

ABSTRACT

Party coalitions are commonly used in the 2024 Regency and Municipal Elections as a strategy to increase candidates chances of winning. This study aims to analyze the effect of party coalitions on candidates vote shares and winning status in Indonesia's 2024 Regency and Municipal Elections. This study employs a quantitative approach using cross-sectional data from 1,460 candidate pairs across 508 regencies and municipalities. The analysis is conducted using Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) to estimate candidates vote shares and the Linear Probability Model (LPM) to analyze winning status, with the logit model used as a robustness check. The results show that party coalitions have a positive and statistically significant effect on both candidates vote shares and winning status. These findings remain consistent in the logit model. This study concludes that party coalitions serve as a source of electoral advantage for candidates in Indonesia's 2024 Regency and Municipal Elections.

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