

## **ABSTRACT**

President Theodore Roosevelt is known as a conservationist president. It was based on the conservation policies applied during his administration (1901-1909).

This study attempted to reveal the role of Roosevelt in American natural resources conservation movement through his policies. The opinion, strategy, type and the concept of his policies was as the focus of this research.

This study was carried out by using American Studies approach which was interdisciplinary study combining several disciplines. The result of the study explained that Roosevelt had a significant role on American natural resources conservation movement. Land reclamation, forest reserves, national park and monument establishment and wildlife preservation were as his conservation policies. Roosevelt awakened public interest to the need for conservation, aroused Congress to action, and managed to get the government to adopt new policies. "Preservation" "wise use" and "democracy" were the concept of Roosevelt conservation policy. The character of Roosevelt's policy concept is "paradox"

**Key words : Roosevelt, conservation, policy**

## INTISARI

Presiden Theodore Roosevelt dikenal sebagai presiden yang konservasionis. Hal ini didasarkan pada kebijakan-kebijakan konservasi pada masa pemerintahannya.

Penelitian ini mencoba untuk mengetahui peran Roosevelt dalam gerakan konservasi sumberdaya alam di Amerika Serikat melalui kebijakannya. Pandangan, strategi, bentuk dan konsep kebijakan Roosevelt merupakan fokus pembahasan dalam penelitian ini.

Penelitian ini dilakukan dengan menggunakan American Studies yang menerapkan pendekatan *interdisciplinary studies*. Berdasarkan hasil penelitian yang dilakukan menunjukkan bahwa Roosevelt berperan besar di dalam gerakan konservasi sumberdaya alam. Reklamasi lahan, penyelamatan hutan, pembangunan taman dan monument nasional serta perlindungan satwa liar merupakan kebijakan konservasi Roosevelt. Roosevelt telah berusaha membangkitkan opini publik mengenai pentingnya konservasi, mendesak peran Kongres, dan menggalakkan peran pemerintah di dalam mengadopsi kebijakan-kebijakan baru. “Preservasi”, “Pemanfaatan secara bijak” (*wise use*) dan demokrasi merupakan konsep kebijakan konservasi Roosevelt. Adapun Sifat dari konsep kebijakan sumberdaya alam Roosevelt bersifat “paradoks”.

**Kata kunci: Roosevelt, konservasi, kebijakan**