

# **THE POLITICAL SOCIALIZATION FOR GAY YOUNG ADULTS (A CASE STUDY ON LEGISLATIVE ELECTION IN YOGYAKARTA)**

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# BACKGROUNDS

- ◉ LGBT is one of the strategic voters, it needs having special treatment because sometimes they can't be touched by General Elections Commission or Komisi Pemilihan Umum (KPU) program before the general election
- ◉ KPU from Yogyakarta City formed the Democracy Volunteers under the coordination of KPU and county. Democracy Volunteers is derived from the five segments of strategic voters, religious groups, women's groups, people with disabilities and marginalized groups
- ◉ As one of minority groups, gay people are important. So, we need to examine them about the political socialization about legislative election for LGBT group in Yogyakarta City in the year of 2014

# EXAMPLE SOSIALISATION ABOUT PEMILU TO LGBT GROUP

## KPU Sosialisasikan Pemilu Pada Waria Badran



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**Suarakita.org**- Untuk menyukseskan Pemilihan Umum 2014, KPU Kota Yogyakarta beserta Relawan

Demokrasi memberikan sosialisasi pemilu kepada Ikatan Waria Yogyakarta di Kampung Badran, Minggu

(23/2) sore. Sosialisasi pemilu tersebut bertujuan agar waria yang tergolong sebagai salah satu kelompok marjinal di masyarakat dapat mengetahui dan memahami tata cara dalam pemilihan umum

mendatang.

Menurut Komisioner KPU Kota Yogyakarta, Rani, kegiatan ini merupakan bagian dari kegiatan Relawan Demokrasi dengan sasaran kelompok pinggiran, karena waria juga Warga Negara Indonesiayang

mempunyai hak yang sama dengan warga lain untuk menggunakan hak pilih.

Para waria umumnya menyambut baik sosialisasi dari pihak KPU Kota Yogyakarta, karena dapat memberikan pemahaman tentang pentingnya pemilu. Sejumlah permasalahan yang dihadapi kaum waria dalam pemilu 2014, diantaranya masih ada sebagian besar waria yang belum terdaftar dalam daftar pemilih, karena mereka tidak mempunyai KTP. Diharapkan para warga yang belum terdaftar sebagai pemilih pemilu untuk segera mengurus ke Pantarlih yang berada di masing-masing Padukuhan.

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# RESEARCH QUESTION

The problem of this research is how the political socialization for LGBT group, especially gay people, is carried by KPU in Yogyakarta?

# RESEARCH METHOD

- This is a descriptive qualitative research. This research describes the determination and formulation of the political socialization for LGBT group, especially gay people.
- The data is obtained through observation, in depth interviews and Focus Group Discussion (FGD).
- The informants selection is based on their participation in general elections and their understanding of politics. Our informants are Aan (29 years old), Raihan (23 years old), Firman (26 years old) and Ivan (29 years old).

# RESULTS

- ◉ Gay people are also interested in political issues especially on political policy. Even, gay people feel quite familiar with the political condition in Indonesia and other country.
- ◉ Gay's desire is to gain acceptance from the society. The acceptance, naturally, will lead to the behavior of mutual respect and getting the same political rights, regardless of their sexuality.
- ◉ Gay people see the LGBT access in public spaces is being oppresed. According to them, the government should provide public space for LGBT people to be creative and to get involve politics.
- ◉ LGBT groups in general and gay people in particular do not want to be seen as a distinct group.

# RESULT

- Gay people had actually been aware of their voting rights
- Gay people do not agree with the abstention because voters are very influential in general election. Voting rights is regardless of sexual orientation
- Gay people see political socialization regarding to the general election for LGBT groups is need to be expanded to give an understanding of LGBT issues to the public by the elite or by the candidate.
- The interests of LGBT people should also be considered when analyzing the impact of political socialization



# CONCLUSION

- The problems of political socialization for LGBT groups, particularly on gay people, are not really a problem of voting, but rather to the issue of discrimination against gay people as a minority group
- Gay people still considers that the political interests of LGBT groups have not been distributed because society is still thing of taboo regarding to LGBT issues
- Gay people only vote but never touched by KPU program. They never get information from KPU
- Gay people should have political participation, not only voting but also using the rights and obligations as citizen of Indonesia