Entrepreneurial Orientation and Parental Attachment on Emerging Adolescence

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The development of entrepreneurial orientation cannot be separated from the role of parenting. While emerging adolescents tend to try to break away from their parents because they want to be closer to their peers. This purpose of this study is discovering differences of entrepreneurial orientation based on parental attachments to father, mother or both. This study used the survey method to 291 emerging adolescents in six major cities on the island of Java, Indonesia. The results showed that early adolescents who were close to both parents had higher entrepreneurial orientation than they who were only close to once parent or not close to both parents. This study also examined the role of parental attachment on each dimension of the entrepreneurial orientation.

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1. Introduction

Many previous studies have shown that someone’s entrepreneurial orientation is influenced by parenting. Schmitt-Rodermund (2004) said that authoritative parenting affects entrepreneurial competence and entrepreneurial interest. Lindquist, Sol, and van Praag (2012) showed that parental entrepreneurship increases the probability of children’s entrepreneurship about 60%. Research by Thompson, Asarta, Zhang, and LeMarie (2013) showed that parental experience is a consistent predictor of entrepreneurship choice for contemporary Americans.

The results of these studies assume that parental attachment also has impact on entrepreneurial orientation. Parental Attachment is a reciprocal relationship that is active and involves affection between two individuals. The interaction of the two individuals is different from the interaction with others, and the interaction is intertwined with efforts to maintain closeness (Papalia, 2009). The results showed that parental

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