

POLITICAL ETHICS IN THE SELECTION OF LOCAL HEAD CANDIDATES FIQHI SIYASAH PERSPECTIVE

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ABSTRACT

Political ethics serve as the foundation for anybody who aspires to be a leader. However, political life in the modern era is far from ideal. Numerous politicians employ a variety of strategies to further their goals without regard for ethical standards and principles. Politicians seeking power employ a variety of strategies, including making reckless political promises. The purpose of this study is to ascertain the public's opinion of the candidate pairs' political ethics, the elements that influence their application during elections, and the relationship between political ethics in the context of fiqhi siyasah and political ethics in Banggae District. This study employs a Normative Syar'i and Sociological Phenomenology approach. The data are derived from primary and secondary sources. The findings indicated that the public had a favorable opinion of the political ethics of the candidate pairs in the 2020 regional elections. Judging by the candidate pair's attitude in the community and their commitment to regional development and growth. Political ethics were affected by elements such as legal understanding, religious devotion, and level of education for regional head candidates in the 2020 regional head elections. Political ethics in the 2020 Pilkada in Banggae District are consistent with Fiqhi Siyasah in terms of conducting a campaign that is fair and adheres to regulations, as well as the attitudes and behavior of candidate pairs in the community.

Keywords: Political Ethics; Regional Legislative Elections; Fiqhi Siyasah

INTRODUCTION

Because the Republic of Indonesia is such a large country, it is divided into various provinces, each of which is divided into several regencies/cities that are controlled by regional heads in accordance with the idea of regional autonomy.¹

Regional heads are democratically elected, which means they are chosen directly by the people. There are several ways to elect regional heads in accordance with existing regulations, but all of them have the same goal and core, namely that anyone who meets the requirements can vote and participate in elections and has the right to

¹ Republic of Indonesia, the 1995 Constitution Article 18 Paragraph 1.

vote, that each individual's vote is protected, and that the correct vote is calculated. Sincere and accessible to the people.

The election of regional and national leaders is inextricably linked to political ethics. Whereas political ethics is concerned with human attitudes, values, and morality. Political ethics is a subfield of philosophy that examines how one's obligations as a human being and member of society are perceived as good or harmful in the arena of politics.²

Political ethics serves as the foundation for someone who aspires to be a leader in a society that may be held accountable on moral grounds. Political ethics' purpose is for politicians and officials to be honest, trustworthy, sportive, willing to serve, big-hearted, exemplary, modest, and willing to resign from positions of power if they are found guilty of violating the law or the public's sense of justice.

Additionally, Islam advises all humans to follow ethics as a guidance in order to achieve peace, honesty, and justice. Islam also regulates leadership ethical and moral issues. All ethical and moral lessons in people's lives are moral ethics of leadership, but they all share a common core, which is trust and fairness in accordance with Allah SWT's word in QS. An-Nisa/4: 58-59:

Meaning:

"That is to say, Allah has directed you to communicate the message to those who are qualified to receive it, and when you establish a law amongst people, you should discern what is just. Indeed, Allah is the best teacher. Allah is, indeed, All-Hearing and All-Seeing. 58

*O believers, submit to Allah and submit to the Messenger (Prophet Muhammad) and the ululamri (powerful ones) among you. If you believe in Allah and the Day of Resurrection, return any disagreements to Allah (the Qur'an) and the Messenger (Sunnah). That is superior (to you) and superior in terms of repercussions (in this world and in the hereafter).59"*³

Political life as it currently exists is far from ideal. Today's politicians will go to any length to further their interests. Without regard for the norms and ethical standards that govern the nation's and state's life. This is a national concern. Numerous instances of political ethics infractions in Indonesia can be cited, both by central and regional officials, specifically political ethics in the context of legal legitimacy. Politicians seeking power do so in a variety of ways, including making reckless political promises, politicizing social aid, and engaging in money politics..

² Frans Magnis Suseno, *Etika Politik: Prinsip-Prinsip Moral Dasar Kenegaraan Modern*, (Jakarta: Gremedia Pustaka Utama, 2016), p. 10..

³ Kementerian Agama Republik Indonesia, *Al-Qur'an dan Terjemahan* (Cet. 12; Banten: Yayasan Pelayanan Al-Qur'an Mulia, 2018), p. 128.

Simultaneous local elections in Majene Regency have raised suspicions of electoral malpractice. This was confirmed by Bawaslu, the competent authorities in this case. The Bawaslu discovered two sub-districts in Majene that were engaged in nighttime money politics, notably the Pamboang and Malunda sub-districts.

This thesis is set in the District of Banggae, Majene Regency, because it is the most populous sub-district. Additionally, the researchers attempted to determine whether the infractions happened exclusively in the two sub-districts identified by the Bawaslu. Additionally, all prospective pairings are indigenous to the Banggae sub-district. Thus, information can be gathered more easily from members of the public who can observe or analyze the candidate pairings' attitudes or conduct. This is why the author chose the term "Political Ethics in Regional Head Candidate Elections from a Fiqhi Siyasa Perspective" (Case Study of Banggae District, Majene Regency in 2020).

The problem is defined as follows: What is the Public Perception of the Political Ethics of Regional Head Candidates in the Banggae District, Majene Regency in 2020? What Factors Affect the Application of Political Ethics in the 2020 Pilkada District of Banggae, Majene Regency? How are political ethics in the context of Fiqhi Siyasa and political ethics in the Banggae sub-district, Majene district, related?

METHOD

This research employs qualitative methods in conjunction with a Normative Syar'i and Sociological Phenomenology approach. Primary and secondary data were gathered through observations, interviews, documentation, and a review of the literature. Then, using qualitative descriptive analysis, the data were evaluated.⁴

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

1. Public Perceptions of Regional Head Candidates' Political Ethics in Banggae District, Majene Regency

The Pilkada held in Majene Regency in 2020 had two pairs of candidates, all of them were new to the regional head election, with the exception of Deputy Regent candidate number 01, H. Lukman, who served as deputy regent in the previous term. As a result, the community has never engaged with the candidate pairs and thus is unable to assess if the current candidates for regional head are in line with community wishes and how the candidate pairs' political ethics, views, and behavior in the 2020 election compare. Galung, Banggae District; and Insyirah, a resident of Pamboborang Hamlet, Pamboboran Village, Banggae District, stated that"

"The 2020 Pilkada candidate pair readily merges into the community and is not afraid to help individuals in need indiscriminately."

⁴ Raco, *Metode Penelitian Kualitatif, Jenis, Karakteristik dan Keunggulannya*, (Jakarta: PT Grasindo, 2010), p. 121.

"Paslon was a well-known figure in the public eye prior to the 2020 regional head election. Because they had previously contributed to Majene Regency's growth and development."⁵

According to Mr. Gozhali Bakri, a resident of the Deteng-deteng area in Totoli Village, Banggae District, based on interviews with persons who know the candidate pairings,

"For candidate pair No. 1, I only know Lukman as a representative, and Lukman, in my opinion, is a humble person toward others; he also carried out his representative duties in the previous period by going directly, which I refer to as blusukan. For Candidate No. 2, AST/ARIS are both quite familiar with the general public, particularly Aris, who served as Lurah in Kelurahan Banggae 1. Even though he is a Lurah, possibly the youngest in Majene district, he is not haughty or arrogant, and he also lacks the ability to help the community during his recess."⁶

Mr. Fitriyadi Amin, the chairman of Pakkola Environment in Banggae District, stated the same thing:

"whether they were candidates for Regent Candidates in the 2020 regional elections, they were all excellent candidates. And, based on information circulating in the public, the candidate picked has a positive attitude, which I have confirmed in person, because he is quite receptive to input and suggestions from the community."⁷

Meanwhile, as stated in a direct interview with several residents of the Banggae sub-district who were merely aware of the election, the candidates contended that: "Yes, it's encouraging to see everyone's positive attitude toward the neighborhood:

"I'm not sure. Perhaps because it is new. However, during his tenure, his attitude and demeanor were consistent with those of a good leader."⁸

As a result of the interviews conducted with members of the community, it is clear that the candidate pairs for the 2020 regional elections in Majene Regency were already qualified and qualified to run for regional heads. Observing the candidate pairs' contributions to Majene Regency's regional growth prior to being a candidate for the Regent candidate. The last few years have demonstrated the candidates' exceptional achievement. Not only is the candidate pair's performance scrutinized;

⁵ Insyirah, Selaku Warga Dusun Pamboborang, Kelurahan Pamboboran, Kecamatan Banggae. Interview on 25 September 2021.

⁶ Ghozali Bakri, Selaku Warga Lingkungan Deteng-deteng, Kelurahan Totoli, Kecamatan Banggae. Interview on 25 September 2021.

⁷ Fitriyadi Amin, Selaku Kepala lingkungan Lingkungan Pakkola, Kelurahan Banggae, Kecamatan Banggae. Interview on 18 July 2021.

⁸ Darlianti, Selaku Warga Lingkungan Deteng-deteng, Kelurahan Totoli, Kecamatan Banggae. Interview on 29 July 2021.

the public also pays attention to the candidate pair's demeanor and attitudes. The community observes the candidate partners exhibiting appropriate behavior and social skills..

2. Factors Affecting the Adherence to Political Ethics in the Election of Regional Head Candidates in Banggae District, Majene Regency for the 2020 Pilkada

Political ethics is incorporated into the conduct of regional elections when campaigning activities must adhere to political ethics. Honesty, trustworthiness, exemplary, sportsmanship, discipline, independence, shame, and responsibility are all examples of ethics in the life of a nation.⁹

Political ethics in the conduct of regional elections in Banggae District, Majene Regency is influenced by a number of existing circumstances, including the following:

1. Legislation

Political ethics must be applied in accordance with the law. Each election is governed by regulations that govern all aspects of the election, from registration to the conduct of the local election. The Pilkada's execution cannot be divorced from the political principles that underpin each candidate pair.

Political ethics must be applied consistently throughout the 2020 Pilkada, beginning with candidate registration and ending with the election, in compliance with existing legislation. According to the results of interviews conducted by Mr. H. Baharuddin, Head of the Majene Regency KPU's Technical and Planning Subsection, and Mr. Sopyan Ali, Chairman of the Supervisory Coordinator of Bawaslu:

"each candidate pair must exhibit integrity and adhere to the provisions of the regulations governing the issue of the requirements to become a Regent. And must meet the registration requirements, which are in compliance with the PKPU."

"Political ethics serve as the foundation for regional head candidates. They must adhere to current standards, such as attaching an original certificate or meeting other criteria, such as never having been convicted of a drug or drug offense. The Bawaslu party scrutinizes and verifies that the candidate registration process complies with applicable legislation. Allow the KPU to continue as the committee; whenever a violation occurs, the Bawaslu party will handle it."¹⁰

The rule referred to here is General Election Commission of Majene Regency Decision 23/PL.02.2-Kpt/7605/KPU-Kab/I/2020 on Guidelines for Nomination Technicians in the 2020 Election of Regent and Deputy Regent of Majene Regency in CHAPTER II Candidate Requirements and Nominations.

⁹ Nana Rukmana, *Etika dan Integritas Solusi Persoalan Bangsa*, (Tangerang: Bakti Media Publishing, 2013), p.6.

¹⁰ Syofian Ali, Selaku Ketua Bawaslu Kab. Majene, 25 Juni 2021.

Candidates must adhere to the regulations outlined above while applying. There are no impediments, judging by the regional election operations in Majene Regency. According to Mr. Ghozali Bakri's interview:

*"all candidate pairs are quite sporty and safe; candidate number one accepts failure, while candidate number two accepts triumph." I heard no shouting or rioting between the supporters of those who lost and those who won."*¹¹

This was reinforced by Mr. H. Baharuddin, Head of the Technical and Planning Sub-section of the Majene Regency KPU, and Mr. Sopyan Ali, Chairman of the Supervisory Coordinator of Bawaslu, who stated:

*"At the time of registration, there were no issues, implying that there was no public response."*¹²

*There is nothing incorrect with the registration candidate pair. It's just that, as I previously stated, we (Bawaslu) encountered roadblocks once entering the campaign stage. We are aware that under existing regulations, this election was postponed owing to the Covid-19 outbreak, resulting in the birth of a perpu that states Continue but must adhere to established protocols. As a result, it's challenging. Because candidates typically run huge and open campaigns, which we (Bawaslu) frequently discover breach health rules, and all of this is remedied through communication in the sense that we instantly express a warning and their side promptly heeds it if there is a problem."*¹³

According to the interview results above, the 2020 Pilkada held in Majene Regency exhibited attitudes and behaviors consistent with sound political ethics, as evidenced by the discussion of public perceptions, which indicate that the candidate pairs in the previous Pilkada demonstrated positive attitudes and behaviors and were social. Throughout the campaign, the candidate pairs conducted themselves in a sporting and fair manner, without disparaging one another, and in accordance with the regulations governing campaigning activities.

2. Faith

Political ethics can be applied effectively if all sides share a strong religious conviction. Pancasila's first commandment, Belief in the One and Only God, must serve as a guidance for every individual in the nation's and state's life. Ethics and political morality will not be adequately applied if they are not founded on religion.

¹¹ Ghozali Bakri, Selaku Warga Lingkungan Deteng-deteng, Kelurahan Totoli, Kecamatan Banggae. *Interview on*25 September 2021.

¹² H. Baharuddin, Selaku Kasubag Teknis dan Perancanann KPU Kabupaten Majene. *Interview on*05 July 2021.

¹³ Syofian Ali, As the Head of Bawaslu Kab. Majene, *Interview on*25 Juni 2021.

Faith is synonymous with believing, which implies a believe in God. When politicians build confidence in their constituents that God is the owner, the point of return, the regulator of human beings, the giver of trust, the ruler of life, and the determiner of the beginning and end of everything. Then politicians will have a clear path forward in their political careers.

3. Educational attainment

The rational mindset has increased in society to the point where it now affects a person's perception of politics, including political knowledge and engagement, as well as an understanding of candidates' political ethics. A broad understanding of politics enables a person to think more coherently and consistently during regional head elections.

The community's lack of political awareness frequently comes as a result of the community's limited comprehension and access to political information. Thus, political education is meant to raise community understanding of the legal requirements for participating actively in the political process via elections.

Each candidate duo will attempt to influence voters in a variety of ways during each election. Thus, prior to the election, the responsible parties or the implementing party will conduct socialization with all parties involved in the election's implementation. to promote understanding in order to conduct elections in accordance with Luber's principles and the principles of fair and honest organizers, and to empower the community to make choices and become informed voters who are not influenced in their decision-making. The more informed the public is about the realm of politics, the more critical and discriminating the community's choices will be.

Socialization is being implemented and the organizers' approach is aimed at preventing the incidence of violations that frequently occur during elections. Observing various parties' coercion of will factors, both by individual politicians and by the parties itself. There are a variety of infractions that occur, including violations of the law and political ethics.

Violations that frequently occur during the election of leaders continue to be a culture in every election, regardless of the standards and ethics that should be followed beginning with the candidate leaders themselves.

According to the results of the interview above, the program implemented by the organizers, in this case the KPU and Bawaslu, was successful during the 2020 regional election in Banggae District. This can be seen in the absence of multiple parties' influence on community decision-making and the absence of violations discovered as well as violations reported to the Bawaslu.

3. The Relationship Between Political Ethics and Fiqhi Siyasah in Banggae District, Majene Regency

Political ethics in fiqhi siyasah is a subset of dusturiyah fiqhi siyasah that governs the relationship between citizens and one state institution and between citizens and other state institutions within a country's administrative boundaries.¹⁴ In Islam, ethics is synonymous with morals and morality. While in Islam, politics is referred to as *siyasa*, which translates as to regulate, control, manage, or make decisions. Several Islamic teachings offer ideas that can be applied as ethics in the country and state, such as trust, deliberation, social fairness, and acknowledgment and preservation of human rights. Islamic political ethics is distinct from other forms of political ethics in that it is founded on Allah's revelation and the Prophet's Sunnah.¹⁵

Discussing political ethics, where ethics is concerned with human behavior, whether it is good or evil. Meanwhile, politics delves into numerous aspects of state/state life. Numerous regulations address POLITICAL ETHICS, including Pancasila, the wellspring of political ethics, and MPR Decree No. VI/2001 on national life ethics.

Political ethics is critical in the Pilkada because, in order to carry out the Pilkada with integrity, all participants must have an honest, trustworthy, sportsmanlike, and objective approach toward the democratic process. Which ethical principles are reflected through attitudes, beliefs, and political behavior.

Political ethics in Banggae District, Majene Regency and fiqhi siyasah share comparable ideas and objectives. Discussing political ethics in the 2020 Pilkada in Banggae District is consistent with Fiqhi Siyasah, as seen by the attitudes and behavior of regional head candidates. The attitudes and behaviors of the social candidate pairs are determined by the Banggae District residents. And during the campaign, the two pairs of candidates conducted a sportsmanlike campaign while adhering to all applicable norms. Additionally, the candidates have a spirit of leadership.

However, it cannot be argued that it is 100 percent in conformity with Fiqhi Siyasah, as evidenced by the candidate pairs' activity of money distribution, colloquially referred to as the dawn attack. Discussing the problem of money distribution during elections has developed into a culture; one could even argue that it has become a custom throughout election season and is difficult to avoid. Individuals with a low economic status view this as a risk as well as a necessity that society cannot avoid.

However, according to *siyasa fiqhi*, this is not justified because money politics falls under the category of bribes / bribery or *Risywah*, which is a disgusting crime in

¹⁴A. Djazuli, *Fiqh Siyasah (Implementasi Kemaslahatan Umat dalam Rambu-rambu Syariah)*, ed, revisi, (Jakarta: Kencana Prenada Media Group, 2003), p. 31.

¹⁵Achmad Farid, "prinsip etika politik dalam islam", *Jurnal Dauliyah* 4, No. 2 (July 2019) p. 68.

Islam. The Qur'an regulates the legal basis for bribery/bribery activity in QS. Al-Baqarah/2:188:

Meaning:

*"do not consume the money among you in a deceptive manner. And (do not) lure you with that money in order to consume some of the other's property by sin, even though you are aware."*¹⁶

The passage above says that it is prohibited to take other people's property and control it without their consent, and that you should not leave a problem to a judge who is just interested in obtaining your rights, but rather take other people's property when you know you have no right.¹⁷

However, from a legal standpoint, the distribution of money or Fajar's attack on the Banggae District regional election cannot be regarded a breach of the election (money politics), as the Bawaslu found no evidence of political money and the party received no report. Bawaslu in and of itself. If someone has a case and Bawaslu finds it, the distribution of money or pajar attacks during the election might be considered a violation of the election. Thus, from a legal standpoint, political ethics in the Banggae sub-district conform to *siyasa fiqh*.

CONCLUSION

The residents of Banggae sub-district believe that the candidate pairs in the 2020 regional elections in Majene Regency demonstrated positive and social attitudes and behaviors, as evidenced by their performance and contribution to the regional development of Majene Regency prior to becoming a candidate for the Regent candidate. The campaign for the 2020 local elections was conducted in a sporting and fair manner, without disparaging one another and in accordance with applicable legislation. This is supported by various elements, including legal understanding, religious beliefs, and educational attainment. Political ethics in the 2020 Pilkada in Banggae District are consistent with *Fiqhi Siyasa*, as seen by the attitudes and behaviors of regional head candidates. However, it cannot be said to be 100 percent in accordance with *Fiqhi Siyasa* because the candidate pair's activity of money distribution and the Fajar attack is a vile conduct. However, from a legal standpoint, this violation cannot be termed an election violation because the Bawaslu did not discover the infringement and received no report, indicating that the dawn attack action in Banggae District did not constitute an election violation. Thus, from a legal standpoint, political ethics in Banggae District conform to *siyasa fiqh*.

¹⁶Kementerian Agama Republik Indonesia, *Al-Qur'an dan Terjemahan*, p.39.

¹⁷M. Quraush Shihab, *Tafsir al-Mishbah: Pesan, Kesan, dan Keserasian al-Quran*, (Jakarta: Lentera Hati, 2011), Vol. 1, p. 499.

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