

overall this makes up only 17% of the places in the Parliament. Nonetheless in Indonesia the role of personality, the role of the leader, the "bapakism" in society, is still very important. Even though your political base is fairly small does not mean you are going to be weak in the future. It depends on how you play your cards and how good your skills will be in managing this political fragmentation.

Regarding SBY's leadership style, some people say that he is a reincarnation of Soeharto in the sense that he is very Javanese man. He is a Javanese gentleman who likes moderation. If you give him a choice between right and left, by instinct, SBY is a man who will always take the middle road. So it depends actually on the team surrounding him because by nature he always picks moderation. If his staff and cabinet are forceful enough, leaving him less choice, he will seek moderation less but the moderation he will adopt is the one that I think will answer the problem. So, much will depend on how he will choose his cabinet, which is coming in the next few days. And we have to keep in mind that one of the potential dangers is what we call the revolution of expectations in Indonesia. People are becoming less patient. You've seen the protest voters - 14% of them, if you consider PKS followers and Democratic Party followers as protest voters. They are less patient now because of the role of media and the rapid growth in accessibility of information. Therefore our leaders, even to the best of them, will face the problems and difficulties leading our fast-changing nation. But our hope is high. By nature I am an optimistic person, and although I am on the losing side of politics, I give the incoming government high hope and optimism. And I think SBY will succeed. He has to succeed, for the sake of our people, for democracy, and also most fundamentally for the history of Indonesia. Thank you.

DISCUSSION

- Q: The election process was complex, as you said. I was just wondering about the result of the presidential election. Was it determined by gender? Did the people vote more for SBY because he is a man and less for Megawati because she is a woman?
- A: Gender played almost no role whatsoever. People were divided evenly. So this was good, as voters appear to be becoming more rational. They don't see gender or ethnic background as that important. Also the political arena for the presidential contest