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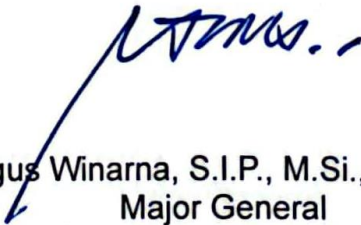
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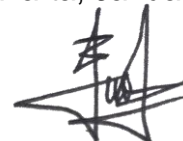
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ABSTRACT

THE IMPACT OF UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY ON INDONESIA'S DEFENSE IN THE ERA OF THE CHINA-TAIWAN CONFLICT

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This research examines the intricate dynamics of the China-Taiwan conflict and its implications for Indonesia's defense, with a specific focus on the influence of United States foreign policy. As a key player, the United States has shaped the conflict's dynamics through its evolving foreign policy. The study addresses key research problems, including understanding U.S. foreign policy towards the China-Taiwan conflict, assessing Indonesia's defense readiness, and analyzing Indonesia's efforts to counter the impact of U.S. foreign policy on its defense. The research emphasizes the unique geopolitical position of Indonesia, its economic ties with China, and the potential impact on regional stability. Research objectives encompass analyzing the impact of U.S. foreign policy on the China-Taiwan conflict, evaluating Indonesia's defense readiness, and assessing Indonesia's efforts to address the impact of U.S. foreign policy. Theoretical benefits include contributions to literature and confirmation or challenge to regional security theories, while practical benefits encompass policy guidance, diplomatic strategy, and raising public awareness. The research delves into the historical background of the China-Taiwan conflict, U.S. foreign policy evolution, and the implications for Indonesia's defense. Data collection incorporates insights from interviews with key figures in Indonesia's defense sector, regulatory documents, and laws. Data processing involves the application of analysis techniques, ensuring data validity through triangulation. The study concludes with an examination of Indonesia's defense readiness and recommendations for enhancing military capabilities, economic growth, diplomatic relations, and regional collaboration. In summary, this research provides a comprehensive analysis of the China-Taiwan conflict, U.S. foreign policy, and their implications for Indonesia's defense, offering valuable insights for policymakers and researchers alike in managing complex geopolitical challenges in the Asia-Pacific region.

Keywords: U.S. Foreign Policy, Conflict China-Taiwan, Indonesia's Defense

ABSTRAK

DAMPAK KEBIJAKAN LUAR NEGERI AMERIKA SERIKAT TERHADAP PERTAHANAN INDONESIA DI ERA KONFLIK CHINA-TAIWAN

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Penelitian ini mengkaji dinamika rumit konflik China-Taiwan dan implikasinya terhadap pertahanan Indonesia, dengan fokus khusus pada pengaruh kebijakan luar negeri Amerika Serikat. Sebagai pemain kunci, Amerika Serikat telah membentuk dinamika konflik melalui kebijakan luar negerinya yang terus berkembang. Penelitian ini mengatasi permasalahan penelitian utama, termasuk memahami kebijakan luar negeri AS terhadap konflik China-Taiwan, menilai kesiapan pertahanan Indonesia, dan menganalisis upaya Indonesia untuk mengatasi dampak kebijakan luar negeri AS terhadap pertahanannya. Penelitian ini menekankan posisi geopolitik unik Indonesia, hubungan ekonominya dengan Tiongkok, dan dampak potensial terhadap stabilitas regional. Tujuan penelitian melibatkan analisis dampak kebijakan luar negeri AS terhadap konflik China-Taiwan, mengevaluasi kesiapan pertahanan Indonesia, dan menilai upaya Indonesia dalam mengatasi dampak kebijakan luar negeri AS. Manfaat teoretis meliputi kontribusi terhadap literatur dan konfirmasi atau tantangan terhadap teori keamanan regional, sedangkan manfaat praktis mencakup panduan kebijakan, strategi diplomasi, dan peningkatan kesadaran publik. Penelitian ini menjelajahi latar belakang sejarah konflik China-Taiwan, evolusi kebijakan luar negeri AS, dan implikasinya terhadap pertahanan Indonesia. Pengumpulan data mencakup wawancara dengan tokoh kunci di sektor pertahanan Indonesia, dokumen regulasi, dan undang-undang. Pengolahan data melibatkan penerapan teknik analisis, memastikan validitas data melalui triangulasi. Penelitian ini diakhiri dengan pemeriksaan kesiapan pertahanan Indonesia dan rekomendasi untuk meningkatkan kemampuan militer, pertumbuhan ekonomi, hubungan diplomatik, dan kerja sama regional. Secara keseluruhan, penelitian ini memberikan analisis komprehensif tentang konflik China-Taiwan, kebijakan luar negeri AS, dan dampaknya terhadap pertahanan Indonesia, memberikan wawasan berharga bagi pembuat kebijakan dan peneliti dalam mengelola tantangan geopolitik yang kompleks di wilayah Asia-Pasifik.

Kata Kunci: Kebijakan Luar Negeri AS, Konflik China-Taiwan, Pertahanan Indonesia

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AXLE	= United States
PKT	= Chinese Communist Party
TRA	= Taiwan Relations Act
ASEAN	= Association South East Asia Nation
SISHANKAMRATA	= Sistem Pertahanan Keamanan Rakyat Semesta
CSIS	= Center for Strategic and International Studies
LCS	= South China Sea
RI	= Republic of Indonesia
EEZ	= Economic Exclusive Zone