

Empowering Vocational Students: Developing a Culture of Legal Awareness at State Vocational High School 2 Temanggung

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Abstract

Juvenile delinquency problems, such as brawls, drug abuse, and cybercrime (including cyberbullying and online gambling), often involve Vocational High School (SMK) students, indicating low legal awareness (legal literacy). The purpose of this community service activity is to equip students as law-abiding citizens and understand the consequences of unlawful actions. The method used through interactive counseling and discussion. The material is focused on six crucial issues relevant to adolescents including Narcotics, Liquor, Bullying, Online Gambling, Brawls/Fights, and Legal Aspects of Protests. The results showed high enthusiasm from the participants and confirmation that the issue of Online Gambling and Bullying has high relevance for students. The implementation of the activity succeeded in providing effective educational interventions, as evidenced by the knowledge transfer that occurred. Furthermore, the program for Building a Culture of Legal Awareness has succeeded in instilling the values of legal compliance from an early age and significantly contributes to building a culture of legal awareness in the school environment.

Keyword

Legal Awareness, Vocational Students, Bullying, Online Gambling, Narcotics

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Abstrak

Masalah kenakalan remaja, seperti tawuran, penyalahgunaan narkoba, dan kejahatan siber (termasuk perundungan siber dan judi online), sering kali melibatkan siswa Sekolah Menengah Kejuruan (SMK). Hal ini menunjukkan masih rendahnya kesadaran hukum (literasi hukum). Tujuan dari kegiatan pengabdian masyarakat ini adalah untuk membekali siswa agar menjadi warga negara yang taat hukum dan memahami konsekuensi dari tindakan yang melanggar hukum. Metode yang digunakan adalah melalui penyuluhan interaktif dan diskusi. Materi difokuskan pada enam isu krusial yang relevan bagi remaja meliputi Narkoba, Minuman Keras, Perundungan, Judi Online, Tawuran/Perkelahian, dan Aspek Hukum dalam Aksi Unjuk Rasa. Hasil kegiatan menunjukkan antusiasme yang tinggi dari para peserta serta konfirmasi bahwa isu Judi Online dan Perundungan memiliki relevansi yang tinggi bagi siswa. Pelaksanaan kegiatan ini berhasil memberikan intervensi pendidikan yang efektif, yang dibuktikan dengan terjadinya transfer pengetahuan. Lebih lanjut, program Pembangunan Budaya Sadar Hukum ini telah berhasil menanamkan nilai-nilai kepatuhan hukum sejak dini dan berkontribusi signifikan dalam membangun budaya sadar hukum di lingkungan sekolah.

Kata Kunci

Kesadaran Hukum, Siswa Kejuruan, Perundungan, Judi Online, Narkoba

Introduction

Education is the main foundation in shaping the character and personality of the young generation who are responsible, in a general and simple sense Education is a human effort to awaken and increase the potential possessed both physically and mentally in accordance with the norms that apply in society and culture. Education and culture go hand in hand and support each other's progress.¹

Adolescence is often referred to as a phase of disobedience. During this period, a child who has just entered the puberty phase usually shows various emotional turmoil, withdraws from

¹ B P Abd Rahman et al., "Pengertian Pendidikan, Ilmu Pendidikan dan Unsur-Unsur Pendidikan," *Al-Urwatul Wutsqa: Kajian Pendidikan Islam* 2, no. 1 (2022): 1–8.

the family and faces many challenges both at home, at school, and in the environment where he lives and his friends. Mischievous behavior among teenagers today, as often reported in various media, has exceeded reasonable limits. Many adolescents and minors have been exposed to cigarettes, drugs, promiscuous sex, fights, theft, and are involved in many other criminal acts that violate social norms and face the law.²

As a concrete step to increase understanding of law among students, the UNIMMA Internship team together with the *Dhiyan Utama Law Office* held a socialization activity with the theme "Legal Awareness for the Young Generation" at SMK N 2 Temanggung. This activity was held because more and more young people are involved in deviant behaviors such as online gambling, drug abuse, bullying, alcohol consumption, brawls, as well as participation in demonstrations without understanding the purpose and applicable legal rules. Various news stories about students involved in brawls, students who get caught up in online gambling to the point of causing financial losses, and teenagers who are arrested for drugs, illustrate how vulnerable the younger generation is to breaking the law. Through this socialization, the UNIMMA internship team and the Law Office seek to provide a thorough explanation of the legal consequences of each action, as well as instill awareness so that students can become the young generation who are law-abiding, wise, and avoid negative behavior.

The purpose of organizing this socialization is to strengthen students' understanding of how important it is to obey the law and stay away from risky actions. Through this activity, it is hoped that students can be aware of the impact of each behavior, recognize which ones are in accordance with norms and which are violated, and develop a more thoughtful and responsible attitude in daily life. Therefore, this socialization serves as a preventive measure so that the younger generation avoids various behaviors that can harm themselves and others.

² Nunung Unayah and Muslim Sabarisman, "Fenomena Kenakalan Remaja dan Kriminalitas," *Sosio Informa* 1, no. 02 (2015): 121–40.

Method

This activity was carried out at SMK N 2 Temanggung on Friday, November 21, 2025. The method used in the implementation of this activity was carried out in the form of counseling and two-way interactive discussions between the resource persons and the participants. The stages of implementation of this counseling activity include

Preparation

The implementation team first sent a letter of request to the Principal of SMK N 2 Temanggung which included the purpose, the theme of the event “Legal Awareness”, the date of the activity, and the list of team members and speakers. The socialization material is then made in a simple way and relevant to problems that are often encountered by vocational school students, such as bullying, fights/brawls, narcotics abuse, online gambling, and protests. The material is arranged in a short and engaging PowerPoint presentation format, accompanied by handouts, pre-tests, and post-tests to evaluate students' understanding. The result of this stage is permits for the implementation of approved activities, predetermined schedules and locations, and ready-to-use socialization modules.

Implementation

The socialization event on Legal Awareness was held on November 21, 2025 at SMK N 2 Temanggung. The activity started at 09.00 WIB and continued with the delivery of material for approximately one hour. Speakers discussed six main themes: bullying, drugs, brawls, fights, online gambling, and legal aspects related to protests. The material is presented in a visual way and is equipped with case examples that are relevant to students' lives. The activity was closed with a question and answer session and discussion.

Results and Discussion

Socialization activities regarding legal awareness among teenagers were carried out at SMK N 2 Temanggung which was carried out on November 21, 2025. The implementation of socialization successfully achieved the set participation targets. The socialization was attended by approximately 450 students who showed full enthusiasm and support from the

school and students. This high participation rate is an early indicator of the program's success in reaching the right audience.

Legal awareness is the understanding that individuals have to obey and follow all rules or laws that are considered just and good (Figure 1). Educational institutions play a role in shaping the character and ethics of students to enforce discipline through legal awareness. Education has an important meaning for human survival as a place to invest human resources for the long term.³ At SMK N 2 Temanggung, many students initially did not know what legal awareness meant and how it was applied in daily life. Many of them think that the law only deals with the police, courts, or major criminal cases, so they are less aware that everyday actions such as bullying, brawls, online gambling, and participating in demonstrations without procedures are also included in the legal aspect. After receiving an explanation through socialization, the students increasingly understood that legal awareness means being aware of the rules, complying with existing norms, and being aware of the consequences of each action. They also begin to understand how important it is to be careful, responsible, and able to stay away from behaviors that can harm themselves or others.



Figure 1. Submission of Materials Related to Legal Awareness

The second topic is about Narcotics, as ingredients or drugs derived from natural or artificial sources, both synthetic and semi-synthetic, which can cause a decrease or change in

³ Mulyadi et al., "Kesadaran Hukum di Kalangan Anak Muda Pada Kasus 17 ABG di Bogor Diamankan Saat Hendak Tawuran," *Jurnal Media Hukum Indonesia* 2, no. 2 (2024): 220–25.

consciousness, eliminate taste, reduce or eliminate pain sensations, and cause dependence. On the other hand, psychotropics are substances or drugs, both of natural origin and those made synthetically, and are not narcotics, that have a psychoactive effect through a selective influence on the central nervous system that generates typical changes in mental activity and behavior. Furthermore, narcotics are substances or drugs sourced from plants or non-plants, whether synthetically or semi-synthetic, that can cause a decrease or change in consciousness, eliminate taste, reduce or eliminate pain, and potentially cause dependence, which are then grouped based on the categories listed in this law.⁴

In the socialization activity, the speakers provided information about the risks of drugs and their use which is only allowed for medical purposes and under the supervision of a doctor (Figure 2). It also explains the legal regulations contained in Law Number 35 of 2009 concerning Narcotics, which states that individuals who abuse can be subject to Article 127, while those who store, distribute, and act as couriers can be entangled in Articles 111, 112, 114, to 132, with the threat of imprisonment and significant fines. This explanation was delivered so that the students realized that narcotics are very dangerous and have serious legal consequences.

Speakers also provide information on the risks posed by alcoholic beverages, including the negative impact on health, possible dependence, and legal risks arising from its abuse. Explaining that the distribution and use of liquor is regulated through the Presidential Regulation and the Regulation of the Minister of Trade, including the minimum age limit at 21 years old. Students, especially men at SMK N 2 Temanggung, show high curiosity when discussing this issue, because they often encounter alcoholic beverages in their associations. With this explanation, it is hoped that students can be more aware that alcohol is not only risky to themselves, but can also result in legal problems if abused.

⁴ Anton Sudanto, "Penerapan Hukum Pidana Narkotika di Indonesia," *Adil: Jurnal Hukum* 8, no. 1 (2017): 137–61.



Figure 2. Delivery of Liquor-Related Materials

In the discussion about bullying or bullying, the students of SMK N 2 Temanggung showed a very large enthusiasm. They actively ask questions and engage in dialogue as the team explains the meaning of bullying, its various categories, such as physical, verbal, social, and cyberbullying, as well as the adverse effects that may be experienced by the victim. The team also informed that the perpetrator of bullying can face sanctions, both from the school and legal sanctions, according to the level of seriousness of his actions. The enthusiasm of the students showed that the issue of bullying is very relevant among teenagers and is important to understand well.

From the perspective of legal awareness, clashes and disputes are unlawful activities that can be subject to criminal responsibility for the perpetrators. The act violates the criminal norms stipulated in the Criminal Code, especially Article 170 (demolition), Article 351 (persecution), Article 358 (fighting), and Article 338-340 (murder) if causing casualties. Fights between students are one of the negative behaviors carried out by students. In the legal context, students, which is a term that is often used for those who are still undergoing education to the next level, can be categorized as immature children.⁵

⁵ Hendy Pinatik, "Tawuran Dari Sudut Pasal 170 dan Pasal 358 Kitab Undang-Undang Hukum Pidana," *Lex Crimen* VI, no. 1 (2017): 54–61.

Students of SMK N 2 Temanggung were given information about what a brawl is, the factors that often trigger it, and the consequences it can cause, such as physical injuries, damage to public facilities, and conflicts between student groups. The team also explained that brawls are not just a violation of school rules, but can lead to legal sanctions if they cause harm or harm to others. With this explanation, it is hoped that students can understand that brawls are risky actions and should be avoided.

Furthermore, in this session, the speaker also explained about gambling as an activity that deals with the luck of individuals who bet goods or a certain amount of money. This is a type of game where one has to make a choice from several available options, where only one of them is correct. If the choice taken is correct, then all bets will be the winner's right. Based on historical records, gambling has been around for a long time and has been a part of our society. In the past, gambling was understood as a form of game. This gambling activity, which is considered a game, comes in a variety of different forms and variations, as well as with different types of bets.⁶

Regarding online gambling, many students already know or have heard of this activity. We inform you that engaging in *judol* is a violation of the law because the system is designed so that players feel like they win at first, but in the end always incur losses. In addition to being financially harmful, title players can also be arrested by the police, especially if they act as admins or service providers. In this explanation, we explain the applicable legal rules, namely Article 303 of the Criminal Code which regulates gambling, as well as the ITE Law which can impose sanctions on those who run or support online titles. With this explanation, it is hoped that students understand that the title is not only harmful but also carries high legal risks.

Demonstrations are one of the important ways to express democracy in society and the state, serving as a forum for people to freely express their hopes, criticisms, and views. In Indonesia, the right to express opinions publicly is protected by the 1945 Constitution and various other

⁶ Maidin Gultom and Rizkinta Sembiring, "Pertanggungjawaban Pidana Pelaku Promosi Situs Judi Online (Judol) Melalui Media Sosial," *Jurnal Hukum* 6, no. 1 (2025): 32–41.

regulations, making demonstrations an inseparable element from social and political change at the national level. However, in practice, demonstrations can often lead to disturbances of public security and order.⁷

Another topic which can be categorized as a part of Juvenile Delinquency is Demonstration. Many students are influenced to participate in demonstrations simply because of the fear of missing out or following the trend without really understanding the purpose, as well as the rules. In this socialization, the speakers provided an explanation of what is meant by demonstration, and how the action should be carried out in compliance with the applicable law. The team emphasized that demonstrations are the right to express opinions, but they must be carried out in an orderly manner, not damage public facilities, not commit violence, and comply with the provisions of Law No. 9 of 1998. With this explanation, it is hoped that the students realize that participating in demonstrations should not be done carelessly.

Conclusion

This community service activity has achieved its goal of increasing legal understanding and awareness among students of SMK N 2 Temanggung. Through the counseling method and interactive discussions held on November 21, 2025, crucial materials regarding Narcotics, Liquor, Bullying, Online Gambling (*Judo*), Brawls/Fights, and Legal Aspects of Protests were successfully delivered to approximately 450 students. The high participation of students shows the relevance and urgent need for legal education. Substantively, effective knowledge transfer is evidenced by findings indicating that students now have a better understanding of the legal consequences of such actions, particularly on online issues and vulnerable adolescent associations. Thus, this socialization becomes an important foundation in instilling the values of legal compliance from an early age, contributing to the creation of a more law-abiding school culture, and equipping students as responsible citizens.

⁷ Alif Maulana, Daffa Avrilian Sardi, and Adil Abdillah, "Analisis Penggunaan Kekerasan oleh Aparat Polri dalam Pengamanan Demonstrasi: Perspektif Hukum dan Hak Asasi Manusia," *Jurnal Hukum Dan Kewarganegaraan* Vol 16, no. 1 (2025).

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