

ABSTRACT**Money Politics and Democracy in Indonesia:
A Case Study in Legislative Elections Members of DPRD Bangkalan Period
2009"**

Money politics is a common phenomenon that occurs in every election implementation in many countries, even in democratic countries using the General election as the media choosing political leaders. Generally, the notion of money politics-related on efforts to benefit a win for the contestants by vote buying or also known as transactional politics.

In this research, focussing space on money politics meaning is specifically based on the knowledge and experience to compete of legislative candidates in legislative elections in 2009. Thus, this research takes under topic "Money Politics and Democracy in Indonesia: A Case Study in Legislative Elections Members of DPRD Bangkalan Period 2009", with a focus on the political meaning of money according to legislative candidates.

This research uses qualitative methods that are specifically is called to the case study research collecting data by observation and in depth interviews with research subjects. Based on the purpose, type of research is descriptive-analytical research intended to understand deeply and thick discription about the phenomenon of money politics in the legislative elections in Bangkalan.

The results showed, there are differences in the opinions of various social and political scientists about the the money politics meaning . Based on the deepening of behind general phenomena, there seems to be specific phenomena that do not come to the surface. Specific phenomena in question here is return on the functions of money in politics, particularly relating to the legislative elections evolving dynamically. Researcher from the search results can be developed that the money politics meaning not only stressing the transactional but also stressing the functional significance to interpret money in politics having the function variable. Its functions are as following: (1) the money politics capital, (2) the money politics costs, (3) gain sympathy and (4) a exchange instrument for transactions to gain votes.

Finally, this study provides another perspective of the perspectives of pre-existed, developed by various social and political scientists about the the money politics which can be developed back in the wider discourse to a comprehensive view enrichment.