

Parties Financing and Political Corruption as an Organized Corruption in Indonesia

Reformation Order gives great impacts in every aspect of people and government in Indonesia. People demands cleaner and more accountable government, therefore law provides greater rights for people to vote for the person and party, they like most, through National election and regional elections.

In attracting voters, parties do whatever it takes to gain voters as many as they can. They offer good programs for people such as good and clean government campaign or programs that can be easily taken by people especially poor and in rural area such as free medication or giving away money, rice, cooking oil etc. Campaign by media such newspapers, magazine, TV, Radio even online media is raising highly closed to elections. Therefore, parties should provide many sources of fund to sustain their programs. Unfortunately, the need of big money at some point leads to corruption. The corruption case that involves Democratic Party, as an Indonesian ruling party, is one example.

In this paper I would like to explore and share the condition of political corruption in Indonesia that form as an organized corruption, also how parties establish good relation with businessmen to run business through public procurement with the power of the party and how they use companies to launder the money obtained from corruption. So far Indonesia has made effort by improving law regarding party finance however at some point some parties are not fair enough in disclosing their financial statement, therefore the role of Anti Corruption agencies should be maximized.