Kinship Politics in the 2020 Regional Elections in Pasangkayu Regency

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Abstract. The aim of this research is to find out kinship politics in the 2020 regional elections in Pasangkayu. Kinship politics is always a hot topic of discussion at every regional election event. An equally interesting phenomenon of kinship politics occurred in the Pasangkayu Regional Election. Agus Ambo Djiwa as regent for two periods of Pasangkayu passed on his power to Yaumil Ambo Djiwa and Hj Erni who were none other than his brother and wife. The author uses a qualitative approach and literature review as a data collection tool to obtain answers to research questions. The author discusses solutions to the problems posed and builds arguments based on secondary facts obtained from examining relevant and reliable library sources. Many books and papers from leading and current scientific journals provide most of the information. Likewise, reports from other credible media also serve as additional sources of additional data. These various literature sources collectively provide sufficient data to answer the research questions of this study. The collected data was examined using the source triangulation method. Research results: Yaumil Ambo Djiwa and Hj. Erni in the Pasangkayu Regency Pilkada 2020 illustrates the Politics of Kinship in the Pasangkayu regional elections its relation to the political culture of neo-patrimonialism, which is its current finding interview states that there are two ways to perpetuate kinship politics through regional elections. Methods used to perpetuate the circle of kinship In regional elections, it cannot be separated from the authority of a ruler as if treated as if they were part of a private household, which is there is an agenda for the Pasangkayu Regency government under the authority of Agus Ambo Djiwa to raised the popularity of Yaumil and Hj. Erni is prepared for the fight on Regional elections. Not only that, there are strategies that are client patrons to win couple Yaumil Ambo Djiwa-Hj. Erni in the 2020 Pasangkayu Regency Regional Election

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1 Introduction

The phenomenon of kinship politics in Indonesia is no longer a thing which is stranger ([1]; [2];). Local political contestation, line ties descent or kinship is still very strong ([3], [4], [5]). Increasingly family politics has thickened in recent times in the context of regional head
elections. Their presence on the local political stage is more due to have networks, connections and capital, all of which are capital politics used in contestation for political office ([6]; [7]; [8];[9]. This kinship politics is spread across 15 provinces, including Sulawesi South, North Sulawesi, Lampung, Jambi, East Kalimantan, Kalimantan Central, Maluku and almost all provinces on the island of Java (Banten, West Java, East Java, Central Java, Special Region of Yogyakarta, and East Java).

This study is no less interesting regarding the politics of kinship built by Agus Ambo Djiwa in Pasangkayu. Agus Ambo Djiwa is chairman of the action committee for the expansion of North Mamuju Regency (changing districts Install wood. Agus Ambo Djiwa's ability to build kinship politics is very important different from previous studies. Agus Ambo Djiwa comes from a very simple family. While generally political Kinship in Indonesia has been built for a long time by involving many local actors, institutions, and cultures play a role in local politics in the old order and new order eras. Meanwhile Agus Ambo Djiwa built it kinship politics by using regional autonomy as a door enter through electoral democracy and utilize institutional networks social and exploiting ethnic politics to gain sympathy. Autonomy It is precisely the region that gives familism space to organize itself into kinship politics.

Yaumil Ambo Djiwa-Hj. Erni's election shows that the people of Pasangkayu Regency are unable to break away from their ancient traditions. In accordance with[10], primordialism is defined as feelings that bind a person due to various circumstances, including but not limited to, region or place of birth, ethnicity, blood relations, race, religion, and similar feelings. The rebirth of ruling regimes usually involves only one family due to a bias inherent in primitive thinking that leads to the promotion of members of the ruling family. People in Pasangkayu Regency still adhere to this kinship system, as evidenced by their decision to revive it.

This study is no less interesting related to kinship politics built by Agus Ambo Djiwa in Pasangkayu. Agus Ambo Djiwa is the chairman of the North Mamuju Regency expansion action committee (changed to Pasangkayu district). Initially, Agus Ambo Djiwa together with a number of community leaders fought for Pasangkayu to be bloomed for the reason of improving community welfare. Improving community welfare is expected to be accelerated through improved services in the region because of the distance that must be traveled to the Main Capital City of Mamuju. Finally, on January 27, 2003, a Decree of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia was issued which approved North Mamuju as a new regency at the beginning of the formation of Pasangkayu regency, acting Ir. H. Abdullah Rasid, MM was appointed for one year. In 2003.

According to Pasangkayu Regency was bloomed, this was the beginning of Agus Ambo Djiwa's career, which was considered an important figure in the expansion of the area. In the 2004 election, Agus Ambo Djiwa was jointly elected as a Member of the Pasangkayu Regency DPRD using PDI-Perjuangan as well as being the deputy chairman of the North Mamuju Regency DPRD. His success in sitting in the Pasangkayu Regency DPRD finally the acting regent at that time Ir. H. Abdullah Rasyid, MM asked him as a candidate for deputy regent at that time. As a result, in 2005 the first regional election was held, Ir. H. Abdullah Rasid, MM and Agus Ambo Djiwa, SP were elected as Regent and Vice Regent of Pasangkayu. However, in 2010 the couple Ir. H. Abdullah Rasid, MM and Agus Ambo Djiwa, SP broke up together. Finally, they became rivals in the candidacy for the regional election. The results of the regional elections in 2010 elected the spouse Agus Ambo Djiwa – H. Muhammad Saal was elected Regent and Vice Regent of Pasangkayu Regency with the issue of dominating.
identity politics that Agus Ambo Djiwa was the son of the region as well as the originator of the birth of Pasangkayu regency and supported by the deputy regent H, Muhammad Saal from the Mandar tribe.

Likewise, in 2015 the regional election of Agus Ambo Djiwa – H. Muhammad Saal was re-elected Regent and Vice Regent of Pasangkayu Regency while Ir. H. Abddulla Rasyid paired with Marigun Rasyid lost. Meanwhile, the 2020 regional election was won by the couple Yaumil Ambo Djiwa and Hj. Herni as Regent and Vice Regent of Pasangkayu Regency, none other than the couple who are related as brothers-in-law. Yaumil Ambo Djiwa is the elder brother of Agus Ambo Djiwa Regent of the previous period while Hj, Herni is the wife of Agus Ambo Djiwa. In fact, this is a record in itself because for the first time in Indonesia the chosen couple has a kinship relationship as in-laws. While Ir. H. Abddulla Rasyid paired with Moh. Yusri Nur suffered defeat.

Agus Ambo Djiwa's ability to build kinship politics is very different from previous studies. Agus Ambo Djiwa comes from a very simple family. While generally kinship politics in Indonesia has been built for a long time by involving many actors, institutions, and local cultures playing a role in local politics in the old and new order eras. Meanwhile, Agus Ambo Djiwa built kinship politics by using regional autonomy as an entrance through electoral democracy and utilizing social institutional networks and utilizing ethnicity politics to gain sympathy. Regional autonomy is precisely what gives familiism space to organize itself into kinship politics.

Unlike Agus Ambo Djiwa, he is a local strongman who used electoral democracy in 2004 to place his family members, associates, and supporters in executive and legislative positions in the national capital. Due to Indonesia's decentralized system, powerful local figures such as Agus Ambo Djiwa have the opportunity to make a name for themselves there. Since Pasangkayu Regency was bloomed in 2003, Agus Ambo Djiwa's clan has dominated the leadership.

The direct election of regional heads held in Pasangkayu Regency for 4 times strengthened the influence of Agus Ambo Djiwa in Pasangkayu to become an important figure in the local political arena of Pasangkayu, because it contributed to the formation of North Mamuju. Through the political power of PDI-P and the strength of the Golkar Party, Agus Ambo Djiwa's kinship politics came to power since North Mamuju Regency was bloomed, changing its name to Pasangkayu Regency. They managed to sit in the legislative and executive institutions. Agus Ambo Djiwa transformed into a local strongman by utilizing decentralization, regional autonomy and regional elections. A number of Agus Ambo Djiwa's family members have positions in the legislature, including since Pasangkayu was bloomed, including Yaumil Ambo Djiwa once served as chairman of the DPRD and Deputy Speaker of the Pasangkayu Regency DPRD, now serves as Regent of Pasangkayu for the 2020-2024 period after Yaumil Ambo Djiwa was elected, now the son named Irfandi Yaumil occupied a number of official positions in various regional apparatus organizations. Hj. Herni is the wife of Agus Ambo Djiwa who currently serves as deputy regent paired with Yaumil Ambo Djiwa. Not only that, a number of other relatives of Agus Ambo Djiwa occupied strategic positions.

Dynastic politics, another term for kinship politics, has not yet been formally defined. Family politics and kinship politics mean the same thing; both refer to current or prospective political actors associated with, or have been associated with, current or prospective political figures in the last two generations [11]. Political dynasty as a family in which four or more people share the same surname and hold elected office [12]. While dynastic politics is interpreted by Yasushi Asako as the practice of a family member who continues political office held by other family members [13]. The descriptions provided allow us to draw clear lines between concepts, highlighting the different temporal and quantitative dimensions between them. Kinship politics refers to two or more generations of family members occupying political office, while dynastic politics refers to four or more generations of family members occupying political office [14]. As a result, they can sometimes easily grab power or engage in power struggles. Political party elites, military and police elites, corporate or financier elites, religious elites, thug or mafia elites, art elites, and activist elites were all part of these elite groups before the emergence of political dynastic symptoms [15].

According to Purwaningsih, "kinship politics" is a political recruitment process in which members of the same family hold public office regardless of their qualifications or adherence to established norms. Based on the definition, Purwaningsih pointed out that not all family members who hold political or government positions are examples of political dynasties, provided they are recruited in a democratic way and meet the necessary qualifications and traits [3]. Therefore, in his opinion, it has nothing to do with any political dynasty. Meanwhile, refers to the "political family" to define households that have many members holding public office. According to Casey, political families are made up of people who are married or related to political candidates in two generations [16].

2 Research Methodology

The author uses a qualitative approach and literature review as a data collection tool to get answers to research questions. Since the purpose of this study is not to draw broad conclusions about the actual facts investigated, a qualitative approach is ideal. The emergence of local strongmen in Pasangkayu Regency is a phenomenon that can be better understood through a qualitative approach. The author discusses solutions to the problems posed and builds arguments based on secondary facts obtained from examining relevant and reliable library sources. Many books and papers from reputable and current scientific journals provide most of the information. Similarly, reports from other credible media also serve as additional sources of additional data. These various literature sources collectively provide sufficient data to answer this research question of the study. When more ideas or relationships need to be investigated, the authors modify the way data is collected [17].

3 Result and Discussion

Suharto as the leader of the New Order declared his resignation as President and was replaced by his deputy, B.J. Habibie. B.J. Habibie was sworn in as the new President promising political reforms in Indonesia [18]. This can be seen from the increasing intolerant attitude
towards the opposition, stagnant economic performance, violence in the name of ethnicity and religion and the emergence of separatism [19]. One of the youngest districts is Pasangkayu Regency and its capital city is located in the northern region of West Sulawesi.

The development of this area is due to the development of Mamuju Regency. After the expansion of Mamuju Regency in 2001, Pasangkayu sub-district and Sarudu, Baras, and Bambalamotu sub-districts merged to form the current city. North Mamuju was officially recognized as a regency by the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia on January 27, 2004. The new North Mamuju government became the center of public attention at that time. The 2004 elections in Pasangkayu provided an opportunity for new political actors resulting from the reform to compete for political positions such as members of the DPRD. The 2004 election delivered Agus Ambo Djiwa as Deputy Member of the North Mamuju Regency DPRD from the PDI-P and Yaumil Ambo Djiwa as Chairman of the North Mamuju Regency DPRD from the Golkar party. The emergence of Duo Ambo Djiwa to start politics in Pasangkayu was fairly lucky. Agus Ambo Djiwa as chairman of the Action Committee for the Establishment of Pemekaran Pasangkayu and Yaumil as the elder of the committee for the formation of Pemekaran Pasangkayu were able to win sympathy from the community so that they were given the trust to be representatives of the people. Not only that, a number of politicians who became figures in the Pasangkayu expansion fighters also sat as members of the DPRD. But no less interesting than all the organizers who became fighters for the expansion of Pasangkayu who were able to maintain their power was the Ambo Djiwa clan. Agus Ambo Djiwa was deputy regent for one period from 2005-2010 and became regent for 2 periods from 2010-2020. Meanwhile, Yaumil was elected regent for the 2020-2024 period paired with Hj. Erni who was none other than Agus Ambo Djiwa's wife. The existence of Agus Ambo Djiwa has long been a figure of local strongmen by utilizing decentralization, regional autonomy and regional elections. The figure of Agus Ambo Djiwa took advantage of the electoral momentum in 2004 followed by the first regional elections by relying on identity politics and Pasangkayu expansion fighters. After Agus Ambo Djiwa gained political power, he used his family and network of relatives to consolidate their position and eventually took over the political scene of Pasangkayu.

Decentralization provides opportunities for "local strongmen" such as Agus Ambo Djiwa and Yaumil Ambo Djiwa to come to power and develop their power. If it were still an era of centralization, it would be very difficult for Agus Ambo Djiwa and Yaumil Ambo Djiwa to emerge as "local strongmen". Although the two brothers are different parties, they still strengthen each other. It was proven that in 2020 Yaumil Ambo Djiwa and Hj. Erni, who are Agus Ambo Djiwa's wives, were able to win the regional elections in 2020. For the first time in history, a chosen couple had a relationship as in-laws. Agus Ambo Djiwa's power was supported by the power network he built. This patronage network was used to its full potential in seizing formal political power and maintaining that power and extending its power to districts/cities in Pasangkayu. This network is the core of Agus Ambo Djiwa's big family in Pasangkayu. Important decisions were taken by Agus Ambo Djiwa's own extended family as the dominant figure.

Politics based on "giving" or "entering" family members into positions of authority is known as "kinship politics" or "dynastic politics". With Yaumil Ambo Djiwa as Regent and Hj Erni as Vice Regent of Pasangkayu, kinship politics in this district has strengthened. When the candidates for regent in the 2020 Concurrent Regional Elections were revealed, it was seen that many of them were related to the outgoing king. This attachment shows the importance of family politics in maintaining the status quo at the highest level of government
in Pasangkayu Regency. The Yaumil Ambo Djiwa-Hj Erni couple finally won with the help of kinship politics. The collection of votes in local elections is strongly influenced by the presence of kinship politics. Because Yaumil Ambo Djiwa is the elder brother of Agus Ambo Djiwa, and Hj. Erni is his wife. This familial attachment allows Agus Ambo Djiwa, who has served two terms as president, to succeed in occupying the position.

There are characteristics of democratic practices in kinship politics in the contemporary era in Pasangkayu Regency. Through the election process, a new pattern emerged where politics is not about separating places in the government structure but maintaining the continuity of the chain of command at the top. Agus Ambo Djiwa's family has a history of using regional elections to keep family members or relatives in the network of power, where he still plays an important role. Given his tenure and two terms of leadership in Pasangkayu Regency, Agus Ambo Djiwa was able to significantly increase community support to his immediate family and relatives. Because kinship politics involves the transmission of power from one generation to the next and its circulation among the family's inner circle, kinship politics is often associated with the concept of a political empire inhabited by friends and co-rulers.

The increase in patrimonialism in Indonesia cannot be separated from the politics of equality of office. With the aim of ensuring his power remained secure and unchallenged, a patrimonial monarch often entrusted the distribution of his power resources to representatives who gained widespread respect and influence in society. This strategy eventually became the standard in kinship-based election strategies in Pasangkayu District. In Pasangkayu Regency, where Agus Ambo Djiwa, the former Regent of Pasangkayu who had served two terms, became the ruler among kinship, a pattern of kinship politics developed that was not much different from the picture of patrimonialism during the New Order era. Agus Ambo Djiwa plans to nominate his son, Yaumil Ambo Djiwa-Hj. Erni as a candidate for the Regent of Pasangkayu in the upcoming 2020 regional election, took advantage of the influence and connections she had built as Regent.

Changes occurred both in the current dynamics of Indonesian politics and the political culture of patrimonialism which is the basis of family politics in Indonesia. In developing countries, the political culture of patrimonialism developed into neo-patrimonialism. Neo-patrimonialism is a form of government in which all economic powers and rights are used for personal interests. Setiyono added that the culture follows the assumption that the facilities and powers of the ruler are treated as if they were part of the private homes of government officials in bureaucratic practices. In principle, dynastic politics in Indonesia is deeply rooted in this culture, which is nothing more than utilizing the authority and power of a leader to advance his personal interests along the political path to power. Neo-patrimonialism is blamed for the rise of dynastic politics in modern Indonesia. In his statement, A.G.N. Ari Dwipaya, UGM political scientist, said that in the contemporary political era, the old patrimonial system is repackaged with a new strategy, with the emphasis now on political regeneration based on genealogical ties (descent/kinship) and not based on merit. system (achievement). In Indonesia, especially in Pasangkayu Regency, dynastic politics is now taking on a new form, which not only has an impact on bureaucratic competition but also competition at the regional level.

Based on the interview findings, there are two ways to maintain kinship politics through regional elections that support the theory that kinship politics in Pasangkayu Regency is related to neo-patrimonialism political culture. This is in accordance with the tradition of
local elections which considers the power of a ruler as if it were part of a private household. In addition, the Yaumil Ambo Djiwa-Hj pair can be won by the patron-client method.

5 Conclusion

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The election of Yaumil Ambo Djiwa-Hj. Erni in the 2020 Pasangkayu Regency Regional Election described how the people of Pasangkayu Regency consider kinship politics as a matter of course. In addition to the rolling issues in society, both negative and positive issues regarding kinship politics, the kinship circle still shows its existence in the regional elections. Apart from some views on kinship politics, all decisions in democracy are in the hands of the people.

The theoretical implications of this research refer to several hypotheses in this research. First; Robert Michels' theory of political party oligarchy is still relevant to explain the development of kinship politics in Pasangkayu Regency. However, Robert Michels' thesis regarding oligarchic tendencies in organizations which states that the development of oligarchy along with the development of organizations is not appropriate in the context of Pasangkayu Regency, because the oligarchy that occurs within political parties in Pasangkayu is not due to the development of party organizations but emerged from the beginning of the formation of organizations that were influenced by local cultural factors, namely patrimonial. Second, from the perspective of institutionalization of political parties, O'Dwyer's thesis which states that weak institutionalization of political parties encourages political patronage is relevant for analyzing the kinship politics of Pasangkayu.

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