



The Role of the West Java Regional Government in the Pandemic Period in Overcoming the Covid-19 Virus (Studies Analysis of Discourse on Decision Making by the Government of West Java Province)

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ABSTRACT

At the beginning of the emergence of the Covid-19 outbreak, many things changed and were affected. Various kinds of fields and aspects in life also inevitably follow suit. Such as the economy, health, education, and so forth. It's no different in the field of government in Indonesia, there have been many changes and adjustments in order to cope with the effects of Covid-19. All regions in Indonesia apply the rules in accordance with the direction of the central government which then continues with the policies for each province. The Regional Government of West Java Province is considered quite attractive because it is responsive and effective in preventing the spread. Covid-19 cases in the area. The decision-making factor is one of the factors that is in the spotlight, in relation to internal communication.

INTRODUCTION

Related to the spread of the Covid-19 virus which is increasingly prevalent in Indonesia, the central government has made a decision to make policies regarding handling during this pandemic. This was also followed by regional governments so that they could handle and prevent the Covid-19 case in their regions from spreading further.

The policy of the central government in conveying decisions is still considered slow when compared to the spread of positive cases of Covid-19 which is increasing in every province in Indonesia. The decision to implement Large-Scale Social Restrictions is unfair if it is applied to all regions in Indonesia considering that not all areas are affected by Covid-19 or at least they are not included in the red zone which can be said to have the highest positive cases.

Therefore, the government gives authority to regional governments to make decisions or policies for each region, in this case starting from the provincial government to implement them. This was followed by the Regional Government of West Java Province in dealing with and preventing the corona virus from spreading further. However, what West Java Province is doing is interesting because the handling is quite fast and effective in every policy that is enforced. The determination of the policy also varies, seen from the evaluation and monitoring of positive cases, which tend to decrease or even increase.

Here what the author observes is quick and effective decision-making in tackling Covid-19 and becoming one of the provinces or regions that has succeeded in reducing the spread and positive cases of Covid-19 in their area. Also considering that West Java Province has satellite areas around the capital city of Jakarta where the highest claimed Covid cases have occurred, namely Bogor, Depok, Tangerang and Bekasi. However, how can it be called one of the regions that has been successful and responsive in suppressing the positive number of Covid-19.

LITERATURE REVIEW

1. *Group Communication*

A group is a group of people who have a common goal who interact with each other to achieve a common goal, get to know each other, and see them as part of the group (Deddy Mulyana, 2005). This group, for example, is a family, discussion group, problem solving group, or a committee that is meeting to make a decision. According to Walgito, group communication consists of two words, communication and group, communication in English, communication comes from the Latin word *communicatio*, and comes from the word *communis* which means the same, that is, the intention is to equate a meaning. While groups (Hariadi, 2011) groups can be viewed in terms of perception, motivation, and goals, interdependence, and also in terms of interaction. Means group communication is equating a meaning within a group. The definition of group based on the above can be interpreted on the basis of:

- a) Motivation stated by Bass (in Hariadi 2011), states that a group is a collection of individuals whose existence as a group provides rewards to individuals.

- b) On the basis of the goals put forward by Mills (in Hariadi 2011), Mills views a group as a unit consisting of two or more people who make contact for a particular purpose.
- c) In terms of interdependence, Fiedler (in Hariadi 2011) says that a group is a group of people who are interdependent on one another. The same notion was also put forward by Cartwright and Zander (1968), that a group is a collection of several people who are related to one another and make them interdependent.
- d) The basis of interaction put forward by Bouner (in Hariadi 2011), states that a group is two or more people who interact with one another and influence each other.

From the above understanding according to Hariadi, 2011 that the notion of a group has characteristics such as two or more people, there is interaction between its members, has goals or goals, has a structure and pattern of relationships between members which means there are roles, norms, and relationships between members. members, as well as groupnees, constitute one unit.

2. Decision-making

According to Salusu J. (2015: 51) there are decision-making theories, namely flow bureaucratic, scientific management school, human relations school, rationality school economics, satisficing flow and systems analysis flow. In this paper the theory of retrieval decision is to use the theory of System Analysis Flow Systems Analysis Flow . This flow believes that each problem is in a system that consists of as a subsystem which as a whole is a unit as seen on the words in the puzzle box , where each word has relevance and impact one against another. Cornell (1980) has specifically discussed decision making The decision was from a systems analysis approach. He said, the main purpose of system analysis is to educate decision makers to think in orderly ways thorough, more than just compiling formulas, or playing with numbers and computer. It is a skill to use computer equipment creatively. System analysis is a cycle of a series of activities as follows: formulate goals (problems and opportunities); engineering systems - alternative systems to achieve the target; evaluate alternatives by considering effectiveness and cost; opening new alternatives ; setting new goals ; and repeat the steps above until a satisfactory solution is reached.

Approach functional communication group emphasize on results or output from behavior group and structure group. Approach functional looked communication as tool for member group for resolve problem and make decision. Communication help member group with promote assessment - assessment rational and thinking critical To use prevent member group mail did mistakea in taking decision and resolve problem which faced. Because that, communication looked at as tool because communication provide what which needed by member group so that could reach the goal. From perspective this is para researcher do identification various aspect special from communication group and structure group which produce output as which wanted group. Based on approach functional, para researcher then formulate a

number of condition __ must there is for member group so that could make decision which corresponding and effective solve problem. A number of condition that includes :

- Commitment for make decision which good.
- identify various source power which needed.
- Determine procedure which followed by group.
- Articulate rules __ procedural and practices __ interaction.
- Look return process taking decision and make a number of adjustment to decision which has made. (Little John. 2016.143 - 142

METHODOLOGY

This research was conducted using descriptive research with a qualitative approach. This approach intends to understand the phenomenon of what is experienced by research subjects, for example behavior, perceptions, views, motivations, daily actions, holistically and with a description method in the form of words and language (narrative) in a special context that is natural and using natural methods.

RESEARCH RESULT

In making policies related to the handling and prevention of Covid-19, it is important for state officials to implement them immediately. Reviewing further that there is no clarity regarding the lockdown policy, the West Java provincial government emphasized that West Java will continue to follow the central government's follow-up instructions, namely the regional quarantine system. Along with allowing the Partial Area Quarantine (KWP) policy system, the West Java government will also implement a partial quarantine because in order to implement a lockdown policy, the President's approval is required. Thus, Ridwan Kamil stressed that only implementing a Partial Quarantine was not a *Lockdown* .

The Partial Quarantine concept is being implemented, namely closing areas from the RT, RW, village, sub-district levels, to the sub-district level if a massive positive case of Covid-19 is found. Ridwan Kamil gave permission to several regional heads from regencies/cities to implement this Partial Quarantine system. If Partial Quarantine is implemented, mass movements that are not related to logistics or health matters are not allowed or are not given permission.

DISCUSSION

In mid-April 2020, the implementation of Large-Scale Social Restrictions (PSBB) in handling Covid-19, was officially implemented in 5 West Java regions for 14 days. After 14 days, the West Java government will conduct an evaluation to make a decision regarding whether or not to extend the policy. In these five areas, the implementation of the PSBB will be different because there are two areas that have villages so that the PSBB in the district will be divided into two zones, namely the red zone and the non-red zone.

In mid-May, it was reported that the PSBB in West Java would end on May 20 2020. Ridwan Kamil said that after the end of the PSBB an evaluation would be carried out and the West Java Provincial Government would determine which areas would carry out relaxation.

Until here the right decision-making efforts have had a good impact on the West Java region. Previously, it was certain that there was an agreement at the top levels of the West Java government and evaluation would continue to be carried out whether the decisions implemented had achieved the desired results or not. From the results of the previous PSBB policy, it was quite effective in reducing the spread of Covid-19, so the West Java government made a new policy by making decisions internally at high levels to then apply to the community.

Ridwan Kamil as the Governor and Chair of the West Java Covid-19 Task Force for the Acceleration of Handling asked areas with high transmission rates such as Bogor-Depok-Bekasi (Bodebek) and Greater Bandung to implement Micro- and Community-Scale Social Restrictions (PSBMK).

Since the enactment of the PSBMK in Bogor City last August 29 where mask raids were carried out in an effort to handle it, it has produced results because after that the number of cases of Covid-19 transmission in Bogor City has decreased. PSBMK stipulates limiting the operating hours of shops, malls or activity centers until 18:00 WIB and implementing a curfew after 21.00 WIB.

According to the results of the monitoring of the West Java Task Force, community movements are almost the same as before the implementation of the PSBB, therefore the Governor of West Java has extended the Proportional PSBB for the Bodebek area until 29 September 2020. Bandung Raya until 14 September is still an IMR and will be evaluated further, the decision is in Head of West Java Task Force.

It is clear that there was communication between the West Java Task Force which provided a monitoring report on the increase in the number of Covid-19 cases so that the West Java government immediately adopted a policy to re-implement PSBB in areas that were heavily affected. Thus, the Governor of West Java has again extended large-scale social restrictions (PSBB) for the City and Regency of Bogor, the City and Regency of Bekasi, and the City of Depok (Bodebek) until November 25 2020 based on the West Java Governor's Decree (Kepgub) Number 443/Kep.700-Hukham /2020.

Until now, the extension was carried out based on the recommendation of the West Java Provincial Covid-19 Handling Task Force, which indicated that there had not been a reduction in the spread of Covid-19. So, it is necessary to continue the Large-Scale Social Restrictions in the Bodebek Region proportionally to effectively inhibit the rate of transmission of Covid-19.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The decision-making by the Regional Government of West Java Province in tackling the spread of Covid-19 cannot be separated from the existence of communication within the group of high-ranking Regional Governments in discussions at a large meeting or limited meeting. Input from the West Java Task Force is also taken into consideration in making decisions or policies

because they are monitoring the progress of the Covid transmission rate which is then immediately submitted to the leadership of the West Java regional government for evaluation and review.

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