

ABSTRAK

Muh. Yusrol Fahmi (2018). Department of Political Science, The Faculty of Political and Social Science, Airlangga University Surabaya. The support of Kiai NU Kediri to Saifullah Yusuf toward East Java gubernatorial election 2018. Advisors: Prof. Kacung Marijan, Drs., MA., Ph.D dan Dr. Siti Aminah, Dra., MA

This study discusses 'the support of Kiai NU Kediri to Saifullah Yusuf toward East Java gubernatorial election 2018'. The theme is chosen due to 3 main factors which are now happening in East Java; the first is the political situation toward East Java gubernatorial election 2018, the second is the heat of discourse of kiai NU supporting the 2 NU figures who are competing in East Java gubernatorial election, Saifullah yusuf and khofifah indar parawansa, the last is that there is an agreement among kyai NU to support Saifullah yusuf in the upcoming gubernatorial election. The purpose of this study is to reveal (1) how Kiai NU Kediri support Saifullah and (2) what motives are behind it.

The type of this study is descriptive-qualitative with deep interview as the main method in collecting data. This method is used to collect a complete and comprehensive data source related to the statement of support of Kiai NU Kediri to Saifullah in the East Java gubernatorial election 2018.

The result of this research sums up that Kiai NU kediri states to totally support Saifullah in the East Java gubernatorial election 2018, and several of them actively participate in the winning socialization of his. The support is motivated by 2 main motives; (1) Saifullah is a cadre of NU who has a rather big number of winning potential in East Java gubernatorial election 2018. (2) Kiai NU will that the power in East Java is authorized by the circle of NU. Hence it can empower NU society which is the majority of the East Java society, especially the development and empowerment pesantren.

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