

## ABSTRACT

The title of this thesis is *Petrocaribe dan Arti Penting Kepulauan Karibia Sebagai Strategi Hugo Chavez Menggalang Sekutu Pendukung Aksi Resistensi Terhadap Amerika Serikat*. When Petrocaribe happen in its third year, several questions were raised up. The most important question is when this world is shocking because of the fluctuation of the oil price. The prices are even getting higher in the beginning of 2008. At that time, Petrocaribe still sold its oil with very cheap price, about USD 40 per barrel. Some people think that that policy is not only a social program from Venezuelan government using their excess in oil sources. But moreover, the implementation of that program reputed as an political strategy of President Hugo Chavez.

This research starts by looking for the purpose behind the established of Petrocaribe program by Hugo Chavez, then the reason of Hugo Chavez choosing Caribbean islands also will examined. Those two problems will examine using 2 kinds of analysis level, i.e. individual analysis level and nation state analysis level. After that, this research also using several theories such as decision making theory, alliance theory and geopolitics theory. By using those three theories, the argumentation that Petrocaribe is Chavez's strategy to collects partner as supporters of his resistance against United States of America. And then, Chavez's reason choose Caribbean Island as his main partners is because of the geographic positions of Caribbean and Venezuela as well will proved.

In the end of this research, the used of all theories and the analyze use idiosyncratic way, starts from Chavez's childhood and teenager, his belief and perspective, and also the analysis of international and national issues will become a main reason of Chavez strategy to get partner. Afterwards, the short distance between, United States, Venezuela and Caribbean will prove that Chavez's reason choose Caribbean is just because his resistance strategy against United States.

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