

Government and Community Collaboration in Realizing Participatory Governance

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Abstract

Collaborative governance has emerged as an important approach in modern public administration to address complex governance challenges and enhance public participation in policy processes. The collaboration between government institutions and community stakeholders enables the development of more inclusive and responsive public policies. This study aims to analyze the role of collaborative governance in strengthening participatory governance and improving the quality of public administration. The research uses a qualitative descriptive approach through literature review and analysis of policy documents related to participatory governance and public sector collaboration. Data were collected from academic journals, policy reports, and previous studies discussing collaborative governance practices. The findings indicate that collaboration between government and community actors contributes significantly to improving policy effectiveness, enhancing public trust, and strengthening democratic governance. However, several challenges remain in implementing collaborative governance, including institutional barriers, limited stakeholder capacity, and unequal participation among community groups. Strengthening institutional frameworks, improving stakeholder engagement mechanisms, and fostering a culture of participatory governance are essential strategies to enhance collaborative governance in public administration.



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INTRODUCTION

In the implementation of modern government, community involvement in the public policy-making process is becoming increasingly important. A democratic government is not only characterized by the existence of a representative political system, but also by the active involvement of the community in the process of formulating and implementing public policies.

The concept of community participation in government is one of the important elements in good governance. Community participation allows the government to understand the needs of the community more accurately so that the resulting policies can be more responsive to public needs.

In recent decades, collaborative governance approaches have evolved as a new model in public administration that emphasizes the importance of collaboration between government, the private sector, and society in the administration of government (Torfing et al., 2020). This approach emphasizes that solving public problems cannot be done by the government alone, but requires cooperation with various stakeholders.

Collaboration between the government and the community can improve the quality of public policy because it allows for a variety of perspectives and interests to be considered in the decision-making process. With collaboration, the resulting policies are expected to be more inclusive and have a higher level of legitimacy in the eyes of the public.

In addition to improving the quality of public policy, collaboration between the government and the community can also increase public trust in the government. Public trust is an important factor in the successful implementation of government policies.

However, the implementation of collaborative governance does not always go smoothly. Many governments face various challenges in developing effective collaboration mechanisms with the community.

One of the main challenges is the difference in interests between the various actors involved in the collaboration process. These differences in interests can affect the effectiveness of the decision-making process in collaborative governance.

In addition, the capacity of government institutions in managing the collaborative process is also an important factor that affects the success of collaborative governance. Governments need to have the ability to facilitate dialogue between various stakeholders as well as manage conflicts of interest that may arise in the collaborative process.

Another challenge is the participation gap in society. Not all community groups have equal access to participate in the public policy-making process.

Nevertheless, various studies show that collaborative governance has great potential in improving the quality of governance and strengthening community participation in public policy processes.

Therefore, this study aims to analyze the role of collaboration between the government and the community in realizing participatory governance and identify various factors that affect the success of collaborative governance in public administration.

METHOD

This study uses a descriptive qualitative approach with a literature study method.

Research data was obtained from various sources of scientific literature such as academic journals, policy reports, and research publications that discuss collaborative governance and community participation in public administration.

Data analysis is carried out through the following stages:

1. Identify relevant literature
2. Classification of information based on the research theme
3. Interpretive analysis of the concept of collaborative governance
4. Synthesis of research findings to draw conclusions

This approach is used to gain a comprehensive understanding of the role of collaboration between government and society in governance.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The Role of Collaborative Governance in Public Administration

Collaborative governance provides a new approach to governance that emphasizes the importance of cooperation between the government and various stakeholders. This approach allows the government to involve the community in the decision-making process so that the resulting policies can be more responsive to the needs of the community.

The Impact of Collaboration on the Quality of Public Policy

Collaboration between government and society can improve the quality of public policy because it allows for a variety of perspectives to be considered in the decision-making process. This can result in more inclusive policies and have a higher level of legitimacy.

Challenges of Implementing Collaborative Governance

Although it has various benefits, the implementation of collaborative governance also faces various challenges such as limited capacity of government institutions in managing the collaboration process and gaps in participation in society.

CONCLUSION

Collaboration between the government and the community is an important element in realizing participatory governance. Collaborative governance allows the government to involve the community in the policy-making process so as to improve the quality of public policies and strengthen public trust in the government.

However, the implementation of collaborative governance requires strong institutional support, adequate human resource capacity, and an inclusive community participation mechanism.

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