

ABSTRACT

Mudir (Kiyai) is a figure who has a big influence in an Islamic boarding school. Basically, the mudir is a living figure for the students, because the mudir is the leader of the Islamic boarding school. Santri are a part of the Indonesian nation who have the right and obligation to participate in political activities. The aim of this research is to find out how the influence of the kiai (Mudir) influences the political participation of students at the Muhammadiyah At-Tajdid Tasikmalaya Islamic Boarding School in the upcoming 2024 Presidential Election. This research uses Nelson and Huntington's theory, namely, autonomous participation and mobilized participation, as well as Gabriel Almond's theory, namely conventional participation and non-conventional participation. This type of research is descriptive qualitative with a research focus on how the mudir plays a role in influencing the political participation of Islamic boarding school students. The research subjects were selected using a purposive sampling technique. Data was obtained through interviews, observation and documentation as well as using data analysis techniques according to Miles and Huberman. Test the validity of the data using triangulation. The data analysis technique is carried out by going through the data reduction stage, presenting organized material and conclusions.

The research results show that participation in the upcoming 2024 Presidential Election is included in autonomous participation, it's just that the students are given lots of input or descriptions about candidate pairs, so that they don't make the wrong choice. in terms of conventional and non-conventional participation, the form of participation in santri politics in this Islamic boarding school does not lead to conventional and non-conventional forms, santri participate only to the extent of choosing, without taking part in other activities, let alone forms of non-conventional participation that are not It's natural that students never do this, apart from the lack of information and understanding of politics, students are indifferent to all other government activities. Santri must be more sensitive to political activities, to participate fully in political activities

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