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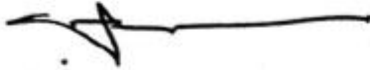
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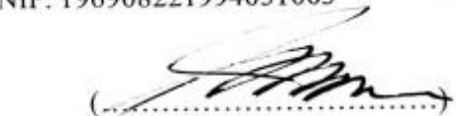

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Abstrak

Amerika Serikat dan Arab Saudi adalah dua negara dengan citra persahabatan yang cukup kuat, yang didalamnya diwarnai keeratan transaksional dalam hal minyak bumi dan militer. Amerika seakan bertindak sebagai ‘penjaga’ cadangan minyak Arab Saudi yang begitu penting dan berpengaruh dalam kestabilan pasar minyak bumi dunia, serta pada kebutuhan konsumsi minyak bumi di Amerika Serikat itu sendiri. Akan tetapi, keeratan tersebut nampak memudar tatkala Arab Saudi, melalui OPEC, melayangkan penolakan dalam beberapa kali pada permintaan Amerika Serikat untuk menaikkan produksi minyak bumi. Hal ini bertujuan untuk menjaga kestabilan harga minyak bumi agar tidak naik begitu tinggi serta memenuhi kebutuhan konsumsi minyak bumi Amerika Serikat. Lewat kerangka neoklasik realis, dalam riset ini penulis akan mengidentifikasi landasan penolakan Arab Saudi tersebut dalam variable independent dan variable *intervening*. Adapun kebaharuan yang dimunculkan dalam riset ini adalah adanya tingkah laku kedua negara yang tidak biasanya terjadi, sebab dalam beberapa literatur yang diteliti oleh penulis menjelaskan bahwa kerja sama antara kedua negara ini berlangsung secara baik.

Kata Kunci: OPEC, Saudi Arabia, Produksi Minyak Bumi, Neoklasik Realisme

Abstract

The United States and Saudi Arabia are two countries with a fairly strong image of friendship, which are characterized by transactional closeness in oil and military matters. America seems to act as a 'custodian' of Saudi Arabia's oil reserves which are so important and influential in the stability of the world oil market, as well as the demand for oil consumption in the United States itself. However, this tightness seems to be fading when Saudi Arabia, through OPEC, has repeatedly rejected US requests to increase oil production. This aims to maintain the stability of oil prices so that they do not rise too high and meet the needs of the United States' oil consumption. Through a realist neoclassical framework, in this research the author will identify the basis for Saudi Arabia's rejection in the independent variables and intervening variables. The novelty that emerges in this research is the behavior of the two countries which does not usually occur, because in some of the literature researched by the authors it is clear that the cooperation between the two countries is going well.

Keywords: OPEC, Saudi Arabia, Oil Production, Neoclassical Realism

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