

Gender and corruption : finding common ground between the anti-corruption movement and women's movement

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Abstrak

In Indonesia women remain at the bottom of the social stratification. Corruption in the country only worsens their position. In order to abolish corruption, investigating and covering it should be a continuous social movement. In this process women are important actors because they are the major victims of political oligarchy and also because women generally have higher ethical standard than men. Corruption is not a victimless crime, because many suffer the consequences of it. Among those victims are women who are socially marginalized. As a result the anti-corruption agenda is in line with the women's empowerment agenda and thus women should be considered important in fighting corruption. The anti-corruption movement should become part of the democratic movement, as well as helping in the right for women's rights. Therefore the improvement of the measurement instruments and anti-corruption strategies should include gender indicators. At the same time, the women's movement must also support the anti-corruption movement, especially to resist the oligarchy that not only raises public resources through corruption, but also marginalizes women in various fields.