

ABSTRACT

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Interpersonal relationships with others are susceptible to a conflict. Without capacity to forgive someone's mistakes, social life will be intolerably. This capacity to forgive an offence in daily circumstance was called forgivingness. One of many factors that affect forgivingness is personality. The Personality model often used to examine the effect personality on forgivingness was Big five personality. This model of personality is composed by five personality dimensions that are neuroticism, extraversion, openness, agreeableness, and conscientiousness. Research in western cultural context showed that agreeableness and neuroticism had a strong effect on forgivingness. Other research in Chinese cultural context, which is more collectivist society, showed that the tendency to forgive was strongly affected by group solidarity factors, and weakly affected by personality variables such as emotional stability, and inner harmony. Based on these inconsistencies of research, the researcher consider that it is important to examine the effect of the big five personality on forgivingness in the context of student of Maliki state Islamic university of Malang as representation of different cultural background from the former research.

This research was correlational quantitative research. The participant was 211 undergraduate students of Maliki State Islamic University of Malang, taken from 6 faculties presented in undergraduate program. The researcher used cluster sampling technique to collect the participants. To measure big five personality, the researcher used Big Five Inventory (BFI), and to measure the level of forgivingness the researcher used *Forgivingness Questionnaire* (FQ). Result of regression linier analyses showed score of F 3,823 and p 0,002: $p < 0,05$. The result also found score of *adjusted R Square* = 0,063. This score indicated that big five personality dimensions simultaneously had 6,3% contribution on forgivingness. There were still 93,7% another factors affecting forgivingness in context of student of Maliki State Islamic University of Malang. The result of multiple regression analyzes showed that only agreeableness had a significant effect on forgivingness and had the strongest effect compared with other big five dimensions with score of $\beta = 0,248$ and $p = 0,002$, whereas the other big five dimensions had no significant effect on forgivingness.

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