

ABSTRACT

This study is entitled "Political Participation of Deaf People with Disabilities: A Case Study of Gerkatin Tasikmalaya City in the 2024 Regional Elections" There are barriers in communication that the Gerkatin organization has in obtaining information related to the 2024 Regional Elections. This study aims to determine the forms of political participation of people with disabilities who are members of Gerkatin Tasikmalaya City in the 2024 Regional Elections, and their level of involvement in the 2024 Regional Elections. The research method used in this study is a qualitative research method. Collection techniques use interviews and documentation. The validity of the data is tested using triangulation of sources and techniques. The results of this study indicate that the form of political participation of deaf people with disabilities is in the form of conventional participation, they participated in voting in the 2024 Regional Elections, participated in political discussions in limited environments, this campaign activity has not been widely followed by Gerkatin members, this is because campaign activities in Tasikmalaya City are not disability friendly. This finding differs from other areas, such as South Jakarta, where candidates and political parties provide sign language interpreters during campaign rallies, thus increasing political access for people with disabilities. Other forms of participation include joining interest groups and expressing aspirations through organizational leaders. However, the quality of their participation largely remains at the observer level in Roth and Wilson's political participation pyramid. They participate in political activities, but their political knowledge is not yet in-depth.

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