

Alasan Amerika Serikat mempertahankan keanggotaannya dalam North American Free Trade Agreement meskipun mengalami peningkatan defisit perdagangan dengan Meksiko (2004-2007) =Reasons behind the United States' Participation in North American Free Trade Agreement despite Its rising trade deficit with Mexico (2004-2007)

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Skripsi ini membahas mengenai alasan ekonomi politik yang mendorong Amerika Serikat untuk mempertahankan keanggotaannya dalam North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) meskipun terus mengalami peningkatan defisit perdagangan dengan Meksiko, salah satu anggota NAFTA. Penelitian ini adalah penelitian kualitatif yang bertujuan untuk memberikan penjelasan lebih dalam mengenai subyek penelitian. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa meski mengalami peningkatan defisit perdagangan dengan Meksiko, keikutsertaan Amerika Serikat dalam NAFTA dapat membantu Amerika Serikat untuk mencapai kepentingan ekonomi politiknya. Kepentingan ini terkait dengan upaya liberalisasi ekonomi agar dapat semakin kompetitif di dalam perekonomian internasional yang semakin ketat akibat globalisasi. Secara spesifik, upaya ini dilakukan oleh Amerika Serikat dengan meningkatkan relasi perdagangan dan investasinya dengan Meksiko sehingga dapat memanfaatkan sumber daya yang dimiliki Meksiko.

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