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The political stance of the Alliance of Concerned Citizens for Kemaro Island towards the Development Plan by the Palembang City Government for Kemaro Island.

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ABSTRAK

This writing discusses the Political Attitude of AMPPK (The Alliance of Community Concerned for Kemaro Island) to the Palembang City Government's Plan for Development in Kemaro Island. This study aims to find out how AMPPK's political attitude towards the Palembang City Government plan and how the factors behind AMPPK's political attitude towards the Palembang City Government's plan in the development of development on Kemaro Island. The main problem in this study is related to the problem of the policy concept planned by the Palembang City Government is not appropriate and this policy was taken without any contribution from the relevant parties. The data used in this study are primary data and secondary data, primary data through direct interviews with informants, while secondary data in the form of related journal articles. Data was collected through interviews and documentation.

The result of this research is to determine the political attitude of AMPPK (Kemaro Island Concerned Society) towards the Palembang City Government plan in developing development on Kemaro Island which expressly does not support the existence of the development plan on the grounds that the policy concept planned is not in accordance with existing historical facts and there is no contribution between the Palembang City Government and related parties who have an interest in Kemaro Island.

Keywoord: Political attitude, Community Social Movement, Government, City Development.

ABSTRAK

Tulisan ini membahas tentang Sikap Politik AMPPK (Aliansi Masyarakat Peduli Pulau Kemaro) Terhadap Rencana Pemkot Palembang Dalam Pengembangan Pembangunan Di Pulau Kemaro. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengetahui bagaimana sikap politik AMPPK terhadap rencana Pemkot Palembang dan bagaimana faktor yang melatarbelakangi sikap politik AMPPK terhadap rencana Pemkot Palembang dalam pengembangan pembangunan di Pulau Kemaro. Permasalah utama dalam penelitian ini yaitu terkait masalah konsep kebijakan yang di rencanakan Pemkot Palembang tidak sesuai dan kebijakan ini diambil tanpa adanya kontribusi dengan pihak yang terkait.

Data yang dipakai penelitian ini yaitu data primer dan data sekunder, data primer melalui wawancara langsung kepada informan, sedangkan data sekunder berupa jurnal artikel yang terkait. Pengumpulan data dilakukan melalui wawancara dan dokumentasi.

Hasil dari penelitian ini adalah menentukan sikap politik AMPPK (Aliansi Masyarakat Peduli Pulau Kemaro) terhadap rencana Pemkot Palembang dalam pengembangan pembangunan di Pulau Kemaro yang secara tegas tidak mendukung adanya rencana pembangunan tersebut dengan alasan konsep kebijakan yang di rencanakan tidak sesuai dengan fakta sejarah yang ada serta tidak adanya kontribusi antara pihak Pemkot Palembang dengan pihak yang terkait yang mempunyai kepentingan di Pulau Kemaro.

Keywoord: Sikap politik, Gerakan Sosial Masyarakat, Pemerintah, Pembangunan Kota.

INTRODUCTION

Attitude is a form of evaluation or emotional response. One's attitude toward an object can be a feeling of support or favoritism, as well as a feeling of disapproval or impartiality toward that object. Attitude consists of three components: cognitive, affective, and conative predispositions of an individual toward an aspect of their environment. The concept of attitude can be linked to politics, whereby attitudes can be expressed by individuals or various groups. Political attitudes can be interpreted as a readiness to act, perceive, or respond to political issues that arise, expressed in various forms. Examples of attitude can be seen when there are policies issued by authorities that elicit various reactions. Some accept them as they are, some express rejection, some protest subtly, some demonstrate, and some prefer to remain silent without any reaction (Sastroatmodjo, 1995, p. 5).

In 2023, the government of Palembang city planned to develop construction on Kemaro Island as a priority for the development of Palembang's flagship tourist destination, similar to Taman Wisata Impian Jaya Ancol, with the aim of restoring the identity of "Sriwijaya Grandeur" and the concept of "Sriwijaya Harbor" (Wulandari, 2021). Based on this plan by the Palembang city government, it generated a response from the AMPPK party. The AMPPK party consists of parties related to and those with interests in Kemaro Island. AMPPK stands for the Alliance of People Concerned about Kemaro Island, formed by individuals who are active on Kemaro Island, involving several elements such as Historians, Cultural Experts, Academics, and related parties with interests in land ownership on Kemaro Island (Allintani, 2021). The response to this development plan can be considered as a form of political attitude of AMPPK (Alliance of People Concerned about Kemaro Island) towards the Palembang city government's development plan on Kemaro Island.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Based on the political attitude studies outlined above, previous research serves as a reference for comparison, guidance, and a point of departure for the author. These include:

First, "Political Attitudes of the Red and White Coalition Towards the Policies of the Joko Widodo and Jusuf Kala Government" by Gia Noor Syahputra. This research focuses further on the political attitudes of the Red and White Coalition, which are part of the response to the political policies issued by the Joko Widodo government (Noor, 2015).

Second, "The Influence of Political Attitudes and Economic Status on the Implementation of the Political Rights of Citizens in the 2019 Presidential Election in the City of Jambi" by Khoirunisa. This research discusses the influence of political attitudes and economic status on the implementation of citizens' political rights in the 2019 presidential election in the city of Jambi (Khoirunisa, 2020).

Third, "Student Political Attitudes Towards the Implementation of the ASEAN Economic Community" by Aulia Alamsyah Napitupulu. This research aims to analyze the political attitudes of students towards the implementation of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) with a case study at the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, University of North Sumatra (Napitulu, 2018).

METHOD

The type of research utilized in this study is qualitative research. Qualitative research methodology involves the researcher describing and generating data in the form of recorded interview results, interview transcripts, written documents, as well as other unrecorded notes collected during data collection (Sugiyono, 2010). To strengthen the data, the researcher conducted interviews with relevant parties, thereby enhancing the findings of previous studies.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

In this section, the author will present the research findings, which consist of data obtained directly through interviews, documentation, and observations conducted with three informants: Mr. Vebri Al Lintani as the spokesperson of AMPPK (Alliance of People Concerned about Kemaro Island), Mr. Kemas Ari Panji as a representative of the Tourism and Culture Forum (Forwida) of South Sumatra Province, and Mr. Dedek Chaniago as the spokesperson for the descendants of Ki Marogan. The discussion in this research will focus on the political attitudes of AMPPK towards the Palembang City Government's plan for development on Kemaro Island and the factors underlying AMPPK's political attitudes towards this development plan.

Attitude, as something that determines the nature and essence, both of current actions and those that will occur in the future, is an individual's awareness that determines actual or potential actions in social activities (Ahmadi, 2007). A crucial aspect of societal political attitudes is the mental and nervous state of readiness, shaped by experiences that dynamically or directionally influence individual responses to all related objects and situations (Widayatun, 1999).

This research focuses on three attitude variables: Cognitive Attitude (Thought), Affective Attitude (Feeling), and Conative Attitude (Action Predisposition). Based on the understanding of these variables, the research results regarding cognitive, affective, and conative attitudes lead to the emergence of AMPPK's Political Attitude towards Palembang City Government's Development Plan on Kemaro Island. In the context of this research, AMPPK's stance regarding whether to support or oppose Palembang City Government's development plan for Kemaro Island is related to political aspects.

This is because everything on Kemaro Island concerns the interests of the community. Therefore, AMPPK exercises its right to voice concerns to urge the Palembang City Government to carry out development on Kemaro Island in line with the community's interests and objectives.

According to Mr. Vebri, the spokesperson for AMPPK, regarding Palembang City Government's development plan for Kemaro Island, AMPPK does not support the Palembang City Government's plan due to the lack of historical and cultural basis in the policies. He believes it is evident that Kemaro Island is embroiled in disputes from historical, cultural, and land ownership perspectives. By expressing opposition to the Palembang City Government, AMPPK staged a protest by holding a press conference at the Adat Palace of the Sultanate of Palembang Darussalam with involved members of AMPPK and invited journalists. Thus, the statements and outcomes of this press conference can be disseminated by journalists on social media platforms to convey the community's voice to the Palembang City Government, urging them to make decisions in line with the community's interests.

Similarly, Mr. Kemas Ari Panji, representing the Tourism and Culture Forum of South Sumatra Province and part of AMPPK, does not support the government's development plan for Kemaro Island. He stated that the government's plan lacks support, especially if the Ancol Theme Park is used as a model for the water tourism destination on Kemaro Island. The planned policy is also criticized for its lack of prior research concerning history, culture, land issues, and the impacts of the proposed development.

Regarding land ownership on Kemaro Island, Mr. Dedek Chaniago, the spokesperson for Ki Marogan's descendants, stated that the Palembang City Government's development plan was made without coordination with the Marogan family, the landowners of Kemaro Island slated for tourism development. This has caused disappointment and emotional distress among the Marogan family towards the Palembang City Government. The Marogan family prohibits the Palembang City Government from building a water park on Kemaro Island with the concept of Ancol Dreamland. Mr. Dedek Chaniago stated that the Marogan family will support Palembang City Government's development plan for Kemaro Island as a new religious tourism destination under Islamic principles.

He mentioned that the Marogan family will donate land on Kemaro Island to the Palembang City Government under the management of the Marogan family, the Indonesian Ulama Council, the Indonesian Waqf Board, the Indonesian Mosque Council, and ICMI (Indonesian Muslim Intellectuals Association). Furthermore, the Marogan family requests the Palembang City Government to develop Kemaro Island with religious tourism concepts, including the construction of the third Ki Marogan mosque, a boarding school, and an Islamic Center on Kemaro Island. If the government does not accommodate these requests, the Marogan family will sue the Palembang City Government through legal channels, backed by strong evidence of land ownership.

Based on the interview summaries with the three informants, it can be concluded that AMPPK's political stance towards Palembang City Government's development plan on Kemaro Island unanimously does not support the government's policy. They also urge the Palembang City Government not to continue any infrastructure development or activities supporting the development plan until historical and cultural issues are addressed, and direct coordination with the Marogan family, the landowners of Kemaro Island, is conducted. Additionally, they ask the government to assess the long-term impacts of the proposed development before proceeding. The factors underlying AMPPK's political stance towards Palembang City Government's development plan on Kemaro Island involve the government's lack of direction and adherence to historical and cultural facts, as well as the unresolved coordination issues with landowners, and the necessity for comprehensive future planning to avoid problems and negative impacts stemming from the development.

CONCLUSION

Based on the research findings, the author can draw the following conclusions:

- 1. AMPPK (Alliance of People Concerned about Kemaro Island) maintains a firm political stance against the Palembang City Government's development plan for Kemaro Island. This stance is grounded in clear reasons: the planned concept lacks a basis in historical and cultural facts, lacks consideration of the long-term impacts of the development, and lacks coordination with the landowners, namely the descendants of Ki Marogan.
- 2. The underlying factors influencing AMPPK's political stance are the reactive responses stemming from policies issued by the Palembang City Government regarding the development of Kemaro Island. These policies are perceived as lacking prior research. Therefore, AMPPK participates in providing input and offering solutions to the government concerning this issue.

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