

ABSTRACT

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Individuals in the early adult stage has the task of development, one of which is to form intimate relationships with others, the need for intimacy is an essential element in the satisfaction in a relationship in early adulthood. Early adulthood when an individual can formmake healthy friendships and close intimate relationship with another individual, then the intimacy will be achieved, but if the individual did not successfully develop the intimate relationship, then individual will experience a feeling of isolation and loneliness.

Individuals who experience loneliness consider using the internet to give a positive benefit on him. Pathological Internet use is usually always associated with significant damage to the social, psychological and work-called Internet addiction. This study aims to determine the relationship between loneliness with internet addiction tendencies in early adulthood.

The method used is quantitative, with the subject of 75 people with a purposive sampling technique. Determination of the sample is done first by filtering out some of the individuals who have the characteristics of the study sample as follows: 1) Individuals are in the age range 18-40 years. 2) Individuals who spent more than 3 hours a day and has lasted at least 12 months. 3) During the period is expected that individual will already have the appreciation of online activity and the problems arising in connection with these activities.

The results of data analysis using the technique of Pearson Product Moment Correlation using correlation techniques showed a correlation between the variables of loneliness with internet addiction $r = 0.596$ with $p = 0.000$ ($p < 0.05$), means there is a significant positive relationship between variables Loneliness and variables Internet Addiction, so the hypothesis can be accepted. So the conclusion that there is a relationship between loneliness with internet addiction tendencies in early adulthood.