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## **Political participation of street vendors and Government officials (Study in Pontianak City Indonesia)**

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**Abstract.** This study focused on the political participation of street vendors and government officials. The government officials are a person who has been appointed by officials who have the power with the aim of so can do some business or activity, which is the duty and obligation of the government to achieve the state's goals. Government officials include the mayor, legislators, Subdistrict Head, Small-Subdistrict Head, Head of hamlet, neighbourhood, and some existing enforcement officials' administrative fields. Research methods in this observation type of research are descriptive qualitative, which is a kind of observation in the presentation of descriptive data in the form of a sentence structure that can be studied. The study was qualitative form an inductive approach in the design of science-based research and focused on the understanding of the experience. In this observation that an informant is the ethnic Malay community. How to get information using purposive sampling techniques, which means making the subject of research that has been included in the category. As for the informant is ten hawkers. The method used is shaped informant interviews with technical guidelines to help conduct interviews that comply with the standards with questions directly—using structured interviews to obtain information regarding viewpoints, insights, and experiences that provide in the form of oral or greeting openly. The escort process of data collection is done by selecting informants by the categories of samples as well as confidence in the informer. During the interview process, researchers used a tape recorder and a small note which serves to describe the current conditions when conducting interviews. The research found the close relationship between the level of income with connections made hawkers and political officials. Matters relating to the administrative officer who became the talk of the form of business organization means that issues relating to the license, places, and anything that can be used as a business.

**Keywords.** political participation, street vendors, government officials

### **Introduction**

With the advances in transportation and traffic between the regions, the insulating properties of villages gradually decreased. The villages near the town have a lot of influence on the city, so the percentage of villagers who farm less and throw themselves to the work non-agrarian. Rural areas border the town are affected by city life system called "rur-ban areas" stands for rural-urban areas. Reality seemed then that is quite a lot of job seekers who come from rural to urban areas is not accommodated in the formal non-agricultural sectors of the economy (industrialization), so job seekers entry to the activity in the informal sector.

The association aims to run hawkers with several government officials is related to the efforts to express some of the problems being faced by both personal and public interest and, in what way, can reduce these issues, directly or indirectly, be performed.

Based on the pre-study found several problems connected with government officials such complaints to be made by the informants through trade representatives Koperasi Street vendors assembly office and the mayor about the management of street vendors using the group by the government of Pontianak City via municipal police and assisted by security forces during two times in February and June of the same year. It was considered unethical because it implemented by way of force and violence by the municipal police, and some items were seized and never returned. Such circumstances lead to a sense of disappointment because the street vendors have been harmed without any knowledge of tolerance in the slightest against them.

Pre-study author allegedly had the irregularities in the withdrawal of charges contained in the Rose District of Pontianak City market. The incident was considered not tolerant and unfair for traders. Once they submit the matter to the parliament and the mayor using discussion and defense of their rights directly, the fact that until now was not followed up still exists a levy that runs according to the rules initially. Based phenomena above, research is focused on the political participation of street vendors who deal with government officials.

## **Methods**

In this observation, the type of research is descriptive qualitative, which is a kind of view in the presentation of descriptive data in the form of a sentence structure that can be studied. The study was qualitative form an inductive approach in the design of science-based research and focused on the understanding of the experience. In this observation that an informant is the ethnic Malay community. How to get information using technique purposive sampling, which means making the subject of research that has been included in the category. As for the informant is ten hawkers.

To get the data techniques used are interviewing informants shaped with the help of technical guidelines for conducting interviews that complies with the standards with questions directly. This research was using structured interviews to obtain information regarding viewpoints, insights, and experiences that provide in the form of oral or greeting openly. The escort process of data collection is done by selecting informants by the samples' categories and confidence in the informer. During the interview process, researchers use *a tape recorder* as well as a small note which serves to describe the current conditions when conducting interviews.

## **Result and discussions**

Based on the results obtained from the informant mentions that street vendors, along with political officials, have discussed the business activities of hawkers, street vendors submit multiple complaints resulting from eviction by the municipal police and security forces to the question of land activities you want to be championed by legislators. This situation shows that the participation of substantial street vendors. However, there are also some of the group's street vendors are discouraged because what many have they fought through other peers who were not able to generate the interest of the general group even more for their interests related directly.

They are moving on from the phenomenon it has been seen that the participation of such groups is still meager. These activities include voting in elections, following the general meeting, being a member of a party or interest group, making contact with government officials or parliamentarians, and so on.

Political participation is associated with the activities of the general elections at the level of the executive and legislative branches. Political participation as an activity meant to choose a good government stakeholder was done either directly or indirectly. Regarding the further development, the term political participation has grown from just the context of the election, that all public activities that may affect the collective decision-making, or the process of achieving goals by both individuals and groups [1]. To prevent someone from losing by a political decision that is binding and forcing it, one must convey the interests and aspirations so that the decision-maker can consider it. Based on such identification, political participation in a democracy can be seen taken in many ways or forms of implementation. It can be seen from the time of voting for representatives periodically until voting on policy in a referendum, the formation of political groups, and engage in a legal or illegal protest. However, the effect of political participation is not limited to the results. Political participation also affects the level of life satisfaction and happiness of the individual [2].

Political participation also has an essential effect on policy choices and outcomes. In addition to the impact of the involvement in policy outcomes, as described previously, civic engagement can be a problem in very different ways. Among them is to provide individuals with direct usefulness, thus increasing happiness and satisfaction with life in general. Political participation gives a sense of dignity to the individual and a sense that they are rewarded or consonant sound a certain way. This autonomous affective taste then has contributed to the subjective well-being of the individuals overall. Besides, political participation also instills a sense of connection in a single individual. Political participation offers an opportunity for citizens to feel a sense of belonging. That political participation has values that are very high because of the influence and impact on the individual citizen as well as its relationship with the political system of a country. Through the action of political participation, individuals can feel more connected with the people around them and thus have clarity and greater confidence in the identity of the individual in society.

Furthermore, political participation is active by carried out by individuals and groups. This is done in opposition steps or decision making. Political participation can also be understood as a form of the involvement of citizens in activities carried out by the government. These activities then have an impact on the running of government processes. One of them is political participation marked by community involvement in the stages of the election [3].

The development of political participation in Indonesia today is dynamic; in particular, citizens participate in activities that are more creative than just being the subject of the political process. Regarding further development, the term political participation has grown beyond the context of the election. All public activities which could affect shared decision-making or the process of achieving goals by individuals and groups. There are various ways of participation or political participation. In democratic countries, participation is not just about elections. Several indicators show the social responsibility of every individual and group in politics. These indicators know the political process and understand, thinking techniques, skills in using information technology, participation in the media, interaction and discussion skills, and involvement in volunteer activities [4].

Election (Election) is one of the pillars of democracy that puts people as subjects involved in the implementation of democracy itself. Until now, the election is still regarded as an aspect that can guarantee the people's political rights as the essential element in the election is the people's political participation. Besides, the involvement and active participation of society are needed. Increasingly critical and increasingly high awareness of the people involved, the more it will bring them into better shape through elections. Every voice is essential for democracy, development, and improvement [5]. Community involvement includes making sure

that they have been registered as voters, research and study the candidates, follow and monitor the campaign's implementation, report a violation of the organizers and participants, find out about potential leaders, and vote on election day place. In a democratic system of government, the people have absolute power, which means that the choice of the people determines their leader. The government created by the community and the people reflect the expectations and beliefs of the people. For that, public participation in politics becomes very important.

Political participation not only enables the implementation of active citizenship but also allows the public to take part in social affairs or political institutions [6]. It is important to understand political participation as an element of practice to fill out ballots or voter, as the affiliation with the civil association whatsoever, membership in political parties, participation in student demonstrations, rally or protest, creation of the web site or partnership in internet forums or social networks, to mention a few. The involvement of citizens in any form is the heart of democracy. Moreover, political participation is an indicator of the proper welfare and maturity of a country's democratic system.

Which dominates the relationship with government officials on the level of education is that the street vendors with a group of post-secondary education. This means that the higher the level of knowledge, the higher the level of participation when dealing with the political officials. In association with government officials also had an issue where the street vendors often fight for land issues and the consequences of curbing the problem itself. There are two patterns conducted by the street vendors by way of a direct visit to Pontianak city parliament's office, and when the legislators fall directly into the center of the field of trade, for example, to the traditional market.

Interviews from street vendors who have not been in direct contact with government officials admit that they do not know how to deal with these officials, and the lack of understanding of the existing problems, coupled with communication skills, is lacking because of the pessimism that already exists.

As mentioned above, there are several problems associated, namely. First, unqualified street vendors are to communicate, which is one of the main conditions of the grievance, both due to the lack of control of the problem, the third did not understand how to relate with political officials, all four are caused by own busyness business, and the fifth the pessimism, against the defenses of board members to issue faced.

The results of subsequent studies have noted that the pattern of the relationship of hawkers with administrative officials in his or her educational level was still more than that of political officials. Because according to this group, the educational level is much to be explained to understand and have experience and be able to communicate well with the officers. Research results are obtained from the street vendors who have low education, namely the relationship held by the administrative authorities in the event of identity cards as well as other matters, which is not much demand communication skills with the official. Thus, the study results note that the level of education affects the informant's relationship with administrative officials.

Several informants are not related to official administrative it with some reasons as regards all matters may be assisted by third parties, with a bustle in business development preferred in making a living, their laziness to get in touch with the officials because must spend additional funds and lack of understanding procedures, so that the existing participation is still considered low.

Matters relating to government officials in handling administrative affairs of the talk in the form of organization, which means that issues relating to the trading license, trading places, and anything that can be used as a trading business in the area. Meanwhile, affairs concerning the interests of the other party include assistance to peers that are common issues that must be

addressed when their Brang-items seized by municipal police and security forces during a curbing.

The interview results also explain that all the problems that did not succeed entirely because of a previously existing written agreement are made that if they sell in a location that is not allowed. The government of the city will surely confiscate these items. Still, some considerations taste humane and their relationships with local officials. To determine the pattern of the relationship between the informant with government officials, the views of their income level instructions hawkers.

Information obtained from several informants shows that the close relationship between the level of income with connections made hawkers and political officials. The results indicate that the related party political officials were still occupied by street vendors with low incomes, while high-income and participation are still lacking. Power of these leaders not only in the form of persuasion, but sometimes forged, pressed, and forced by threats [7]. Issues to be discussed in this regard is still associated with organizational problems, personal and interests of existing peers.

The income level of a street vendor is also closely related to the ongoing relationship with the current participation of administrative officials. Informants also explain still with the same group on the income that determines whether associated with governmental authorities or not. It turned out that a group of low-income hawkers pretty much represent hawkers in touch with the officer while the high income and only a small part only.

It is known that the level of wealth also affects street vendors' process when dealing with government officials, political officials, or administrative officers. Therefore it will be explained in more detail in the following discussion. Wealth levels are also strongly related to street vendors in the process of dealing with political officials. They have seen some of those who had contact with the governmental officials. If judged from the height of wealth, a street vendor, and so the higher it is their relations with political officials. After looking a lot of whether informants related to the official, the problem here will be seen exactly what was discussed with the governmental officials. Based on the data and the results obtained by the informant.

The level of wealth of street vendors also affects the process of street vendors in dealing with government officials, which can be seen through the description of the following discussion. According to informants, a high degree of richness hawkers affected the pattern of relationships established between the hawkers with administrative officials so that the visible participation is also rated higher. Each process of political participation has a similar problem. Such as the statement following informant regarding the issues contained in the relationship with the administrative authorities is due to problems the organization is still high. Their concerns and arguments concerning the interests of others their capacities from street vendors who sometimes problematic and must be fought to the administrative officials.

Based on the previous discussion that level as well as the large number of informants who are at high participation levels as well, and that can be related to the political authorities rather than informants level of participation is still low. So, it can be stated that street vendors' level of involvement with the already high governmental officials. The point is every informant has had a significant degree of political awareness when carrying out activities with government officials.

Then the results of another study also showed that the level of political participation of the street vendors associated with officials related to the conditions of socio-economic status of hawkers such, which have been described previously regarding the three indicators that have a significant influence on the process and results of participation the politics, including education

level, income level, and level of wealth. Meaning if these three indicators were higher value, then the level of political participation of street vendors is considered the higher the cost.

Meanwhile, if the result of the level of political participation was low, hawkers meant nothing to do with the level of education and that street vendors' level of income is deficient as well. Other assumptions affect the low level of street vendors' political participation in political officials or administrative officials because the officials did not expressly defend the fate of the street vendors, so that street vendors have felt disadvantaged by policies that are not balanced. Even the street vendors are just getting false promises without real evidence, and their rights are not considered. This condition makes the street vendors are apathetic and less responsive, despite many violations committed by these leaders.

An informant who can relate to political officials considered to have a higher level of wealth that participation levels are also rated top. Even the wealth status has given inputs to the informant to participate in conjunction with political officials.

## **Conclusions and Recommendations**

### **Conclusion**

Based on the results of a study entitled Political Participation in Pontianak City Government this it can be concluded that when dealing with political officials such as members of Parliament and the Mayor or other administrative official in the mayor's office and village, participation there are also quite high. Caused by the many connections made in care of the interests of the organization, and the private interests of others (members outside the organization), as well as creating a business license by way of approaching the authorities to resolve the problems encountered.

### **Recommendations**

Expected for government officials to not complicate business license, support soft loans with low-interest rates so that the street vendors are not overwhelmed in care and have a venture capital fulfilled so easy in the enhancement of small business sector is run, and can increase the income of the street vendors five. The purpose of the ultimate goal here is whether or not there is an increase in the political participation of the street vendors in the city of Pontianak.

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