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# THE MODEL OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE BIG-FIVE FACTORS AND INTRINSIC MOTIVATION

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#### **ABSTRACT**

This study is our preliminary study to ascertain a model of relationship between Big-five factors and intrinsic motivation. Our primary data is obtained by distributing questionnaires to respondents. A sample of 133 respondents who work as members of parliament in 4 districts in Aceh Province. The census method we use for the determination of sample members (all representatives are likely to be members of the sample). Statistical analysis tool Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) with software Analyze of Moment Structure (AMOS) we use to analyze primary data. The results of the analysis show that all dimensions of the Big-five factors are correlated with intrinsic motivation. Several other findings can be seen in conclusion from this study.

Keyword: Structural Equation Modeling, Analyze of Moment Structure

## **INTRODUCTION**

Today human resources are increasingly important in a profit-oriented corporate organization. Production factors are important for the running of the wheels of the company, but the human resource factor in producing a product is far more important than any other factor. We must recognize that intelligent resources are the main asset for a company.

Human resources mean the people who work in the company and the contributions they generate with their skills, knowledge, and competencies (Dransfield 2000: 3) Taking care of people working within a company organization is closely related to a plan that will be created to help the company achieve its goals that they want. To improve the performance of the company must begin with the improvement of individual performance. Many aspects can be implemented to improve individual performance, especially those concerning behavioral aspects.

Big-five factors and intrinsic motivation can be well managed to improve company performance. For about 30 years, there has been a consensus among researchers on the basic factors that make up what we know as personalities (Goldbreg, 1990; McCrae & Costa, 1987). These factors are generally called Big-Five factors consisting of neuroticism, extroverted attitudes, openess, friendliness, and caution.

Employees who have an inner drive to do better and have sufficient creative power in accomplishing their work, actively participating in their tasks are intrinsic motivational traits (Deci, 1972). Amabile et al. (1996) suggests that an employee can have high and low intrinsic motivation.

Big-five factors have been studied by some researchers, perceptions of personalities among accountants (Holt et al., 2017) motivation as moderators of the relationship between personalities and academic performance (Viari, Rad & Torabi, 2012), research on the attribution of

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personality with job involvement (Ongore, 2014). So far a study of the linkage between Big-five factors and intrinsic motivation has not been found.

Research on the nature can also be criticized to failure to see the nature in relation to leadership performance. This study emphasizes the identification oftraits, but does not discuss how the nature of leadership influences their group and work. In an effort to discover the nature of universal leadership, researchers focused on the relationship between individual leadership traits and their intrinsic motivational tendencies.

#### LITERATURE REVIEW

## **Big-five factors**

The term of Big-five factors has been used by analysts with various terms. Sometimes analysts use Big Five personality traits and five factor models (FFM) (Goldberg, 1993: Ongoro, 2014) Big five model (Mihaela et al., 2014). Big five (Darr & Kelloway, 2016). Big five factors (McCrae & Costa, 1987; Mitrofan & Ion, 2013). The concept of big-five factors originates in the personality of a person or personality, especially in performing duties as a member or employee within an organization. The aspect of openness in a person is a prominent personality in a person manifested in five major factors. Personality in five major factors is a large five-dimensional human personality portrayed by Allport and Cattell. Allport and Cattell assume that human beings are structured in five traits, but there is only one dominating dimension (Goldberg, 1993). Personality is the set of one's habits in behaving, cognition and emotional patterns of turbulent biological and environmental factors. Although experts have not agreed with the definition, but the concept put forward by experts in general oriented to the motivation to interact with their environment. The concept of personality that is based on the nature, then one can predict one's behavior. In addition, behavior-based approach defines personality through learning and habits. Nevertheless, in general, theories view personality as relatively stable (Cattell, 1947). Among researchers have agreed on the basic factors of individual personality. These factors are generally called Big-five factors.

**Table 1 - Big-five factors** 

Openness to	Opennes to Experience Personality Dimension: where individuals are
<u>experience</u>	grouped on the basis of interest and desire to know something very high.
	Individuals like this are very creative and have high imagination.
Conscientiousness	Dimensional Conscientiousness: where the individual is very careful in
	addressing the problems that exist in the environment to stabilize a
	decision. The characteristics of these individuals tend to have high self-
	discipline, responsibility, diligence and focus on the goals to be
	achieved.
Extraversion	The Personality Dimension of Extraversion: where individuals tend to
	seek safe communication with others. Characteristics of people like this
	look friendly, gregarious, and a strong personality
Agreeableness	Agreeableness: where the nature of the individual who shows himself
	good. Characteristics of individuals like this have sympathetic, like to
	work together, and look happy and very caring.

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Neuroticism	Neuroticism is an individual who is steadfast and patient from pressure. The characteristics of this individual have a stable emotion, can control
	themselves, easily adjust, do not like anger.

Source: Goldberg, L. R. (1990). An alternative "description of personality" Thebig-five factor structure, Journal of Pesonality and Social Psykology, 59, 1216-1229.

### **Intrinsic Motivation**

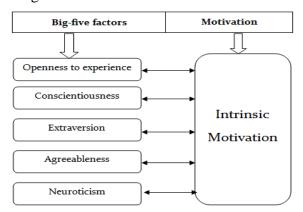
Intrinsic motivation is someone who has the initiative to creativity without the encouragement of others, at first the individual acts on the curiosity of the conditions faced which then arises the intention to learn it, however extrinsic motivation should not be ignored (Ryan & Deci, 2000). Correspondingly, Carreira, (2005), says intrinsic motivation is the motivation associated with an activity performed by the individual for his or her pleasure in developing ideas. Intrinsic motivation comes from the individual's inner desire, whereas extrinsic motivation is caused by other causes such as praise, salary increases, gift giving or awards etc. (Vansteenkiste et al, 2005).

Vallerand (1997) divides intrinsic motivation into three types: (1) intrinsic motivation to know (IM-Knowledge), (2) intrinsic motivation toward achievement (IM Achievement), and (3) intrinsic motivation to experience stimulation (IM-Stimulation). From the study of several studies, we think that there is no study linking big-five factors with intrinsic motivation. Because the study is also oriented individual behavior in achieving goals. They devote a lot of attention to innovate in running the organization's activities.

#### **Hypothesis**

H1 there is a positive and significant correlation of intrinsic motivation and openness experience H2 there is a positive and significant correlation between intrinsic motivation and conscientiousness

H3 there is a positive and significant relationship between intrinsic motivation and extraversion H4 there is a positive and significant relationship between intrinsic motivation and agreeableness H5 there is a positive and significant correlation between intrinsic motivation and neuroticism



**Figure 1- Research Model** 

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#### **METHODOLOGY**

The number of samples is 133 parliament members in 4 districts in Aceh Province. To obtain primary data the researcher distributed questionnaires to respondents using census method (all parliamentarians have chance as respondent). Big-five factor variables are provided with five questions each.

The intrinsic motivation variable also provided five questions. All questions in the questionnaire using Likert scale, from "strongly disagree" = 1 to "strongly agree" = 5. Respondents chose the answers provided in accordance with those experienced by them.

Data were analyzed using SEM. First analyze the indicators that form a latent variable of the Big Five construct and intrinsic motivation constructs. If there are indicators that do not meet the requirements for the studied construct, then the indicator is removed (discarded). Second we analyze the variance between two different latent variables because in the analysis using SEM variance between the important variables are reviewed when two veriabels show the value varies positively, it shows the two variables studied vary in the same direction.

Third we analyze the correlation where the correlation value is limited to -1 to +1, or with the "-" and "+" marks indicating the direction of the relationship of the two variables, while the value behind it indicates the closeness of the relationship between the two variables.

#### RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Tables 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 are the result of regression weights that make up each variable. Table 1 shows that all the indicators both on the openness variable and intrinsic motivation variables can form latent variables at a significance level of  $\leq 0.001$ .

Table 3 shows that the indicator (manivest variable) is very weak in predicting the extraversion latent variable so as not to reach significance at the expected level ( $\leq 0.001$ ), however the indicator can still form the extraversion variable.

Table 2 - The result of regression weight of openness variable and intrinsic motivation

	Variable		Estimate	S.E.	C.R.	P	Label
opı	<	Openness	1.000				
op2	<	Openness	1.554	0.205	7.589	***	par_1
ор3	<	Openness	0.824	0.151	5.443	***	par_2
op4	<	Openness	1.013	0.152	6.685	***	par_3
op5	<	Openness	0.943	0.154	6.114	***	par_4
in5	<	Intrinsic_ Motivation	1.000				
in4	<	Intrinsic_ Motivation	0.930	0.160	5.816	***	par_5
in3	<	Intrinsic_ Motivation	1.108	0.186	5.948	***	par_6
in2	<	Intrinsic_ Motivation	1.566	0.230	6.819	***	par_7
inı	<	Intrinsic_ Motivation	0.907	0.169	5.354	***	par_8

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Significantly different from zero at the 0,001 level (two-tailed).

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Table 3 - The result of regression weight of conscientiousness and intrinsic motivation

	Variable Variable	Estimate	S.E.	C.R.	P	Label
cn1 <	Conscientiousness	1.000				
cn2 <	Conscientiousness	1.678	0.270	6.210	***	par_1
cn3 <	Conscientiousness	1.037	0.211	4.911	***	par_2
cn4 <	Conscientiousness	0.988	0.172	5.734	***	par_3
cn5 <	Conscientiousness	1.026	0.243	4.224	***	par_4
in5 <	Intrinsic _Motivation	1.000				
in4 <	Intrinsic _Motivation	0.998	0.176	5.662	***	par_5
in3 <	Intrinsic _Motivation	1.169	0.204	5.720	***	par_6
in2 <	Intrinsic _Motivation	1.613	0.246	6.557	***	par_7
in1 <	Intrinsic _Motivation	0.972	0.186	5.233	***	par_8

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Significantly different from zero at the 0,001 level (two-tailed).

Table 3 shows the estimation (ex1), where as extraversion rises by 1, ex1 rises by 1. This regression weight is set at 1.000, unexpected and when Extraversion rises by 1, ex2 rises 3.217. The probability ratio of 2.566 with the absolute value is, 0.010. In other words, the regression weight for Extraversion in the ex2 prediction differs significantly from zero at the 0.01 (two-sided) level. As it is also for ex3, ex4, and ex5 calculations.

Table 4 - The result of regression weight of exraversion and intrinsic motivation

Variable	Estimate	S.E.	C.R.	P	Label
ex1 < Extraversion	1.000				
ex2 < Extraversion	3.217	1.254	2.566	0.010	par_1
ex3 < Extraversion	3.633	1.424	2.552	0.011	par_2
ex4 < Extraversion	2,635	1.054	2.499	0.012	par_3
ex5 < Extraversion	2.553	1.006	2.538	0.011	par_4
in5 < Intrinsic_ Motivation	1.000				
in4 < Intrinsic_ Motivation	1.005	0.180	5.570	***	par_5
in3 < Intrinsic_ Motivation	1.160	0.208	5.580	***	par_6
in2 < Intrinsic_ Motivation	1.691	0.259	6.536	***	par_7
in1 < Intrinsic_ Motivation	0.955	0.189	5.061	***	par_8

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Significantly different from zero at the 0.001 level (two-tailed).

Table 5 - The result of regression weight of agreeableness variable and intrinsic motivation

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	Variable	Estimate	S.E.	C.R.	P	Label
ag1 <	Agreeableness	1.000				
ag2 <	Agreeableness	2.261	0.352	6.423	***	par_1
ag3 <	Agreeableness	1.901	0.304	6.247	***	par_2
ag4 <	Agreeableness	1.712	0.276	6.201	***	par_3
ag5 <	Agreeableness	1.332	0.256	5.205	***	par_4
in5 <	Intrinsic Motivation	1.000				
in4 <	Intrinsic Motivation	0.968	0.171	5.657	***	par_5
in3 <	Intrinsic Motivation	1.150	0.201	5.724	***	par_б
in2 <	Intrinsic Motivation	1.656	0.249	6.653	***	par_7
in1 <	Intrinsic Motivation	0.948	0.182	5.195	***	par_8

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Significantly different from zero at the 0,001 level (two-tailed).

Table 6 - The result of regression weight of neuroticism variable and intrinsic motivation

		Variable	Estimate	S.E.	C.R.	P	Label
in5	<	Intrinsic_ Motivation	1.000				
in4	<	Intrinsic_ Motivation	1.003	0.180	5.560	***	par_1
in3	<	Intrinsic_ Motivation	1.185	0.211	5.608	***	par_2
in2	<	Intrinsic_ Motivation	1,663	0.256	6.491	***	par_3
in1	<	Intrinsic_ Motivation	0.975	0.191	5.114	***	par_4
ne2	<	Neuroticism	1.000				
ne3	<	Neuroticism	2.194	0.336	6.520	***	par_5
ne4	<	Neuroticism	1.896	0.297	6.381	***	par_6
ne5	<	Neuroticism	1.720	0.270	6.363	***	par_7

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Significantly different from zero at the 0,001 level (two-tailed).

Table 6 shows the results of the covariance analysis between exogenous latent variables, in which the covariance between extraversion and intrinsic motivation is estimated at 0.18; conscientiousness and intrinsic motivation of 0.172. Covariance extraversion and intrinsic motivation, covariance conscientiousness and intrinsic motivation are at the level of significance of 0.001 or  $\leq 0.005$ . The covariance between the extraversion and intrinsic motivation variables is -0.053 at the 0.031 level of significance or different from zero at the 0.05 (two-sided) level. The covariance between the variable of agreeableness and intrinsic motivation is obtained at -0.147 and -0.137 with significance level of 0.001 (two sides).

Tabel 7 - The result of estimates of covariances among exogenous variables.

			Estimate	S.E.	C.R.	P	Label
Openness	<>	Intrinsic_Motivation	0.178	0.051	3.462	***	par_9
Conscientiousness	<>	Intrinsic_Motivation	0.172	0.046	3.709	***	par_9
Extraversion	<>	Intrinsic_Motivation	-0.053	0.025	-2.154	0.031	par_9
Agreeableness	<>	Intrinsic_Motivation	-0.147	0.042	-3.491	***	par_9
Intrinsic_Motivation	<->	Neuroticism	-0.137	0.041	-3.379	***	par_8
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<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Significantly different from zero at the 0.001 level (two-tailed).

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Table 7 estimates the correlation between exogenous variables. The correlation between the variables of openness and intrinsic motivation is estimated at 0.496 or both variables have a correlation of 49.6 %, this form of correlation shows weak because it does not reach 50 %. The conscientiousness and intrinsic motivation variables show stronger correlation compared with openness and intrinsic motivation, reaching 62.3 %. Correlation between extraversion variables and intrinsic motivation; neuroticism and intrinsic motivation are also very weak only reach (45.6) % and (49.1)%. While the correlation between the variable agreeableness and intrinsic motivation is strong in the negative position of (52.4) %.

Table 8 - The result of of estimates of correlations among exogenous variables.

Variable		Variable	Estimate
Openness	<>	Intrinsic_Motivation	0.496
Conscientiousness	<>	Intrinsic_ Motivation	0.623
Extraversion	<>	Intrinsic_ Motivation	-0.456
Agreeableness	<>	Intrinsic_ Motivation	-0.524
Neuroticism	<>	Intrinsic_Motivation	-0.491

## **CONCLUSION**

Based on the results of the analysis we have described above, then the conclusion can be taken that there is a correlation between the variables Big Five factors (openness, conscientiousness, extraversion, agreeableness and neuroticism) and intrinsic motivation variables. From these findings, Hypothesis (H1, H2, H3, H4 and H5) can be accepted. We also found a weak correlation between intrinsic motivation and Big-Five factors (openness, extraversion, and neuroticism). In addition, we found also that the negative correlation between intrinsic motivation and Big-five factors (extraversion: agreeableness; and neuroticism).

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