

US relations with Indonesia: 1970-1990's: some questions?

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Abstrak

When first invited to present my thoughts on Indonesian-US relations since 1970, [I was unsure how to approach this complex and important topic, especially in such a brief presentation. I was also intimidated by the high quality of the audience and panelists of scholars, diplomats and other long-time experts on this subject I had no academic theory prepared for identifying and explaining some essential characteristics briefly on the subject of Indonesia-US relations. Unlike my distinguished panelists and guests, I had no direct and unique knowledge of this subject based on many years of policy making.] I have no lessons gained from such labors to share with you. Instead, I will raise some obvious and general questions with you that might serve to help me to understand- more as a layperson than a scholarly expert- what our experience in Indonesian-U.S. relations has been in recent decades. Where have we been? What major forces have driven our relations? Where are we now?