

Demokrasi dan representasi politik dalam partisipasi calon perseorangan di pemilukada Kota Padang tahun 2013 = Democracy and political representation in participation of independent candidate in local election of Padang 2013

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Tesis ini membahas tentang calon perseorangan dalam Pemilukada Kota Padang Tahun 2013. Jalur perseorangan adalah cara untuk mewujudkan prinsip kesetaraan dalam politik. Calon perseorangan hadir sebagai solusi dari tuntutan masyarakat akan kecilnya akses politik bagi orang yang tidak memiliki afiliasi dengan partai politik. Hasil penelitian ini menunjukkan bahwa calon perseorangan dalam Pemilukada Kota Padang cenderung memanfaatkan jalur perseorangan untuk mendapatkan kekuasaan. Calon perseorangan juga tak memaknai jalur perseorangan sebagai media representasi politik yang menghubungkan mereka dengan rakyatnya.

Penelitian ini menggunakan teori demokrasi, khususnya yang menjabarkan fenomena defisit demokrasi. Selain teori demokrasi, dalam tesis ini juga dijelaskan konsep rekrutmen politik dan representasi politik. Dalam prinsip demokrasi elektoral, pemilu adalah instrumen utama dalam demokrasi sehingga kehadirannya perlu dipertahankan. Calon perseorangan hadir untuk melengkapi instrumen demokrasi itu. Teori rekrutmen politik yang menyatakan bahwa rekrutmen calon kepala daerah ditentukan oleh faktor popularitas calon dan kekuatan finansial calon. Teori representasi politik digunakan untuk melihat bagaimana para calon memanfaatkan isu politik sebagai alat untuk meraih dukungan

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