

ABSTRAK

Program nuklir dan rudal balistik Korea Utara menjadi tantangan serius bagi stabilitas keamanan Asia Timur dan kepentingan Amerika Serikat. Menanggapi hal tersebut, Amerika Serikat di bawah pemerintahan Barack Obama menerapkan kebijakan *strategic patience* yang menekankan pencegahan dan tekanan diplomatik tanpa tindakan militer langsung. Penelitian ini menggunakan metode kualitatif dengan pendekatan studi kasus serta kerangka neorealisme neoklasik untuk menganalisis faktor domestik dan internasional yang memengaruhi kebijakan tersebut. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa *strategic patience* dipengaruhi oleh dinamika keamanan regional, komitmen aliansi, keterbatasan militer dan ekonomi, serta tekanan politik domestik. Kebijakan ini diimplementasikan melalui penguatan aliansi, sanksi multilateral, langkah defensif, dan pemantauan intelijen. Meskipun mampu mencegah eskalasi militer terbuka, kebijakan ini belum berhasil menghentikan pengembangan nuklir Korea Utara.

Kata kunci: *Strategic Patience*, Amerika Serikat, Korea Utara, nuklir, realisme neoklasik, keamanan Asia Timur.

ABSTRACT

North Korea's nuclear and ballistic missile programs pose a serious challenge to security stability in East Asia and to the interests of the United States. In response, the United States under the Barack Obama administration adopted the strategic patience policy, emphasizing deterrence and diplomatic pressure without direct military action. This study employs a qualitative case study approach and applies the neoclassical realism framework to analyze the domestic and international factors shaping the policy. The findings indicate that strategic patience was influenced by regional security dynamics, alliance commitments, military and economic constraints, and domestic political pressures. The policy was implemented through alliance strengthening, multilateral sanctions, defensive measures, and intelligence monitoring. Although effective in preventing open military escalation, the policy failed to halt North Korea's nuclear development.

Keyword: *Strategic Patience, United States, North Korea, nuclear weapons, neoclassical realism, East Asian security.*