

ABSTRACT

The Japan-United States alliance has its origins in the aftermath of World War II. This research examines the Japan-United States alliance under the leadership of Shinzo Abe as Prime Minister of Japan in 2012-2020. The research was conducted with a fact-based qualitative method to analyze the Japan-United States security alliance using the foundation of the alliance concept. It can be seen that the direction of Japan's security policy has undergone a significant shift, such as reinterpretation of Article 9 of the Japanese Constitution, the removal of restrictions on arms exports, and an augmentation of the defense budget, enabling Japan to enhance its military capabilities. This expansion of military capacity served to reinforce the alliance between the two nations through various collaborative initiatives. These included joint military exercises such as Keen Sword and Dawn Blitz, cooperation in the development of advanced defense technologies like the F-35 fighter, E-2D Advanced Hawkeye aircraft, and Patriot PAC-3 missile system, as well as collaboration on the Aegis Ashore missile defense program.

Keyword: *Japan, United States, Security Alliance, Military.*

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Hubungan aliansi Jepang-Amerika Serikat telah dimulai sejak kalahnya Jepang pada Perang Dunia II. Penelitian ini mengkaji tentang aliansi Jepang-Amerika Serikat di bawah kepemimpinan Shinzo Abe sebagai Perdana Menteri Jepang tahun 2012-2020. Penelitian dilakukan dengan metode kualitatif berdasarkan fakta untuk menganalisis aliansi keamanan Jepang-Amerika Serikat menggunakan landasan konsep aliansi. Dari penelitian ini dapat dilihat bahwa arah kebijakan keamanan Jepang mengalami pergeseran signifikan, seperti reinterpretasi Pasal 9 Konstitusi Jepang, pencabutan kebijakan larangan ekspor senjata, serta peningkatan anggaran pertahanan yang memungkinkan Jepang untuk memperluas peran militernya. Perluasan militer ini menguatkan hubungan aliansi antara kedua negara melalui berbagai kerja sama seperti latihan bersama *Keen Sword* dan *Dawn Blitz*; kerja sama pembuatan teknologi pertahanan seperti pesawat tempur F-35, pesawat E-2D *Advance Hawkeye*, sistem rudal Patriot PAC-3; serta kerja sama dalam pertahanan misil *Aegis Ashore*.

Kata Kunci: *Jepang, Amerika Serikat, Aliansi Keamanan, militer.*