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The victory of the socialist candidate who was represented by Michelle Bachelet in Chilean presidential election 2006 did not separate from the factor of socialism spreading in both domestic, Chile and regional, Latin America. In regional level, socialism indicates a progress since over 20 years. The tendency of Latin American people to choose socialism as their preference ideology is caused by their disappointment toward liberal. This phenomenon happened in several countries in Latin America including Chile. In Chile, the socialism has been spreading and is well accepted there. It is proved that the previous elected president also a socialist, Ricardo Lagos, who was very popular in his government. As well other people in Latin America, Chile also have traumatic toward dictatorship regime which is usually backed by the U.S.

Besides socialism spreading factor, the personal capacities of Michelle Bachelet also influence her victory. Bachelet is known as someone who is success in political careers, especially when she was in duty of defense ministry. Moreover she is known as an effective communicator who masters several foreign languages. This talent is very influential during campaign.

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## **ABSTRACT**

The research discusses about Michelle Bachelet's victory as socialist candidate in Chilean presidential election 2005- 2006. The problem background begins from fluctuant patterns of Socialist candidates victories which were gained in 1970 through Salvador Allende, in 2000 through Ricardo Lagos Escobar, and the latest one in 2006 through Michelle Bachelet. In addition, it become more interesting to discuss in which Michelle Bachelet is an agnostic and a single-parent of her three children by consideration of Chilean society is known as conservative society. Thereby, the problem formulation of the research is what factors are influencing Michelle Bachelet's victory in Chilean presidential election 2005- 2006.

Theoretical frameworks are involving Socialism Concept and Charismatic Authority Theory. The socialism concept is used to explain the influence and support of socialism in both domestic, Chile and regional, Latin America. Meanwhile, the charismatic Authority theory is used to describe personal charismatic and capacities owned by Michelle Bachelet which becomes one factor influencing citizen's vote on her.