

## **BAB IV**

### **KESIMPULAN**

Amerika Serikat dan China merupakan dua negara yang sangat besar dan maju di dunia. Amerika Serikat dan China sangat maju secara politik, keamanan hingga ekonomi. AS dan China bahkan merupakan dua negara dengan perekonomian terbesar di dunia dengan AS menempati posisi pertama dan China pada posisi kedua. Dengan kondisi dan predikat tersebut, AS dan China termasuk pada negara-negara yang paling berpengaruh di dunia. AS dan China pun telah menjalin hubungan kerjasama terhadap satu sama lain sejak masa lampau. Pada segi ekonomi. hubungan perdagangan AS dengan China telah menjalin kerjasama sejak 1784. Sejak awal hubungan perdagangan keduanya terjalin hingga saat ini, hubungan kerjasama antar keduanya telah memberikan keuntungan yang signifikan bagi pemenuhan kebutuhan serta perkembangan ekonomi kedua negara. Namun hubungan kerjasama ini tentu tidak selalu berjalan dengan mulus. Mengalami pasang surut dan berbagai friksi dari masa lampau hingga saat ini. Masa ini kedua negara pun sedang mengalami friksi pada hubungan perdagangan yang cukup memberi ketegangan pada hubungan kedua negara.

Friksi yang terjadi pada hubungan kerjasama perdagangan Amerika Serikat dan China kali ini dimulai sejak terpilihnya Presiden Donald Trump pada tahun 2016 yang kemudian dilantik pada tahun 2017. Sejak awal masa kepemimpinannya, Donald

Trump telah menyuarakan keresahannya terhadap hubungan perdagangan Amerika Serikat dengan China. Trump menunjukkan sentimen yang tidak baik atas dasar dugaan praktek dagang China dengan Amerika Serikat selama ini kurang adil. Beberapa dugaan ini berupa pencurian kekayaan intelektual, manipulasi nilai mata uang dan subsidi yang kemudian berpengaruh dengan munculnya ketimpangan pada hubungan perdagangan Amerika Serikat-China. Ketimpangan ini Trump tunjukkan melalui defisit neraca perdagangan AS terhadap hubungan perdagangannya dengan China yang sangat besar dan terus meningkat dari tahun ke tahun. Kemudian Trump melakukan investigasi untuk membuktikan dugaan-dugaannya tersebut yang kemudian menunjukkan beberapa hasil yang mendukung dugaan-dugannya terhadap praktek perdagangan China yang dianggap Trump kurang adil selama ini. Atas dasar penemuannya tersebut, Trump mendesak China untuk merubah kebijakan serta praktek perdagangannya untuk hubungan yang lebih baik dengan AS kedepannya. Namun desakkan Amerika Serikat ini direspon oleh China dengan respon yang kurang memuaskan bagi AS yaitu China menolak merubah apapun pada kebijakannya karena dinilai tidak melanggar aturan internasional apapun. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menganalisis dampak perang dagang Amerika Serikat-China terhadap neraca perdagangan Amerika Serikat-China pada kurun waktu 2018.

Berdasarkan tanggapan China yang kurang memuaskan dan menolak perubahan pada kebijakan serta praktek dagangnya, Amerika Serikat membawa friksi ini ke arah yang semakin serius. Amerika Serikat mulai memberlakukan tarif pada

beberapa produk China bernilai jutaan dolar. Tindakannya ini ditujukan untuk kembali mendesak China merubah kebijakan. Setelah beberapa waktu, China tetap tidak merespon tindakan Amerika Serikat sebagaimana yang Trump inginkan sehingga Trump kembali memberlakukan tarif pada produk-produk China lainnya yang bernilai jutaan dolar. China pun kemudian memberikan respon berupa *white paper* yang berisi mengenai klarifikasi serta posisi China pada konflik yang dimunculkan oleh Amerika Serikat. China sekali lagi menyatakan bagaimana tidak ada ketidakadilan pada praktek perdagangannya dengan Amerika Serikat dan menolak untuk mengubah bagian apapun pada kebijakan perdagangannya. China pun menyatakan untuk siap melawan tindakan pemberlakuan tarif Amerika Serikat untuk menjaga perekonomian dan kestabilan negara. China kemudian memberlakukan tarif balasan yang kemudian direspon kembali oleh AS dengan tarif lain sehingga terjadi perang tarif diantara Amerika Serikat-China yang dapat dikatakan pula sebagai perang dagang hingga saat ini.

Penulis melakukan analisa mengenai dampak perang dagang yang terjadi antar Amerika Serikat-China kepada perubahan neraca perdagangan kedua negara. Analisa pada perubahan neraca perdagangan dianggap penting bagi penulis karena defisit neraca perdagangan Amerika Serikat terhadap China merupakan salah satu alasan terbesar dimulainya perang dagang ini oleh Donald Trump. Penulis telah menganalisa penelitian ini dengan menggunakan pendekatan teori realisme, merkantilisme yang mencakup proteksionisme dan hambatan perdagangan, kemudian konsep perdagangan

internasional mencakup teori keunggulan komparatif, lalu penulis juga menggunakan konsep kepentingan nasional dan perang dagang.

Penulis telah mengkaji faktor-faktor yang menyebabkan munculnya perang dagang Amerika Serikat-China, tarif yang dikenakan selama perang dagang serta dampaknya terhadap neraca perdagangan Amerika Serikat-China dan China-Amerika Serikat. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa defisit neraca perdagangan Amerika Serikat terhadap China semakin besar selama perang dagang berlangsung. Semakin besar defisit neraca perdagangan Amerika Serikat disebabkan oleh beberapa hal. Perang dagang yang berlangsung ternyata tidak berperan signifikan untuk menurunkan defisit perdagangan Amerika Serikat terhadap China karena adanya tarif balasan dari China yang kemudian berpengaruh pula pada tingkat ekspor Amerika Serikat. China juga memiliki keunggulan komparatif berupa tingkat *labor cost* yang relatif lebih rendah sehingga memperkuat China secara ekspor dan mendorong perusahaan-perusahaan Amerika Serikat memindahkan produksi ke China yang kemudian berpengaruh pada tingkat impor Amerika Serikat dari China. Dengan keunggulan ini sulit untuk menjatuhkan China meski dengan pemberlakuan tarif oleh Amerika Serikat.

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