efforts to improve the quality and ability of law enforcement officials who are more professional, have integrity, personality, and high morals are very important.

In 2022, according to a survey conducted by the Indonesian Survey Institute (LSI), the majority of people (31 percent) stated that the current condition of national law enforcement in Indonesia is bad. Meanwhile, as many as 29.9 percent of people feel that the condition of law enforcement in the country is moderate and 27.9 percent feel that law enforcement is in good condition. Public perception of positive law enforcement is getting weaker. Conversely, the perception of negative law enforcement is getting stronger in society (lsi.or.id).

Responding to the various legal problems above, the design of legal improvements that need to be implemented immediately is, first, consistent law enforcement and carrying out the teachings of the ideals of law (*Idee des Recht*) legal certainty, justice and expediency (Gustav Rabruch). Second, efforts to improve and emphasize the importance of moral integrity and professionalism of law enforcement officials. Third, realizing a judiciary that is independent and free from the influence and intervention of any party (politics and power). Fourth, organizing judicial processes against violations of the law in a fast, easy, cheap and open manner, as well as free of corruption, collusion and nepotism and handled thoroughly. Fifth, involve the participation of the community in the form of supervision and open the faucet of criticism for the improvement of the legal system.

Satjipto Raharjo said that people who behave well will make the law work well and vice versa, people who want to do evil will use the law as a tool to commit crimes (Satjipto Raharjo, 2009). The turn of the year 2022 to 2023 should not only be interpreted as Euphoria, but far beyond that, where we all hope that the improvement of the legal system in 2023 must be carried out seriously and continuously. The steps taken by the government, legal academics at universities, practitioners, legal experts, media voices, and public support to reform the law must not retreat an inch.

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