Yudhoyono’s Foreign Policy: Indonesia’s Rising?

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A. Difficult Starting Point
B. Yudhoyono’s foreign policy
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E. Personal attributes
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A. Difficult Starting Point

- Aftershocks of the financial crisis
- Political Reformation
- Social and religious unrest
- Treat of Separation
- unconfident Foreign Policy
- Terrorist Attacks
B. Yudhoyono’s Foreign Policy

Confidence in Foreign Policy

- Economic Growth
- Democratic Transition and Political Stability
- Social relations
B. Yudhoyono’s Foreign Policy
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- EAS
- ASEAN
- RCEP
- APT
- ARF
B. Yudhoyono’s Foreign Policy

- Rowing relations between the US-China by bringing the US back to Indonesia and maintaining close relations with China
- G20
- UN: High-level panel of eminent persons on the post-2015 development agenda

As a bridge?
B. Yudhoyono’s Foreign Policy

3. Norms Building
   - Functioning Moslem Democracy
   - Democracy through dialogue
   - Interfaith Dialogue

Norms promotion through dialogue
B. Yudhoyono’s Foreign Policy

4. Priorities

- Economic diplomacy
- Border negotiation
C. Challenges

1. Geo-politics in Southeast Asia
2. Leaning to the West?
3. Lack of assertiveness vis-à-vis other states
C. Challenges (4)

International Reputation

Domestic Criticism
D. Indonesia’s Rising?

1. Criteria of Rising?
2. Whose narration?
E. Yudhoyono’s Personality and FP

- Motivation
- Emotion
- Problem representation

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E. Yudhoyono’s Personality and FP

Motivation
- Personal goals: ‘menjadi orang’
- Pressures: family and peer

emotion
- passionate
- Non-conflictual

Problem Presentation
- Domestic versus international
- Indonesia’s capability
E. Yudhoyono’s Personality and FP

Approach: *Thousand Friends Zero Enemy*
✓ Non-conflictual approach.
✓ High profile.

‘international community more understands the value of his works than Indonesian audience.

Thus, prefers to handling international Relations than domestic issues.
F. Conclusion

1. Yudhoyono’s personality shapes his approach to the FP.
2. Yudhoyono’s legacy in Indonesia’s foreign policy: re-establish the country in the global map.
3. The attribute ‘rising’ is misleading because it does not match with Indonesia’s reality and usually used as appeasement.
Thank you

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