

AMERICAN LIFE'S RELIGION-BASED SARCASM OF AMERICAN SOCIETY TO MUSLIMS AND ASIAN CITIZENS

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Abstract

People in every nation have lives and beliefs that are distinct from those in other nations. It is one of the world's most populous nations, with 329.5 million people, just like America. Additionally, America is referred to as a developed nation worldwide. Christians, Jews, and other faiths make up the majority of Americans. However, Asian immigrants from Indonesia, Malaysia, and other nations are also present in this nation. In this nation, there are very few adherents to the Muslim faith. There is still a division of judging and oppressing one another to the point of sarcasm, and mutual respect for one another is still rare. This study, which employs the sarcasm theory, will eventually reveal the factors that contribute to American society's lack of respect for Muslims and their sarcastic behavior.

Key words: America life, religion in America life, sarcasm, tolerance.

INTRODUCTION

With 329.5 million people, America is one of the world's developed nations (Suprayogi & Pranoto, 2020), (Suprayogi et al., 2021), (Samanik, 2021). The country has made remarkable progress in education (Samanik & Lianasari, 2018), (Kardiansyah & Salam, 2020), (Fakhrurozi & Adrian, 2021) and industry (Aguss et al., 2021), (Erri et al., 2016). One interesting fact about American society is that Christians are the majority (Gulö, 2019), (Kuswoyo & Siregar, 2019), (Candra & Qodriani, 2019), and Christianity is the oldest religion in the country (Pranoto & Afrilita, 2019), (Suprayogi & Eko, 2020), (Nurmalasari & Samanik, 2018). In America, Christians and Jews make up the majority of the population (Abidin et al., 2022), (Kuswoyo & Audina, 2020), with very few Muslims (Gulö, 2018b), (Fakhrurozi et al., 2021). The First Amendment to the United States Constitution provides the legal foundation (Novanti & Suprayogi, 2021), (Kardiansyah & Salam, 2021) for religious freedom in the country (Amelia & Daud, 2020), (Al Falaq & Puspita, 2021), (Samanik, 2019). Seventy-one percent of the population of the United States is Christian (Kardiansyah, 2019b), (Sartika & Pranoto, 2021), according to (Afrianto et al., 2021). The level of tolerance in America is still very low (Wahyudin, 2018), (Mandasari & Aminatun, 2020a), (Ambarwati & Mandasari, 2020), but they are very

lenient regarding the freedom to make their own decisions in this regard (Samanik, 2018), (Kardiansyah, 2019a), and the government gives its citizens freedom regarding gender equality (Qodriani & Wijana, 2020), (Oktaviani et al., 2020), (F. M. Sari & Wahyudin, 2019). America S, the only colonizer from the mainland of the Americas was once colonized (Pranoto & Suprayogi, 2020a), (Pranoto & Suprayogi, 2020b), (Gulö, 2018a). Formerly a former British colony that has successfully won its independence on July 4, 1776 (Teknologi et al., 2021), (Mertania & Amelia, 2020), (Qodriani & Wijana, 2021). This independence was achieved after the US and Britain were involved in the American revolutionary war (F. M. Sari & Oktaviani, 2021), (Mandasari, 2016), (Putri & Aminatun, 2021). What causes this country to become advanced is because the United States has advanced Science (Journal et al., 2021), (Endang Woro Kasih, 2018) and Technology (Fithratullah, 2019), (Ahmad et al., 2021), (Cahyaningsih & Pranoto, 2021), the United States has sufficient and adequate Natural Resources (Asia & Samanik, 2018), (Qodriani & Kardiansyah, 2018), the United States has quality Human Resources (Muliyah et al., 2020), (Simamora & Oktaviani, 2020), the United States has a strong economic system (Mandasari & Aminatun, 2020b), (Mandasari & Wahyudin, 2019), (Afrianto & Restika, 2018). The main factor for the increasing Muslim population in the United States from 2010 to 2015 was migration (Oktavia & Suprayogi, 2021), (K. Sari & Pranoto, 2021). As many as 10 percent of immigrants who come to the America are Muslim (Gulö & Nainggolan, 2021), (Ahmad et al., 2020). Another major cause of the recent growth of Islam is the birth of Muslim babies (Kardiansyah, 2021), (Ngestirosa et al., 2020). The entry of Islam into America caused a lot of debate at first (Nababan & Nurmaily, 2021), (Fithratullah, 2021), (Setri & Setiawan, 2020).

This study will discuss the factors that contribute to divisions and the emergence of sarcasm toward religious differences in American society through research based on sources taken from various journals and other research as well as the sarcasm theory. Through this study, it is hoped that the reason why American society hasn't been more tolerant, especially toward Muslims and Asians, will be discovered.

LITERATURE REVIEW

This research is aimed at people who are still not aware of the sarcasm of the American community because of religion and the power of people from Asia. With this research, it

will help the community in terms of information related to life in America, especially related to religion there. America is indeed a very developed country than countries in Asia (Kurniawan et al., 2018), (Gulö et al., 2021) and this country has a strong enough economic sector to make its people live prosperously (Adelina & Suprayogi, 2020), (Budiman et al., 2021). However, there are still injustices against one another's beliefs, especially citizens who embrace religions other than Muslims (Aminatun et al., 2021), (Oktaviani et al., 2021). This research is also reviewed through several sources related to the history of religion in America, people's lives, and attitudes of tolerance in that country.

Cole, Thomas R. *The journey of life: A cultural history of aging in America*. Cambridge University Press, 1992.

In this study, it is stated that the oldest religion in America is Christianity. Of the 329.5 million population, the majority are Christians, 71% of the population practicing other religions. Besides Christianity, other religions in American society are Christianity, Judaism, Catholicism, and a few Muslims. Culture in America has enough freedom for every society. They are given the freedom to embrace religion, choose a partner, and determine their own life choices. In essence, in the discussion of this paper, the majority of religious life in America is led by a Christian community.

Weaver, David H., and G. Cleveland Wilhoit. *The American journalist in the 1990s: US news people at the end of an era*. Routledge, 2020.

In this research journal, this article discusses the life of American society. The economic sector plays an important role in the progress of this country. The majority of people's lives are minimally tolerant and respectful of each other. Life in America is classified as free, every citizen is free to determine their will to live, they are free to choose their respective beliefs, partners and make their life choices. However, the attitude of tolerance that is less often causes divisions in this country, including religious matters. American society will be very friendly when meeting with fellow races and religions, but besides that they will be sarcastic towards people who have differences from them such as citizens who come from Asian countries and embrace Islam, for example.

Rosenzweig, Roy, and David Thelen. *The presence of the past: Popular uses of history in American life*. Columbia University Press, 1998.

As a result of colonialism in the past, some Americans have an attitude of sarcasm. Because in ancient times they wanted to control Asian countries, so there was a split from Native American citizens against foreign nationals, especially from Asia. As a result of colonialism, the American people demonstrated for freedom for every citizen. However, with the freedom granted by the state government, it creates a new character in society, especially the lack of mutual tolerance and respect for differences.

METHOD

The meaning of sarcasm is the use of language whose meaning contains ridicule, satire, bitterness and bitter reproach, the language is harsher than irony and cynicism, expressing contradictory meanings. The theory that is relevant to the research theme uses the theory from Poerwadarminta. Sarcasm is an expression of anger or innuendo in the form of harsh words. W. J. S. Poerwadarminta explained that according to language, education is a noun which means the process of changing attitudes and behavior of a person or group of people in an effort to mature humans through learning and training. Through theory and research methods, it is hoped that it will find the cause of American society being sarcastic towards Muslim citizens and immigrants from Asia.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The United States is a pluralistic country consisting of many ethnic groups so that the culture there is so varied. The majority of the population there have ancestors who came from other countries. Greetings in the United States tend to be informal, just make sure you smile and call someone by their first name. If we are with friends, don't forget to introduce them to each other. Handshakes are common and a "Hello" is common to start a conversation. Americans tend to speak openly. Don't be offended by their words, because they basically don't like small talk.

Dinners in the United States tend to be casual and informal, so don't be surprised if you attend a banquet where the attendees are casually dressed. What must be remembered there is to start your meal when the host has invited you. People in the east tend to dress more formally than in the west. Students there tend to wear something comfortable and tend to be casual. If you attend a job interview or job interview, of course you still have to attend in more formal clothes. American life is very different from what you are used to. There the learning atmosphere tends to be relaxed and informal. In America, you shouldn't be

ashamed to ask. The campus staff is quite close to the students, where students are always encouraged to come to the office and discuss anything, from learning difficulties to personal problems. The majority of campuses also provide student societies and special services for international students. America is known for many things, but sports, music and the arts play an important role in the culture there.

The most popular sports in America are American football, baseball, basketball and ice hockey. The United States has won many gold medals and won various awards at the Olympic games. College sports also play an important role in American sports culture. Multicultural elements in America make a big contribution to the music industry, from pop, rock, jazz, to blues. The music industry in America is the second largest music industry in the world. Apart from music, art also plays a large role in American culture. You can find a variety of music theater, dance, performing arts, fashion to photography in America. Especially New York City, which is famous as a fashion center in the world. In New York there is also Broadway, known for its theatrical productions, which always tour the city. So, no matter where you study in America, you can enjoy the art of Broadway theater.

Before explorers from Europe came to the new continent of America to preach the gospel, Native Americans already had their own traditional beliefs. The beliefs of Native American people at that time were classified as animism and dynamism beliefs. The American Indians at that time believed in a supernatural power which they called Wakan Tanka. Indian tribes have a habit of performing religious ceremonies and rituals in their daily lives. The purpose of performing these ceremonies and rituals, among others, is to ask for healing for the sick and ask for rain. In the 17th century the Americas became a place of refuge for many people from the European continent to avoid discrimination and persecution on the basis of religion. These refugees in addition to adding to the ethnic and religious diversity in the United States also contributed to the development and early development of the United States. Noted several areas were built and developed by religious groups or by refugees victims of religious persecution, these areas include Massachusetts and Rhode Island built by the Puritans from England, the state of Pennsylvania built and developed by the Quaker congregation, the state of Maryland built by nobles Catholicism from England, and the state of Virginia formed by Anglican Christians from England.

Table 1. According to SINDONews of the religion in America life

No.	Name of Religion	Percentages
1	Protestant Christianity	71%
2	Roman Catholic Religion	10%
3	Christian sects	8%
4	Judaism	5%
5	Buddhist	4%
6	Islam	2%

The United States guarantees the freedom of worship and practice of religion for every citizen. This is stated in the first amendment to the United States Constitution which reads:

"Congress makes no laws concerning the formation of a religion or prohibiting freedom of religion; or restricting freedom of speech, or freedom of the press, or the right to peaceful assembly, and the right to petition for redress and complain to the government."

In 1979 the United States Human Rights Commission confirmed the meaning of the phrase religious discrimination. The right to freedom of religion is included in the human rights guaranteed by the government whose legal basis is stated in the state constitution. The United States Commission on Human Rights describes religious freedom as the right to or not to embrace a religion or belief. Religious discrimination occurs when someone refuses "equal protection under the law, equal status under the law, equal treatment in court administration, and equal opportunity and access to employment, education, housing, public services, and public facilities, and public accommodation for reasons of others. In 1878, the United States Supreme Court issued a rule against refusing a person to perform religious obligations as a reason to avoid criminal charges.

The United States House of Representatives passed a bill restricting the American president from imposing a travel ban on religious grounds. The move was welcomed by civil rights advocates as a major step forward. The law, informally known as the NO BAN

Act, came in response to former president Donald Trump's 'No Muslim' policy of banning travel from several Muslim-majority countries. The bill, which must also pass in the US Senate to become law, was approved by a 218-208 vote in the House on Wednesday. "The 'Muslim Prohibition' tore apart families, held lives for years and branded Muslims, Africans and targeted people as threats," said Madihha Ahussain, adviser to Muslim Advocates, a US civil rights group. , Thursday, April 22, 2021.

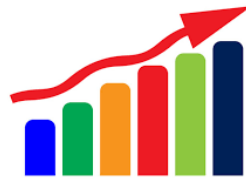


Figure 1. The grafik of religion in America life based on table 1

The US people are not used to the Islamic (Muslim) society as well as they are accustomed to Christianity, Catholicism, or Judaism, which have been in the US for much longer and have high visibility in the local media. However, this trend has begun to change in recent years. According to the Islamic Foundation, Muslims in the US had experienced a very difficult time when the events of September 11, 2001. The anger of the US people had led to intimidation, vandalism, demonstrations, which caused most Muslim families to feel afraid.

Fortunately, soon there was a wave of sympathy and solidarity support from the local community. What touched them the most was when students from other public schools, NGOs, and other religious communities offered to create a "human chain" with Muslims to protect their Islamic school. build, and Muslim housing and mosques. Only then did they realize that the majority of the American people were on their side. They were also helped by the statement by the Mayor of Chicago, Richard Daley, that the Government and the city authorities of Chicago would not tolerate acts of discrimination and intimidation against any ethnicity or religion.

CONCLUSION

Many Americans use sarcasm because they are unfamiliar with Muslim people. In point of fact, if they are accustomed to a Muslim society, they may respect one another. Bullying, which frequently takes place in the community around them, has also been regulated by the

American government. Religious sarcasm is the cause of numerous cases in American society. However, Americans still consider Asian countries with slanted eyes to be their enemies due to the fact that they rarely encounter them in their daily lives. So that sarcasm can be done anywhere and at any time, but with the new rules that the US government has put in place, it is hoped that religious and racial violence will lessen in the future and that people will live in tolerance and prosper in peace.

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