



A PARADIGM SHIFT IN EDUCATION FOR EDUCATORS INDEPENDENCE AND INNOVATION

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Abstract:

The purpose of this study is to deepen our understanding of paradigm shifts in education and the importance of adopting an independent curriculum as an innovative solution. Through in-depth research and discussion, it is hoped that this journal can provide insight and inspiration for education practitioners, researchers and policy makers to move towards a more relevant, inclusive and adaptive education. This research method uses descriptive qualitative research case studies at schools in the Probolinggo district. Paradigm shifts in education are becoming increasingly important due to world demands that continue to grow, both in terms of economic, social, and technology. The traditional educational model, which focuses on instruction-based learning and factual knowledge, is no longer sufficient to face complex and multidimensional future challenges. Paradigm shifts in education refer to fundamental changes in the way we view and carry out the learning process. Traditional paradigms that focus on factual knowledge, academic achievement, and teacher-centred learning have proven insufficient to prepare young people for a changing world. In the era of globalization and technological revolution, the need for 21st century skills such as critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, communication and digital literacy is becoming increasingly important.

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INTRODUCTION

Education is a strong foundation for the progress of a nation. In the ever-changing era of globalization, the need for an adaptive and innovative education system is increasingly urgent. The emergence of a new paradigm in education, such as the concept of "independent curriculum," offers a revolutionary approach in preparing young people to face the complexities and dynamics of the future (Sibagariang, D., Sihotang, H., & Murniarti, 2021). Paradigm shifts in education are becoming increasingly important due to world demands that continue to grow, both in terms of economic, social, and technology. The traditional educational model, which focuses on instruction-based learning and factual knowledge, is no longer sufficient to face complex and multidimensional future challenges (Muhammad Hasan, 2021).

In this context, the concept of "independent curriculum" has emerged as an attractive alternative. The independent curriculum places an emphasis on developing students' independence, giving them the freedom to organize and direct learning according to their interests, talents and personal goals (Hidayat, Dr. Rahmat, 2019). This curriculum focuses on developing 21st century skills, such as problem solving, creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, and digital literacy.

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becoming increasingly important (Rivai, 2009). Educational leaders and policy makers recognize that education must adapt to develop these skills, as well as shape the character, ethics and adaptability needed in personal and professional life. A paradigm shift in education involves adopting approaches that are more inclusive, collaborative, and relevant to the real world. This involves an emphasis on student-centred learning, giving them the freedom to explore their own interests, solve problems, be creative, and develop deep understanding (Kocarnik, J. M., Compton, K., Dean, F. E., Fu, W., Gaw, B. L., Harvey, J. D., ... & Dhimal, 2022).

It is also important to acknowledge the role of technology in this paradigm shift. Advances in information and communication technology have broadened access to knowledge, enabled customized learning, and facilitated collaboration and global connections. New pedagogical approaches must also take advantage of this technology to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of learning.

RESEARCH METHODS

In research that focuses on paradigm shifts in education for teacher independence and innovation, various appropriate research methods can be used to gain a deep understanding of this phenomenon. Following are some research methods that can be applied in this study using descriptive qualitative research (Moleong, 2020). The aim of this research is to gain an in-depth understanding of how this paradigm shift affects teaching practices and perceptions of educators. Participants in this study consisted of ten teaching staff from various levels of education and disciplines in several schools. Data collection was carried out through in-depth interviews and participatory observation in the classroom environment. Interviews were conducted using a structured interview guide designed to explore the views and experiences of educators related to paradigm shifts in education (Albi, 2018).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Paradigm shifts in education have become an increasingly relevant and important topic in dealing with the rapid changing times (Wahid, A., Naemuddin, R., Suhermanto, S., & Wafa, n.d.). The traditional teacher-centred paradigm and factual knowledge is slowly being replaced by a more student-focused approach, self-reliance, and 21st-century skills development. In this discussion, we will explain and further elaborate on the paradigm shift in education.

Understanding Paradigm in Education

Paradigm in education refers to the framework, principles, and assumptions that underlie teaching and learning approaches. The traditional paradigm, which mainly focuses on the teacher as a source of knowledge, has contributed to the development of education over the years. However, challenges and needs that arise in the modern era have prompted a paradigm shift (Permana, 2022). Change of Focus: From Teacher to Student One of the most significant paradigm shifts is the shift in focus from teacher to student. The new approach to education emphasizes the importance of building students' understanding and skills by actively involving them in learning. The teacher acts as a facilitator who helps students develop independence, creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration skills (Lutfi, M., Maula, R., Zainab, I., & Jazilurrahman, 2021).

Student Independence as the Foundation of Education, this paradigm shift places greater emphasis on student independence. Student independence involves their ability to take initiative in learning, organize and direct their own learning process, and develop problem solving and critical thinking skills. Student independence also involves developing the ability to manage time, set goals, and evaluate their own learning progress (Wangka, A., & Usman, 2016). Learning Center on 21st Century Skills, a paradigm shift in education has also emphasized the importance of developing 21st century skills. Skills such as critical thinking, creativity, communication, collaboration, and digital literacy are important in preparing students for future challenges and needs. New approaches to education try to integrate the development of these skills into the curriculum and learning experiences of students (Suhermanto, 2017).

Challenges in Paradigm Shifts Paradigm shifts in education do not come without challenges. These challenges include changes in the mindset and practice of educators,

curriculum reform, use of technology, and changes in how to evaluate and measure learning outcomes. Collaborative efforts and support from various education stakeholders are needed to overcome this challenge (Muali, C., & Qodratillah, 2018).

Benefits and Implications of Paradigm Shifts, paradigm shifts in education provide various benefits and implications. Students become more involved, active, and have high intrinsic motivation in learning. They develop skills relevant to the modern world of work, which enhance their career opportunities and adaptability. This paradigm shift also increases the satisfaction and motivation of educators, and enriches their experience in teaching (Sibagariang, D., Sihotang, H., & Murniarti, 2021).

The independence and innovation of educators

The independence of educators has a close relationship with a paradigm shift in education. A paradigm shift in education that focuses on the independence and innovation of educators is important to face the changing demands of the times. The following is the relationship between the independence and innovation of teaching staff and the paradigm shift in education (Kulsum, U., Suhermanto, S., & Sugiono, 2021a). In this paradigm shift, the independence of teaching staff is a key factor. The independence of teaching staff involves their ability to take initiative, develop innovative teaching methods, and adapt to changes that occur in education. Independent educators are able to identify student needs, plan relevant learning, and facilitate students in achieving their own learning goals.

Educator Innovation. Educator innovation is also an important element in this paradigm shift. In a new approach that focuses on innovation, educators are encouraged to create new teaching methods, utilize technology, and develop more creative learning strategies. Innovations in teaching practice enable educators to respond to students' needs and interests, create engaging learning experiences, and improve student learning outcomes (Maryani, 2010).

The Role of Educators as Facilitators. In this paradigm shift, the role of educators changes from being knowledge holders to becoming learning facilitators. Independent and innovative educators play a role in supporting and facilitating students to become independent in their learning. They create an environment that allows students to develop critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration skills. Through this role, educators direct students to achieve their own learning goals. Impact on Student Learning The independence and innovation of educators has a significant impact on student learning. In a more independent and innovative approach, students are empowered to take an active role in their own learning (Kulsum, U., Suhermanto, S., & Sugiono, 2021b). They engage in problem solving, critical thinking, working in teams and developing relevant 21st century skills. Students are also more intrinsically motivated and involved in learning, because they feel the relevance and meaning of what they are learning.

With the independence and innovation of teaching staff, a paradigm shift in education can be realized better. This independence and innovation bring about changes in the role of educators, teaching methods, and interactions between teachers and students. In an environment that supports the independence and innovation of educators, students have the opportunity to develop relevant skills and prepare themselves to face future challenges and needs (Mustadi, A., Zubaidah, E., & Sumardi, 2016).

CONCLUSION

A paradigm shift in education from a teacher-centered approach to one that focuses more on the independence and innovation of educators is important in dealing with the rapid changing times and diverse educational demands. The independence of educators plays a central role in this paradigm shift. This independence involves the ability of educators to take initiative, plan relevant learning, and facilitate students to achieve their own learning goals. The innovation of educators is also an important element in this paradigm shift. Innovative educators create new teaching methods, leverage technology, and develop more creative learning strategies to meet students' needs and create engaging learning experiences.

This paradigm shift also affects the role of educators, from being knowledge holders to becoming learning facilitators. Educators become guides and support students

in developing critical thinking skills, creativity, and collaboration. This paradigm shift has a positive impact on student learning. Students who experience a more independent and innovative approach feel more motivated, intrinsically engaged, and have the opportunity to develop relevant 21st century skills.

To realize this paradigm shift, support and cooperation from various educational stakeholders is needed, including educational institutions, teaching staff, students, parents, and the government. Training, curriculum development, and policies that support the independence and innovation of educators are also important to optimize this paradigm shift. He emphasized that the paradigm shift in education for the independence and innovation of educators brought about important changes in teaching and learning practices. This has a positive impact on students in developing their skills and preparing them for the future. The implementation of this paradigm shift requires commitment and collaborative efforts from all relevant parties to create an educational environment that is conducive to the optimal development of students.

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