

Female politicians in political parties of 2014 election: Descriptive representation vs. substantive representation

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Womens representation in parties and legislative institutions is closely related to Indonesian party typology as office seekers. It charted a descriptive mandate to fulfill 30% quote of women representation in the General Election in 2014 not necessarily, representing womens critical agenda. The phenomena of female legislators who were celebrities, actresses, singers, or coming from political dynasties is the consequence of office seekers parties. Womens representation in legislative does not then guarantee the promotion, empowerment, and protection of womens critical issues in societies, as the female legislators do not represent women substantively. It is now more important to support critical actors who understand womens issues to succeed a feminist agenda.