

Indonesia's 2024 Presidential Election: Coalitions, Networks, and Democracy

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This presentation describes the coalition-building process undertaken by the three candidate presidents in the 2024 election: Anies Baswedan-Muhaimin, Prabowo Subianto-Gibran RR, Ganjar Pranowo-Mahfud MD. Who their supporters are, and what it means. The presentation addressed the Constitutional Court scandal that paved the way for Gibran to become Prabowo's vice presidential candidate. The quick count showed that Prabowo-Gibran's victory was aided by the Jokowi effect. This happened because of the support provided by Jokowi in the form of social assistance or closed campaigns. In addition, the state under Jokowi also intimidated village heads to favor Prabowo-Gibran. This presentation also discusses the networks that have formed involving long-standing political and business actors. The presidential election process showed that Indonesia failed the democracy test, and democracy is under serious threat.