

## Kebijakan politik anti rasisme presiden Harry S. Truman

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### Abstrak

Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengungkap kontroversi dari kebijakan-kebijakan politik Presiden Harry S. Truman yang berpihak pada penegakan hak-hak sipil kaum Afro Amerika dengan dua keputusan besar yang dikeluarkan Truman, pertama, Executive Order 9981: Establishing the President 's Committee on Equality of Treatment and Oppurtunity in the Armed Services dan ke dua, pembentukan President 's Commission on Civil Rights. Beberapa ahli mengasumsikan bahwa kebijakan politik anti rasisme tersebut membahayakan masa depan karir politik Truman.

Dalam tesis ini, saya ingin menunjukkan benarkah keberpihakan Truman pada penegakan hak-hak sipil kaum Afro Amerika membahayakan karir politiknya. Hipotesa yang saya ajukan adalah bahwa posisi dan masa depan karir politik Truman pada hakekatnya tidak terancam, tapi malah sebaliknya kebijakankebijakan politik yang mencerminkan keberpihakan Truman pada penegakan hak-hak sipil kaum Afro Amerika tersebut menguntungkan bagi karir politiknya, baik jangka pendek maupun jangka panjang.

Dengan menggunakan pendekatan sosiologis dan politis, saya menemukan bahwa kebijakan politik anti rasisme Truman bukanlah sesuatu yang membahayakan karir politiknya, justru itu menjadi kekuatan dan membangun citra positifnya untuk menghilangkan bayang-bayang kebesaran Presiden Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Kebijakan tersebut juga sekaligus mencerminkan visi, misi, dan memberikan implikasi positif pads karir politiknya, baik jangka pendek maupun jangka panjang. Truman memenangkan pemilu 1948 dan is tercatat sebagai tokoh yang sangat berjasa dalam perjuangan penegakan hak-hak sipil kaum Afro Amerika.

Pada bagian akhir dari penelitian ini saya membuktikan kebesaran hipotesa yang saya ajukan. Tesis akhir saya adalah eksistensi kaum kulit hitam sangat bermanfaat dan dapat mendukung karir politik seorang presiden.

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<i>This research is aimed to discuss the controversy resulted from President Harry S. Truman's political policies which supported Afro American civil right. He issued two important policies, firstly, Executive Order 9981: Establishing the President's Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services and secondly, the founding President 's Commission on Civil Rights. Some expert assumed that anti-racism political policies harmed Truman 's future political career.

In this thesis, I intended to figure out whether Truman 's support to Afro American civil rights harmed his political career, or vice versa. My hypothesis was that Truman's future political career basically was not in danger; even his political policies gave advantages to his future political career, both in short and long term.

By applying sociological and political approaches, I found out that Truman's anti-racism political policies were not harmful to his political career. However, those became his strength and gave him positive image to release from the shadow of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Those also reflected his vision, mission and gave positive implication to his political career, both in short and long term. Truman won the election 1948 and he was honored as one of outstanding people in preserving Afro American civil rights.

By the end of this research, I proved that my hypothesis was right\_ My final thesis is that the existence of black people is very beneficial and it can support political career of a president.</i>