

BAB IV

Kesimpulan

Setelah analisa yang dilakukan pada bab 2 dan bab 3 di atas mendukung beberapa kesimpulan mengenai bagaimana dilema aliansi antara Filipina dan Amerika Serikat yang menjadi determinan dari keputusan untuk ditanggukannya pembatalan perjanjian Visiting Force Agreement. Berawal dari keputusan Duterte untuk mengambil kebijakan luar negeri yang lebih independen dengan menjauhkan diri dari cengkraman Amerika dan membatalkan perjanjian VFA untuk mendekatkan dirinya kepada China. Hal ini dapat dinilai sebagai ketakutan Filipina akan terjebak di tengah konflik antara Amerika dan China. Namun, langkah yang dilakukan oleh Duterte tidak memberikan hasil yang diinginkannya membuat ia kembali ke rangkulan Amerika dan menangguhkan pembatalan VFA.

Dengan menggunakan teori dilema aliansi keamanan oleh Glenn Snyder yang mencakup faktor-faktor seperti ketergantungan secara langsung dan tidak langsung, tingkat ketegasan yang tercantum, disparitas kepentingan dengan negara sekutu, dan yang terakhir perilaku aliansi di masa lalu menjadi penentu utama dari nilai dan kemungkinan yang dianggap oleh negara dengan berbagai kemungkinan konsekuensi dari strategi yang akan dipilih. Jika sebuah negara merasa sangat bergantung pada sekutunya secara langsung, dan ia menganggap sekutunya kurang bergantung, jika tingkat ketegasan yang diberikan juga kurang memiliki kekuatan dan perilaku sekutu baru-baru ini menunjukkan kesetiaan yang diragukan maka sebuah negara akan lebih takut untuk ditinggalkan daripada ketakutan akan

terjebak. Oleh karena itu, negara akan cenderung meyakinkan sekutu mengenai komitmennya.

Hal ini yang terjadi pada Filipina, jika kita melihat bahwa :

1. Filipina secara langsung sangat bergantung pada Amerika sebagai satu-satunya penjamin dari keamanannya karena kekuatan militer yang dimiliki oleh Filipina sangatlah lemah. Selain itu, Filipina juga tidak memiliki alternatif lain untuk beraliansi dengan negara lain yang mempunyai kekuatan seperti Amerika. Ketergantungan yang tinggi pada Amerika membuat Filipina menempatkan hubungan aliansinya sebagai kunci terhadap keamanan nasionalnya. Semakin besar tingkat ketergantungan Filipina maka keuntungan dan resiko akan ditinggalkan akan lebih dominan dibandingkan oleh resiko terjebak.
2. Pada dimensi ini, Amerika dan Filipina memiliki tingkat kepentingan strategis yang berbeda. Amerika sangat bergantung pada Filipina untuk mencegah Filipina memihak kepada China, sedangkan sebaliknya Filipina tidak bergantung secara strategis kepada Amerika. Hal ini yang menyebabkan turunnya nilai daya tawar dan leverage yang dimiliki oleh Amerika hingga Amerika masih bersedia menerima kembali Filipina setelah keputusan untuk menangguk pembatalan VFA.
3. Perjanjian VFA yang menaungi dua perjanjian lainnya yaitu MDT dan juga EDCA, berfungsi sebagai kerangka hukum bagi kedua perjanjian tersebut. Namun Duterte mencoba membatalkan VFA, karena ia tahu jika VFA

dibatalkan akan hanya melemahkan pengaruh yang dimiliki oleh Amerika terhadap Filipina, tetapi Amerika masih memiliki kewajiban untuk melindungi Filipina jika terjadi serangan di bawah perjanjian MDT dan EDCA namun kedudukan kedua perjanjian tersebut menjadi semakin ambigu tanpa adanya VFA membuat Duterte mempertimbangkan kembali mengenai keputusannya.

4. Meskipun pada awal masa pemerintahan Duterte, Amerika dan Filipina memiliki kepentingan strategis yang berbeda. Namun, sifat agresif China selama masa pandemi ini membuat Duterte mempertimbangkan kembali mengenai apa yang menjadi kepentingan Filipina dan kepentingan bersamanya dengan Amerika. Dilain sisi, dengan semakin meningkatnya keagresifan China di Laut China Selatan, dan investasi yang tak kunjung berjalan. Duterte kembali mengharapkan belas kasihan dan bantuan Amerika untuk menghadapi China.
5. Perilaku sebelumnya yang ditunjukkan oleh Amerika menunjukkan adanya ambivalensi yaitu sikap ragu yang tidak cukup untuk meyakinkan Filipina akan komitmen Amerika. Hal ini yang menyebabkan semakin meningkatnya Fear of Abandonment yang dirasakan oleh Filipina, Snyder mengatakan bahwa negara akan menunjukkan komitmen yang kuat untuk meyakinkan negara aliansinya yang menunjukkan keraguan untuk mengurangi Fear of Abandonment tersebut.

Hasil dari pertimbangan ini menghasilkan strategi Cooperate atau C yaitu dengan mempertahankan perjanjian VFA dan mengambil sikap yang lebih tegas

terhadap China. Dengan melakukan ini maka akan menghindari resiko untuk ditinggalkan yang dirasakan oleh Filipina dengan mengorbankan beberapa resiko untuk terjebak dalam konflik antara Amerika dan China. Meningkatnya ancaman di kawasan Laut China Selatan dan kurangnya kemampuan militer Filipina membuat Filipina untuk sepenuhnya bergantung pada Amerika sebagai pencegah utama dalam menghadapi ancaman keamanan eksternalnya.

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