

Press Release

Voter Preference Survey Results:

VOTERS NOT INFLUENCED BY PARTY LEADERS, WANT BETTER ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

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In the second round of the Indonesian presidential election yesterday, the ticket of Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and Jusuf Kalla (SBY-Kalla) defeated Megawati Soekarnoputri and Hasyim Muzadi (Mega-Hasyim) by a wide margin. This indicates that the Nationalist Coalition (*Koalisi Kebangsaan*) consisting of Golkar, PDI-P, PPP, PDS, and PBR was ineffective in galvanizing voters to support the Mega-Hasyim ticket. The exception to this overall conclusion is that the supporters of the two core parties in the Coalition (PDI-P and PDS) remained loyal to Megawati. In contrast, the parties that formed the Coalition following the first round election on July 5 (Golkar, PPP and PBR) were not successful in significantly increasing the vote total obtained by the Mega-Hasyim ticket (**Table 1**).

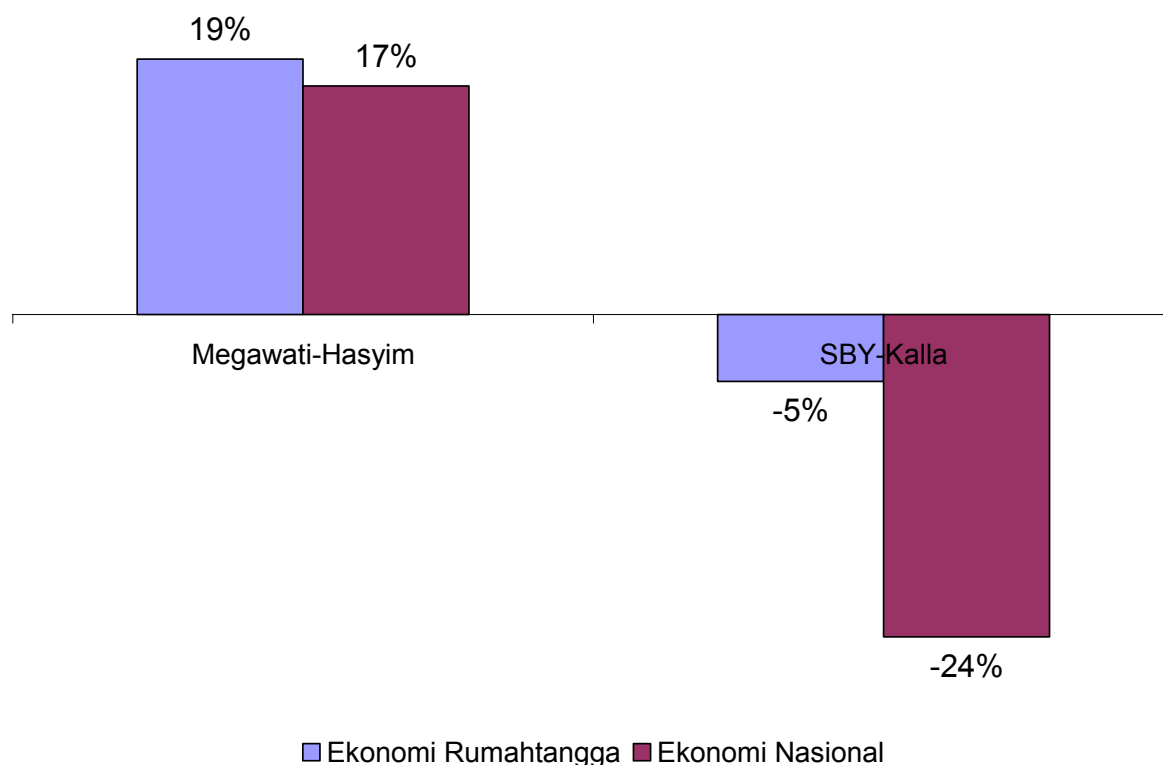
Similar trends were apparent among traditionalist Muslims (*nahdliyyin*). Hasyim Muzadi, as the leader of Nahdlatul Ulama (NU), was not successful in gaining the support of the majority of sympathizers of that religious organization (**Table 2**).

The ticket of SBY-Kalla succeeded in gaining support from first-round voters for the tickets of Wiranto-Salahuddin Wahid and Amien Rais-Siswono Yudo Husodo. However, this ticket did not succeed in siphoning away first-round supporters for the Mega-Hasyim ticket (**Table 3**).

The results of this survey underscore voters' desire for improvements in the economy. This can be seen from the fact that SBY-Kalla voters tended to perceive both their household and national economic conditions as worse than one year ago (**Figure 1**).

There were no major differences between the proportion of voters for each ticket from Java and the Outer Islands. In both areas, the SBY-Kalla ticket defeated the Mega-Hasyim ticket by approximately the same margin. From the standpoint of voters' religious affiliation, it appears that Mega-Hasyim's supporters were somewhat more pluralistic than SBY-Kalla's voters (**Table 4 and 5**).

Figure 1. Net-margin of perception on current household and national economy compare to one year ago



Methodology

This survey was conducted by LP3ES by interviewing 4,831 voters at 1,908 polling stations. Interviews were conducted with respondents chosen randomly on election day. The polling stations are the same as those in the Quick Count sample. Approximately 34% of respondents refused to name the ticket they voted for; these respondents were not included in the foregoing analysis. The margin of error for the results of this survey is plus or minus 1.5 percentage points at a 95% confidence level.

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Table 1. Preference of political party in April 2004 to pairs of presidential candidates

April 2004 Party	Mega-Hasyim	SBY-Kalla	Total
Golkar	24%	76%	100%
PDIP	88%	12%	100%
PKB	34%	66%	100%
PPP	24%	76%	100%
Partai Demokrat	5%	95%	100%
PKS	14%	86%	100%
PAN	23%	77%	100%
PBB	13%	87%	100%
PDS	63%	37%	100%
PBR	31%	69%	100%
Others	27%	73%	100%

Table 2. Affiliation to Islamic organization to pairs of Presidential candidates

Islamic Organization	Mega-Hasyim	SBY-Kalla	Total
NU	40%	60%	100%
Muhammadiyah	32%	68%	100%
Organisasi Islam lainnya	23%	77%	100%
Tidak ikut Organisasi Islam	31%	69%	100%
Tidak tahu/ tidak jawab	36%	64%	100%

Table 3. Shift of choice to presidential candidates

Choice in Juli 2004	Mega-Hasyim	SBY-Kalla	Total
Wiranto – Wahid	29%	71%	100.00%
Megawati – Hasyim	91%	9%	100.00%
Amien Rais – Siswono	21%	79%	100.00%
SBY – Kalla	4%	96%	100.00%
Hamzah – Agum	35%	65%	100.00%

Table 4. Java – Outer-Java on pairs of Presidential candidates

Java vs Outer Java	Mega-Hasyim	SBY-Kalla	Total
Java	39%	61%	100
Outer Java	36%	64%	100

Table 5. Pairs of Presidential candidates by religion

Religion	Mega-Hasyim	SBY-Kalla
Moslems	78%	92%
Non-moslems	22%	8%
Total	100%	100%