Trust of Politicians in Indonesia: Indigenous Psychological Analysis

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Background:
Distrust towards the government and political parties.
Massive behavior of legislative members: CORRUPT, drug use, love affair, gambling habits, NATO: No Action Talk Only.

Indigenous Psychology Approach
- a scientific study of
- human behavior (or mind) that is
- native, not transported
- from other regions,
- that is designed for its people
- People’s natural context.

Research Result (1)

The reason why you distrust politicians

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<tr>
<th>Incompetence</th>
<th>Lack of Integrity</th>
<th>Promote Self</th>
<th>Corrupt</th>
<th>Politically Iliterate</th>
<th>As Human Being</th>
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Expression: Distrust of Politician:
"Most of them are NATO: No action talk only"
“As far as I have observed, politicians just talk much, inconsistent with their various theories and views but they are poor in their application”
“Based on them, politicians just give away promises to get themselves elected, in fact, at the time they was elected they forgot about their promises because of their poor morality and responsibility and they need early education to ensure good morals and mental. And although most of them have not demonstrated their abilities yet, they already engage in politics and eventually only are capable of lying to the people”
“I don’t trust of politicians because all they do are only sleep and eat”.

Research Result (2)

The reason why you trust politicians?

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<th>Competence</th>
<th>Integrity</th>
<th>District of politicians</th>
<th>Service/Compassion</th>
<th>Similar Attitudes</th>
<th>Leadership</th>
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<td>32.2%</td>
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Expression: Trust of Politician
-“Because politicians have a broad perspective and fine abilities in their field”
-“Because politicians have the certain skills that distinguish them from people in general”
-“Because there are a number of politicians I know, that have a higher education, good moral/intellectual, and are truly concerned with the peoples’ fate”

Trust in Asia is relational concept
Solo: Rumangsa Melu Handarbeni, Rumangsa Melu Hangrungkebi, Mulat Sarira Angrasa Wani
Islamic Concept: Amanah, aamana-yu’minu
(Indonesia: Yakin—Percaya, Rukun-Hormat-Adil).

Multi method:
• Open ended questionnaires
  *(Kim, 2008)*
• Psychological scales (Yamagishi)
• Qualitative and quantitative approach
• Analysis: data categorization, Descriptive statistic
• 508 respondents, 141 males, 367 females.

Merah Putih Teruslah Kau Berkibar…

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