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Critical Analysis of Indonesia's Foreign Policy in Global Politics

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Abstract: Indonesia's foreign policy has become a topic of interest to many parties in recent years. In the context of increasingly complex global politics, Indonesia needs to have an effective foreign policy to strengthen its role within the international community. This study aims to critically analyze Indonesia's foreign policy in global politics. This study uses a qualitative approach with a critical analysis of Indonesia's foreign policy. The results of the study show that Indonesia's foreign policy has undergone significant changes in recent years, but there are several challenges that still need to be addressed. This study also shows that Indonesia needs to enhance its role in the international community through an effective foreign policy.

Keywords: Foreign Policy; Indonesia; Global Politics; Critical Analysis.

1. Introduction

Indonesia's foreign policy has become a topic of interest to many parties in recent years. This can be seen from various statements and analyses conducted by experts and observers of foreign policy.

FIRST, Indonesia's Role in ASEAN: Indonesia has played an important role in ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) and has become one of the most influential member states in the organization (ASEAN Secretariat, 2020).

Indonesia's Role in ASEAN; Indonesia's role in ASEAN can be seen from various aspects, including in the political, economic, and social fields. Indonesia's Contribution to ASEAN. Indonesia has made significant contributions to ASEAN, including in the fields of trade, investment, and security (Weatherbee, 2020). Indonesia has also played an important role in promoting ASEAN integration and enhancing cooperation between ASEAN member states.

Indonesia's Role in Building the ASEAN Community; Indonesia has played an important role in building the ASEAN community, including in the economic, political, and social fields (ASEAN Secretariat, 2020). Indonesia has also promoted the principles of democracy, human rights, and social justice within ASEAN.

Challenges and Opportunities; However, Indonesia also faces several **challenges** in fulfilling its role in ASEAN, including in the fields of trade, investment, and security (Murphy, 2020). Indonesia needs to improve its capabilities and capacities to face these challenges and take advantage of the opportunities that exist.

Opportunities for Indonesia; Indonesia has great opportunities to strengthen its role in ASEAN and promote its national interests (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, 2020). Indonesia needs to take advantage of these opportunities and increase cooperation with other ASEAN member states.

Thus; Indonesia has played an important role in ASEAN and has become one of the most influential member states in the organization. Indonesia needs to continue to improve its role in ASEAN and promote its national interests.

SECOND, Indonesia's independent foreign policy: Indonesia has had an independent foreign policy and is not tied to certain political blocs, making Indonesia's foreign policy

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attract the attention of many parties (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, 2020).

Indonesia's Independent Foreign Policy and not tied to certain political blocs, thus making Indonesia's foreign policy unique and different from other countries (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, 2020). Indonesia's independent foreign policy has become one of the main principles in Indonesia's international relations.

History of Indonesian Foreign Policy; Indonesia's independent foreign policy has begun since the early days of Indonesian independence (Sukarno, 1955). President Sukarno has emphasized the importance of an independent foreign policy that is not tied to certain political blocs. This policy has become one of the main foundations in Indonesia's international relations.

Indonesia's Free and Active Foreign Policy; Indonesia's independent foreign policy is also reflected in the concept of "free and active" which is one of the main principles in Indonesia's foreign policy (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, 2020). This concept emphasizes the importance of an independent and active foreign policy in establishing international relations.

Challenges and Opportunities; However, Indonesia's independent foreign policy also faces several challenges, including in the fields of security and economy (Murphy, 2020). Indonesia needs to improve its capabilities and capacities to face these challenges and take advantage of the opportunities that exist.

Opportunities for Indonesia

Indonesia has a great opportunity to increase its role in the international community with an independent foreign policy (Weatherbee, 2020). Indonesia needs to take advantage of these opportunities and increase cooperation with other countries.

Thus, Indonesia's independent foreign policy has become one of the main principles in Indonesia's international relations. Indonesia needs to continue to improve its independent and active foreign policy in establishing international relations.

THIRD, Indonesia's role in the international community: Indonesia has played an important role in the international community, including in the UN (United Nations) and other international organizations (United Nations, 2020). Indonesia's role in this international community has become one of the main priorities in Indonesia's foreign policy.

Indonesia's Contribution to the UN; Indonesia has made significant contributions to the UN, including in the fields of peace, security, and development (United Nations, 2020). Indonesia has also played an important role in promoting human rights and social justice in the UN.

Indonesia's Role in Other International Organizations

Indonesia has also played an important role in other international organizations, including ASEAN, the G20, and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) (ASEAN Secretariat, 2020). Indonesia has promoted its national interests and strengthened cooperation with other countries in these organizations.

Challenges and Opportunities

However, Indonesia also faces several challenges in playing its role in the international community, including in the fields of security and economy (Murphy, 2020). Indonesia needs to improve its capabilities and capacities to face these challenges and take advantage of the opportunities that exist.

Opportunities for Indonesia

Indonesia has great opportunities to strengthen its role in the international community and promote its national interests (Weatherbee, 2020). Indonesia needs to take advantage of these opportunities and increase cooperation with other countries.

Thus: Indonesia has played an important role in the international community and needs to continue to improve its role in the UN and other international organizations. Indonesia needs to take advantage of existing opportunities and strengthen cooperation with other countries to promote its national interests.

In the context of increasingly complex global politics, Indonesia needs to have an effective foreign policy to strengthen its role in the international community. Some of the reasons underlying this are:

First, Changes in global political dynamics: Global politics have undergone significant changes in recent years, including changes in the global power structure and the increasing complexity of global issues (Nye, 2020).

Second, Global challenges: Indonesia faces various global challenges, including climate change, poverty, and conflict, which require an effective foreign policy to address them (United Nations, 2020).

Third, Indonesia's role in the international community: Indonesia needs to increase its role in the international community to promote its national interests and strengthen its influence on global issues (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, 2020).

Thus: Indonesia's foreign policy has become a topic of interest for many parties in recent years due to Indonesia's role in ASEAN, its independent foreign policy, and Indonesia's role in the international community. Further research can be conducted to further understand Indonesia's foreign policy and its implications for the international community.

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Indonesia's foreign policy has undergone significant changes in recent years, but there are several challenges that still need to be addressed.

2. Preliminaries or Related Work or Literature Review

Here are several previous studies related to the topic of Critical Analysis of Indonesia's Foreign Policy in Global Politics:

1. Research on Indonesia's Foreign Policy. Research conducted by Sukma (2018) shows that Indonesia's foreign policy is influenced by internal and external factors, including national interests, regional dynamics, and global change.

2. Critical Analysis of Foreign Policy. Research conducted by Acharya (2019) shows that critical analysis of foreign policy requires a holistic and multidisciplinary approach, including economic, political, and social analysis.

3. Global Politics and Indonesia's Foreign Policy. Research conducted by Emmerson (2020) shows that global politics has a significant impact on Indonesia's foreign policy, including changes in the global structure, regional dynamics, and national interests.

4. Indonesia's Foreign Policy in the Era of Globalization. Research conducted by Weatherbee (2019) shows that Indonesia's foreign policy in the era of globalization needs to consider economic, political, and social factors, as well as increase its adaptability and responsiveness to global change.

5. Analysis of Indonesia's Foreign Policy in a Regional Context. Research conducted by Roberts (2018) shows that Indonesia's foreign policy in a regional context needs to take into consideration national interests, regional dynamics, and international cooperation.

6. Indonesia's Foreign Policy and the Role of ASEAN. Research conducted by Severino (2018) shows that Indonesia's foreign policy needs to consider the role of ASEAN in enhancing regional cooperation and improving Indonesia's position in global politics.

7. Critical Analysis of Indonesia's Foreign Policy in Facing Global Challenges. Research conducted by Chandra (2020) shows that Indonesia's foreign policy needs to consider global challenges, including climate change, security, and the economy, as well as improve its ability to adapt and be responsive to these changes.

8. Indonesia's Foreign Policy and National Interests. Research conducted by Fitriani (2019) shows that Indonesia's foreign policy needs to consider national interests, including security, economy, and politics, as well as improve its diplomatic and negotiation skills in improving Indonesia's position in global politics.

2.1. Limitations of Previous Studies

The limitation of previous research is that they have not specifically analyzed Indonesia's foreign policy in global politics using a holistic and multidisciplinary critical analysis approach. This study aims to fill this gap by analyzing Indonesia's foreign policy in global politics using a holistic and multidisciplinary critical analysis approach.

2.2 Novelty of the Topic "Critical Analysis of Indonesia's Foreign Policy in Global Politics"

This topic offers several significant novelties in the analysis of Indonesia's foreign policy in the context of global politics. Here are some aspects of novelty that can be identified:

1. **Critical Analysis Approach:** The use of a critical analysis approach in analyzing Indonesia's foreign policy allows for a deeper understanding of the dynamics of power, interests, and ideologies that influence the policy.

2. **Global Political Context:** Analysis of Indonesia's foreign policy in the context of global politics allows for an understanding of how global change affect Indonesia's foreign policy and how Indonesia responds to those changes.

3. **Multidisciplinary:** This topic requires a multidisciplinary approach involving political science, international relations, economics, and social studies to understand the complexity of Indonesia's foreign policy.

4. **Focus on National Interests:** Analysis of Indonesia's foreign policy in the context of global politics allows for an understanding of how Indonesia's national interests influence its foreign policy and how such policies can improve Indonesia's position in global politics.

Thus, this topic offers novelty in the analysis of Indonesia's foreign policy by using a critical and multidisciplinary analysis approach in the context of global politics.

3. Proposed Method

This study uses a qualitative approach with a critical analysis of Indonesia's foreign policy. This study relies on secondary data collected from various sources, including government documents, scientific articles, and research reports.

The qualitative and critical approach allows researcher to deeply understand the dynamics of power, interests, and ideologies that influence Indonesia's foreign policy.

Data and Sources of Data; This study uses secondary data collected from various sources, including:

- Government documents, such as policy reports and official statements of the Indonesian government.
- Scientific articles published in both international and national journals.
- Research reports conducted by research institutions and think tanks.

Data Analysis; The collected data will be analyzed using a critical analysis method, which involves:

- Text analysis to understand the meaning and context of Indonesia's foreign policy.
- Discourse analysis to understand how Indonesia's foreign policy is formed and influenced by various factors.
- Power analysis to understand how power and interests influence Indonesia's foreign policy.

By using appropriate research methods and relevant sources, this study can make a significant contribution to the understanding of Indonesia's foreign policy in the context of global politics

4. Results and Discussion

The results of the study show that Indonesia's foreign policy has undergone significant changes in recent years. Indonesia has strengthened its role in the international community through its membership in various international organizations, such as ASEAN and the UN. However, there are several challenges that still need to be addressed, including improving Indonesia's diplomatic capabilities and strengthening its role in the international community.

Critical Analysis:

A critical analysis of Indonesia's foreign policy shows that there are several weaknesses in the policy. Indonesia's foreign policy is still too focused on national interests and has not fully considered international interests. Moreover, Indonesia's foreign policy has also not been fully effective in increasing its role in the international community.

Critical Analysis of Indonesia's Foreign Policy in Global Politics

Indonesia's foreign policy has been a major concern in recent years. A critical analysis of Indonesia's foreign policy shows that there are several weaknesses in the policy. Indonesia's foreign policy is still too focused on national interests and has not fully considered international interests (Sukma, 2018).

In addition, Indonesia's foreign policy has also not been fully effective in increasing its role in the international community. This can be seen from Indonesia's lack of participation in several international forums and Indonesia's lack of contribution in solving global problems (Acharya, 2019).

Limitations of Indonesia's Foreign Policy

The limitations of Indonesia's foreign policy can also be seen from Indonesia's lack of ability to deal with global change. Indonesia is still too reactive in dealing with global change and has not been fully proactive in shaping the global agenda (Emmerson, 2020).

In addition, Indonesia's foreign policy has not fully considered the interests of civil society and the private sector. This can be seen from the lack of participation of civil society and the private sector in the foreign policy-making process (Weatherbee, 2019).

Indonesia's Role in the International Community

Indonesia's role in the international community is also still limited. Indonesia has not fully played its role as a regional and global leader. This can be seen from Indonesia's lack of contribution in solving global problems and Indonesia's lack of participation in several international forums (Roberts, 2018).

However, Indonesia has great potential to play its role in the international community. Indonesia can strengthen its role by improving its diplomatic and negotiation skills, as well as increasing cooperation with other countries (Severino, 2018).

Improving Diplomatic and Negotiation Skills

Improving diplomatic and negotiation skills is very important for Indonesia to strengthen its role in the international community. Indonesia can improve its diplomatic and negotiation skills by improving diplomatic knowledge and capabilities, as well as improving its ability to deal with global change (Chandra, 2020).

In addition, Indonesia can also increase cooperation with other countries to strengthen its role in the international community. Indonesia can increase cooperation with other countries through bilateral and multilateral cooperation, and by actively participating in international forums (Fitriani, 2019).

Examples of Indonesian Foreign Policy

An example of Indonesia's less effective foreign policy is Indonesia's policy in dealing with global change. Indonesia is still too reactive in dealing with global change and has not been fully proactive in shaping the global agenda (Emmerson, 2020).

In addition, an example of Indonesia's foreign policy that has not fully considered international interests is Indonesia's policy in international trade. Indonesia is still too focused on national interests and has not fully considered international interests in international trade (Sukma, 2018).

Power Dynamics

Power dynamics play an important role in Indonesia's foreign policy. Power can influence foreign policy in various ways, including through the policy-making process, domestic political dynamics, and international relations (Foucault, 2019). For example, Indonesia's foreign policy during the New Order era was influenced by strong authoritarian power centered on the president (Sukma, 2018).

National Interests

National interests also play an important role in Indonesia's foreign policy. National interest can influence foreign policy in various ways, including through policy priorities, resource allocation, and diplomatic strategies (Gilpin, 2018). For example, Indonesia's foreign policy in international trade is influenced by its national interests to increase economic growth and improve people's welfare (Fitriani, 2019).

Ideology

Ideology also plays an important role in Indonesia's foreign policy. Ideology can influence foreign policy in various ways, including through the formation of national identity, worldview, and diplomatic strategies (Acharya, 2019). For example, Indonesia's foreign policy in the reform era was influenced by the democratic and liberal values emphasizing on the importance of freedom, human rights, and democracy (Emmerson, 2020).

Interaction Between Power, Interests, and Ideology

The interaction between power, interests, and ideology can influence Indonesia's foreign policy in various ways. This interaction can shape a complex and dynamic foreign policy and affect Indonesia's ability to face global change (Weatherbee, 2019). For example, Indonesia's foreign policy in facing global change is influenced by the interaction between power, interests, and ideology that is complex and dynamic (Roberts, 2018).

Power Dynamics in Foreign Policy

The dynamics of power in Indonesia's foreign policy can affect Indonesia's ability to face global change. Power dynamics can shape reactive or proactive foreign policy and affect Indonesia's ability to strengthen its role in the international community (Severino, 2018). For example, Indonesia's foreign policy in facing global change in the Jokowi era is influenced by

power dynamics that are more proactive and oriented towards national interests (Chandra, 2020).

National Interests in Foreign Policy

National interests in Indonesia's foreign policy can influence policy priorities and resource allocation. National interests can shape foreign policy that focuses on economic growth, security, and public welfare (Gilpin, 2018). For example, Indonesia's foreign policy in international trade is influenced by national interests to increase economic growth and improve public welfare (Fitriani, 2019).

Ideology in Foreign Policy

Ideology in Indonesia's foreign policy can influence the formation of national identity and worldview. Ideology can shape foreign policy that emphasizes the importance of freedom, human rights, and democracy (Acharya, 2019). For example, Indonesia's foreign policy in the reform era was influenced by democratic and liberal ideals that emphasize the importance of individual freedoms, human rights, and democracy (Emmerson, 2020).

Indonesian Foreign Policy in a Global Context

Indonesia's foreign policy in a global context can influence Indonesia's ability to face global change. Indonesia's foreign policy can shape its role in the international community and influence Indonesia's ability to improve people's welfare (Weatherbee, 2019). For example, Indonesia's foreign policy in facing global change is influenced by Indonesia's ability to strengthen its role in the international community and improve people's welfare (Roberts, 2018).

Conclusions

In conclusion, a critical analysis of Indonesia's foreign policy shows that there are several weaknesses in the policy. Indonesia's foreign policy remains overly focused on national interests and has yet to fully consider international interests. Therefore, Indonesia must improve its diplomatic and negotiation skills, as well as increase cooperation with other countries to increase its role in the international community.

Furthermore, the dynamics of power, interest, and ideology play a crucial role in shaping Indonesia's foreign policy. The interaction between power, interests, and ideology can form a complex and dynamic foreign policy, significantly affecting Indonesia's ability to face global change.

This study shows that Indonesia's foreign policy has undergone significant changes in recent years. However, there are several challenges that still need to be addressed. To strengthen its global presence, Indonesia must pursue a more effective and responsive foreign policy. This study also shows that a critical approach to analyzing Indonesia's foreign policy can help understand the strengths and weaknesses of the policy, contributing to a deeper understanding of how Indonesia can navigate the complexities of global politics.

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