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Abstract

Analyzing Ideological Debates During Preparation for Indonesia's Independence on The Dichotomy Between Religion (Agama) and Belief (Kepercayaan)

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Indigenous beliefs in Indonesia still face discrimination both from the government and the surrounding community and are categorized differently from other religions in Indonesia. If we had to delay the issue, we could see that the problem began during the BPUPKI session when Indonesia was preparing for its independence. During the session, there were many ideological debates that divided the BPUPKI committee into two blocs: the Nationalist and Islamist. This research uses David Easton's Political System Theory to analyze ideological debates. The study found that the ideological debates occurred during the BPUPKI session because both groups wanted a different and opposing state, and many compromises were made to unite them. However, it is important to note that the results of these compromises still serve as the basis for the ongoing discrimination experienced by believers of indigenous beliefs.

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