

URBAN GOVERNANCE REIMAGINED: SOCIOECONOMIC DYNAMICS AND INFRASTRUCTURAL OVERHAUL IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF JAKARTA UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF ANIES BASWEDAN

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Abstract

This study explores the transformative shifts in urban governance, socioeconomic dynamics, and infrastructural development during the tenure of Anies Baswedan as the Governor of Jakarta. Through a comprehensive literature review, it examines the multifaceted impacts of Baswedan's leadership on Jakarta's urban landscape. Baswedan's administration has been marked by ambitious policies addressing social inequalities, promoting economic growth, and enhancing infrastructure. Initiatives such as the Jakarta Smart City program, the One Million Trees Movement, and the Jakarta MRT expansion have sought to modernize governance, foster environmental sustainability, and improve the quality of life for residents. However, challenges persist in social welfare, economic inclusion, and sustainable development, underscoring the complexities of governing a rapidly growing megacity. This study contributes to a deeper understanding of urban governance paradigms by synthesizing insights from diverse disciplinary perspectives. It offers valuable insights into the opportunities and challenges of leadership in dynamic urban contexts.

Keywords: Anies Baswedan, Jakarta, urban governance, socioeconomic dynamics, infrastructural overhaul.

Introduction

The bustling metropolis of Jakarta, Indonesia's most significant capital, is a microcosm of rapid urbanization, cultural diversity, and economic dynamism (Rukmana & Roitman, 2022). With a population exceeding 10 million and counting, Jakarta serves as the nation's political, economic, and cultural nucleus, attracting migrants from across the archipelago seeking opportunities and a better way of life (Lappin, 2023). Against this backdrop of urban complexity, the leadership of Anies Baswedan has emerged as a focal point for discourse, critique, and analysis.

Anies Baswedan, an esteemed academic, bureaucrat, and politician, assumed office as the Governor of Jakarta in October 2017 following a contentious and closely contested election (Maswati & Baharuddin, 2021). His tenure marked a significant juncture in Jakarta's modern history, characterized by ambitious policy agendas, socio-political controversies, and divergent visions for the city's future. As a prominent figure in Indonesian politics, Baswedan's leadership style, policy decisions, and engagement