



# Individual Interests in Novel *Sebelas Patriot* by Andrea Hirata Based on Perspective of Comte's Rationality

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**Abstract.** This study aims to determine (1) the form of individual interests in novel *Sebelas Patriot* by Andrea Hirata based on the Perspective of Comte's Rationality; (2) the cause of individual interests in novel *Sebelas Patriot* by Andrea Hirata based on the Perspective of Comte's Rationality; and (3) the impact of individual interests toward individual and family in novel *Sebelas Patriot* by Andrea Hirata based on the Perspective of Comte's Rationality. This study is descriptive qualitative study. The techniques of data collection used are reading and note-taking. Data collected is analysed through three steps, namely data reduction, data display, and conclusion drawing. The results of the study show: (1) the form of individual interests with three forms, namely efforts to get the attention of others, strong desire (ambition), and curiosity; (2) the cause of individual interests with three forms which include the existence of a big secret, the existence of a role model (figure), and the nature and behaviour; (3) the impact of the emergence of individual interests towards individuals, namely the formation of an unyielding attitude which is found one data finding and hard work attitude with one data found; and towards family, namely mutual respect and love for parents.

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## 1 Introduction

Individual interests are human interests that are reviewed by their way of thinking that focuses on their personal interests in their social life [1]. In essence, human habits called social creatures tend to be more concerned with their interests to motivate important needs in their lives. Human social actions will always tend to benefit themselves. Even if someone says that his actions are for the general public, those actions must have hidden assets for their interests [2]. Sukardi explained that humans with their individual interests would cause them to think rationally to do whatever they need, and it will positively impact them. Not a few human actions deviate from the norms or ethics created by humans themselves [3, 4].

Individual interests will have an impact on the development of public interests in human social life [5]. The public interest is the opposite of individual interests, namely

interests that focus on social relations or public interests. Even so, the public interest is very likely to be influenced by the existence of individual interests. Nalle has proved this opinion that every human being will seek to improve himself as a individual interest by interacting socially, helping friends, family, or other public interests. These efforts are not only intended for the public interest but there are also individual interests in it. For example, someone helps someone in need. But inside, he is shrouded in the intention to get the attention of friends so that he can be friends with him [6, 7]. Public interest (social interest) does not always go hand in hand with private interest. When we discuss with friends (the dominant is the public interest) to fulfill a mutual agreement. If these two interests meet but are not in line (the discussion is more concerned with personal interests), then the discussion does not reach a consensus [8].

The new concept of rationality is intended to make people aware that humans cannot live alone. Humans are creatures with free existence. He has the will to be a forward-thinking person without any mass shackles [9]. With this concept, humans will think and solve the problems they experience by living side by side with other humans, not fighting each other but respecting each other and not harming each other. Furthermore, Auguste Comte described the concept of rationality into the public interest and individual interests as previously explained [10]. According to Comte, human rationality is social statistics, namely a thought that he put forward that this theory focuses on the reciprocal relationship between individuals and the general public [11, 12].

In this research, researchers will examine individual interests in novel *Sebelas Patriot* by Andrea Hirata. This literary work was published in Bentang Pustaka, Yogyakarta, in 2011 with 114 book pages. This novel is one of the works created by Andrea Hirata, famous for the theme of patriotism. With a medium thickness, this work can be enjoyed by all. With a simple storytelling style and an interesting writing style, the novelist expresses his feelings through the main character about his passion for soccer, making it interesting to read. This novel tells of a boy named Ikal / Bujang from Belitung who dreams of becoming a national football player at PSSI. However, Ikal must go up and down climbing obstacles to make his dream come true. This novel also presents how a child loves and how a child respects and appreciates his parents [13].

Individual interests have two important elements: the form of individual interests, the causes of individual interests, and the impact of individual interests [3]. The form of individual interest is a pattern, form, or element to reflect one's interests [3, 14]. The cause of the occurrence of individual interests is the cause of individual interests that appear in someone in his consciousness as a social being [14]. While the impact is the influence of individual interests that impact a person's life. A person's desire which is a form of individual interest, affects himself and others around him, such as family, friends, and so on [3, 15].

Previous studies that are relevant to this study are: (1) research on social changes in the West Cilebut village community after the conversion of plantation land into housing [16]; (2) research on individual and general interests in the novel *Anak Rantau* by Ahmad Fuadi based on critical psychology [17]; (3) research that investigates cases of social change in terms of the forms, causes, and impacts experienced by the characters in the novel *Pencari Harta Karun* and *Five On a Hike Together* based on social intertextuality [18]; (4) research that examines the social behavior of the main character based on the

interpersonal theory approach of William C. Schultz in the novel *Confession Pariyem* [19]; (5) research that examines aspects of literary psychology in the novel *Sebelas Patriot* by Andrea Hirata [20].

Judging from the exposure of previous studies, researchers found similarities and differences with this study. The similarities lie in the focus of social change as human actions as social beings and the same object of study in the fifth study, while the general difference lies in topics such as the approach of social change and social interaction in the influence of land conversion on the West Cilebut village community [16]; an individual psychology approach in analysing individual interests in the object of study [17]; the intertextuality theory approach in analysing the social aspects of the novel [18]; aspects of social behaviour with a different perspective, namely William C. Schulz [19]; the psychological aspects of the same object, namely the novel *Sebelas Patriot* [20]. In this study, researchers want to continue researching aspects of human social change that focus on individual interests experienced by the main character in Andrea Hirata's novel *Sebelas Patriot*. However, this study uses a different theoretical perspective from previous research. Researchers use the aspect of self-interest based on the theory of rationality in Auguste Comte's perspective. The purpose of this research is formulated as follows (1) to determine the form of individual interests; (2) to reveal the causes of individual interests; to uncover the causes of individual interests; (3) to determine the impact that occurs after the existence of individual interests based on Auguste Comte's theory of rationality in Andrea Hirata's *Sebelas Patriot* novel.

## 2 Method

In this study, researchers used descriptive qualitative research with Auguste Comte's rationality approach to reveal individual interests in the novel. The primary data source is the novel *Sebelas Patriot* by Andrea Hirata which was published in Bentang Pustaka Yogyakarta in 2011 with 114 pages [13]. While the secondary data sources are taken from several journal articles in the last ten years and books relevant to the theory of rationality, namely individual interests based on Auguste Comte.

As for data collection techniques [21, 22] in this study the following steps: (1) reading and repeating using the reading and note-taking technique with the step-novel *Sebelas Patriot* as the object of research; (2) record data in the novel *Sebelas Patriot* which is included in the study of self-interest based on Auguste Comte's theory of rationality.

While the data analysis technique in this study uses several steps [21] namely by: (1) reducing and validating the data by clarifying and grouping the data with patterns obtained from theoretical studies in the novel *Sebelas Patriot*; (2) presenting the data obtained in the novel *Sebelas Patriot* in the form of a description of the concept, patterns, tables, and others; (3) drawing conclusions from the object of the findings in this study, in the form of a specific description, description, and summary.

## 3 Results

In this subchapter, researchers present the research results in the form of (1) individual interests; (2) the cause of individual interests; (3) the impact of the individual interests of the main character in Andrea Hirata's novel *Sebelas Patriot* based on Auguste

**Table 1.** Forms of individual interests

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	Feel of curiosity	8,33
	Attempts to get the attention of others (father)	16,67

Comte's rationality. Researchers found 12 data findings included in the study of individual interests based on Auguste Comte's theory of rationality. The elaboration of the forms, causes, and impacts of individual interests is as follows.

### 3.1 Forms of Individual Interest

The form of individual interest is an element or elements that reflect a person's individual interests in social life [14]. In this study, researchers found the form of individual interests of Ikal's character in the novel *Sebelas Patriot*. For this causes, researchers present them in the Table 1.

Based on Table 1 forms of individual interests outline the forms of individual interests into three forms. The detailed explanation is as follows.

#### 3.1.1 Strong Desire to Achieve the Goal

Desire can also be called intent, ambition, will, will, ideals, or goals. A strong desire, also called ambition, is the will and motivation to move someone to achieve the goals they aspire to [23]. Another form of individual interest found in the novel *Sebelas Patriot* are a strong desire to achieve something. In the first part, this novel focuses on the main character's expression, who struggles to achieve his dream as a PSSI player. Ikal's dream as the main character in this novel is a form of a strong desire to achieve something.

(1) *Aku bahkan berlatih di luar jadwal pelatih Toharun usai sholat shubuh, aku berlari keliling kampung.*

I even practiced outside of Toharun's schedule after the Fajr prayer, I ran around the village [13].

Based on the quote above, it can be seen that the main character Ikal trains hard for the goal he wants to achieve. The goal is none other than to become a PSSI. He trains even harder with his strong ambition by training outside the training schedule that coach Toharun gives. After dawn, he used his spare time to practice, running around his village.

The quote (1) is strengthened again in the next quote. The following quote explains how strong Ikal's desire is to achieve his dreams and how obsessed he is with the father figure he loves. The figure of his father became a factor that influenced Ikal's dream. The quote is as follows.

(2) *...Untuk pelatih Toharun, saya minta saran bagaimana cara membuat tendangan kiri saya dahsyat, artinya jantung saya seperti tendangan petir kiri ayah saya*

... To coach Toharun, I ask for advice on how to make my left kick thunder, meaning my heart, like my father's left thunder kick [13].

We can see that Ikal, as the main character in the novel *Sebelas Patriot* is very ambitious to master the technique like his father did. He begged his coach to teach him the kicking technique his father used. He firmly believed that the kick would be able to lead him to his dream. He also wants to emulate his father's kicking technique with his left foot. The technique is called the lightning kick technique. With the desire to shape his goals, he has changed his daily habits from using his right hand and foot to using his left hand and foot to produce the left kick technique he wants.

Quotations (1) and (2) are data entered in the form of individual interests. Based on the abovementioned quotations, the form of individual interest refers to aspects of Auguste Comte's theory of rationality. These quotes are a form of individual interest in the form of a strong desire to achieve something.

### 3.1.2 Feeling of Curiosity

Curiosity, also known as curiosity is the desire to know something that has not been known before [24]. Curiosity is a person's motivation to get the desire to know whether things are good or bad. If this curiosity is not satisfied, then the person's feelings lead to the oddness, lack of, or unpleasant feelings [25]. Curiosity is a person's motivation to get the desire to know whether things are good or bad. If this curiosity is not satisfied, then the person's feelings lead to the oddness, lack of, or unpleasant feelings.

(3) *Aku ingin tahu kisah di balik foto ini. Namun, tak tahu kepada siapa aku harus bertanya. Tak mungkin kutanyakan pada ibu karena itu larangannya. Jika dilarang ibu, umumnya pasti dilarang ayah, maka keduanya tidak mungkin. Sebagian besar sahabat seangkatannya sudah meninggal kecuali sang pemburu tua. Foto itu ubawa ke rumahnya kutanyakan.*

I want to know the story behind this photo. However, I don't know who to ask. I can't ask my mother because it's forbidden. If the mother forbids it, generally it is forbidden by the father, then both are impossible. Most of his contemporaries had died except the old hunter. I brought the photo to his house. I asked [13].

The curiosity felt by Ikal's character in the quote above proves that he wants to know the origin behind the used photo he 'stolen' from his mother's room. By fulfilling his wish, he thought about how he would know the story behind the photo, who was in the photo. And finally, he decided to go to the hunter's house, which was his father's classmate. The feelings experienced by Ikal's character are a form of individual interest, namely curiosity to find out the truth in his father's photo. This is because of his feeling to want to know who his father is all this time.

### 3.1.3 Trying to Get Other People's Attention

Getting the attention of others is one of the efforts made to fulfill the personal interests of humans as social beings. Attention seeking is behavior that aims to get sympathy, attention, or be noticed by others [26]. In the novel *Sebelas Patriot*, researchers find

a form of individual interest in 'looking for attention in a father. Parental attention is very influential on the success of a child's life. So it is undeniable, a child will seek attention such as studying diligently, doing silly things in front of his parents, or even being naughty and hurting other children to get their parents' attention [27]. Below are the 'attention seeking' quotes in the novel.

(4) *...Jika bepergian bersamanya, mulutku berkicau-kicau dan bertanya-tanya ini-itu, Ayah hanya diam dan sesekali. Yang paling sering kutanyakan tentu saja yang kasatmataku, misalnya telapak tangannya yang kasar, jalannya yang timpang.*

... If traveling with him, my mouth is chirping and wondering this and that, Dad is only silent and occasionally. What I often ask about is, of course, what I can see, for example, the rough palms of his hands, the lame way he walks [13].

The quote above shows that the main character (Ikal) performs actions such as talking a lot, asking this, and that has its meaning. These actions are a form of individual interest that aims to get the attention of the main character's father. In this novel, the character of Ikal's father is a quiet person who only wants to answer important things. As a child who still wants to get his father's attention [13]. He tries to get closer to his father by acting like the one mentioned in the quote above. The other quotes are as follows.

(5) *"Hebat sekali Ikal, ternyata kamu kuat sekali. Dari dulu kau memang kuat. Kau adalah anak yang hebat". Tapi agaknya jawaban itu dari mulutku sendiri*

"It's great, Ikal. It turns out that you are very strong. You were strong from the start. You are a great boy." But it seems that the answer came from my own mouth [13].

Based on the quote above, we can see that the individual interest of Ikal's character is to get his father's attention. Ikal's character acts by praising himself aloud while riding his father on the back of a bicycle. At that time, Ikal and his father would go home after watching the match on a plug-in screen in one of the residents' houses. Because Ikal's father's leg was sore, he offered to ride him on the back. In the middle of a quiet journey without any conversation between the two, Ikal began to speak by praising himself before being praised by his father. Because according to him, his father figure couldn't say.

### 3.2 The Cause of the Individual Interests

The cause is an element that affects and triggers something that appears. In this case, the cause of individual interests is the cause of a person's individual interests appearing in a person in his consciousness as a social being [14]. The causes of the individual interests of Ikal's character in the novel *Sebelas Patriot* are presented them in the Table 2.

In the novel *Sebelas Patriot*, researchers find data about the causes or causes of individual interests. The data is clarified into three causes of individual interests: the existence of a big secret, a role model (figure), nature, and behavior.

**Table 2.** Causes of individual interests

Category	Form	Causes	(%)
Positive	Strong desire (ambition) to achieve the goal	Having a role model (figure)	8,33
	Feel curious	There's a big secret	8,33
	Attempts to get the attention of others (father)	Traits and behavior	8,33

### 3.2.1 Having a Role Model (Figure)

Everyone always owns a figure to motivate himself to do what is positive for him, even to motivate his life to imitate the way of life of the idol. The next cause of individual interest is the existence of a figure of the main character. With a role model who is none other than his father, Ikal has a strong desire to achieve his dreams and goals as a PSSI player. This is one of the individual interests of Ikal's character in this novel. The quotes in the novel *Sebelas Patriot* are as follows.

(6) *Orang seperti ayah bukanlah orang yang hidup dengan sebuah kemewahan harapan yang sering disebut sebagai cita-cita, namun aku yakin, jika Ayah memang pernah bercita-cita. Namun jangan risau Ayah, ini aku anakmu, akan menggantikanmu. Aku akan menjadi pemain PSSI.*

A person like my father is not a person who lives with a luxury of hope which is often referred to as a dream, but I believe that if you have ever dreamed of it. But don't worry Dad, here I am your son, I will replace you. I will be a PSSI player. [13]

The quote above states that role models (idols) are a factor in the formation of ambitions to achieve their goals. The father figure in this novel becomes Ikal's role model to achieve his dream as a PSSI player. After figuring out the secret behind the old photos and knowing the heartbreaking history inside. He set a beloved father to be a role model in achieving his goals. This has an impact on Ikal and his family. There is a big secret [13].

### 3.2.2 There's a Big Secret

The secret in the KBBi is hidden, and only a few people know about it. Something is usually known and told to a trusted person or the person concerned. In the research, the cause of the formation of individual interests, especially curiosity and efforts to get the attention of others, is the existence of a big secret in the past of the main character's father, Ikal. The big secret that his family hid made Ikal want him to know the secret. The quote in the novel *Sebelas Patriot* is as follows.

(7) *Sementara itu, aku masih saja menyimpan foto yang kucuri dari album milik ibu itu. Sekarang telah kelas 6, maka foto itu telah setahun bersamaku. Ia kusimpan*

*di antara lembar-lembar buku catatan sejarah. Karena kuanggap sejarah. Aku semakin menyukai getaran misterinya...*

Meanwhile, I still keep the photo I stole from the mother's album. Now in 6th grade, the photo has been with me for a year. I keep it between the pages of the historical notebook. Because I consider history. I like the mystery vibe even more...

[13]

Based on the quote above, it can be seen that the cause of individual interests, namely the cause of curiosity and the effort to get the attention of the main character's father, is a big secret. With the secret behind his father's historical photo, Ikal ventured to hide the photo that his mother forbade until he finally couldn't stand to find someone who knew the history and secret behind the photo. This arouses Ikal's curiosity, and he does everything he can to get his father's attention to find out a glimmer of the secret behind the photo.

### 3.2.3 Traits and Behaviours

Traits are a person's character, good or bad. The nature of a person varies, such as grumpy, quiet, cheerful, serious, and others. While behavior is behavior or attitudes that someone usually carries out. Attitude can also be distinguished attitude is good or bad. In this finding, the cause of individual interests is the nature and behavior of father's character, which is a factor in the emergence of Ikal's interests, namely efforts to get the attention of others (father). The quote is as follows.

*(8) ...Jika bepergian bersamanya, mulutku berkicau-kicau dan bertanya tentang ini-itu. Ayah hanya diam atau sesekali tersenyum. Yang paling sering kutanyakan tentu saja yang kasatmataku, misal telapak tangannya yang kasar seperti amplas dan jalannya yang pincang. Ayah hanya diam saja.*

...When traveling with him, my mouth is chirping and asking about this and that. Dad was silent or occasionally smiled. What I often ask about is, of course, what I can see, for example, his palms are rough like sandpaper and his path is limp. Daddy just shut up [13].

Judging from the quote above, we can see that the cause of the effort to get Ikal's attention to his father in Andrea Hirata's novel is the nature and attitude of his father, who is quiet and only smiles. Ikal, cheerful in nature, feels that his father will not be angry even though he asks his father several times. Even with his desire to be close to his quiet father, he acts intending to get his beloved father's attention. This is a factor in the emergence of individual interests, namely seeking the attention of the main character, Ikal.

### 3.3 The Impact of Individual Interests

The impact is the result of an event. The definition of the impact of individual interests is the influence or consequence of individual interests in one's life. A person's desire, a form of individual interest, affects himself and others around him, such as family, friends,



**Table 3.** Impact of individual interests of positive category

Form	Impact		(%)
	Individual	Family/ Public	
Strong desire (ambition) to achieve the goal	-A hard working figure, -Never give up	-	16,67
Feel curious	-	- More respect and love parents	16,67
Attempts to get the attention of others (father)	-	- Family relations become closer	

etc. This is called the impact of individual interests [15]. The impact of the individual interests of Ikal's character in the novel *Sebelas Patriot* is presented them in the Table 3.

Based on Table 3, it is known that the impact of the emergence of individual interests in the novel by Andrea Hirata there are two categories of impacts, namely the impact on the individual main character and the impact on the family. The individual impact is unyielding and hard work. While the impact on the family has two, namely more and loving parents and the relationship between children and parents becomes closer. Below is a detailed explanation.

### 3.3.1 Individual

The first impact is on never give up. Something that prohibits making certain efforts. While the word surrender means surrender, surrender will not do anything after trying it once or twice. Never give up is an attitude not to give up and fight yourself to stay persistent against obstacles to achieve the desired goal. Unyielding attitude is one motivation for trying to do hard work [28]. So, abstinence has a close relationship with hard work. Without it, hard work will not overcome obstacles and obstacles to achieve success. The findings of the impact of individual interests in the form of never giving up are as follows. Coach Toharun rebuked the junior team mercilessly until we vomited. However, my father's story gave me more energy so that I never felt tired, even asking for a harder workout. When I'm tired, I look at the photo of my father holding the trophy, then I hear him shouting "Indonesia!" was greeted with cheers from the audience. I explode again [13].

Based on the quote above, Ikal's character faces hard training and never gives up. He does not know despair and complains, and he always tries his best to do something like the hard training given by his coach Toharun. If he feels bored and the words give up in his heart, he looks at his father's photo as a child as his motivation to get up again. The unyielding attitude shown by Ikal's character is one of the impacts of individual interests, namely ambition or a strong desire to achieve their goals. He wants to achieve his dream as a PSSI national football team player. The impact of the existence of individual interests' 'ambition' other curly figures is hard work. Here is the description [13].

Hard work is an action taken in earnest. With that sincerity and determination, a person will get what he wants and get his success [29]. Hard work is an effort method to

obtain success after carrying out processes that are filled with problems and risks [30]. The impact of the emergence of other individual interests is the attitude of hard work. The quote is as follows.

(9) *Maka kawan, sejak itu aku dan Mahar menjunjung kue lebih banyak dan berjualan berkeliling kampung lebih rajin demi membeli sepatu sepak bola.*

So friends, since then Mahar and I have been upholding more cakes and selling around the village more diligently to buy soccer shoes.

The impact of individual interests on individuals is the hard work that has been described in the quote above. In the quote above, it has been explained that the character Ikal works hard with his friends to be able to buy a pair of soccer shoes to use in training every day. He went around the village selling more cakes than usual. He didn't just ask for pocket money to buy shoes. Instead, he worked hard first with his own work to buy soccer shoes. The individual interest that causes this hard work attitude to emerge is the ambition or strong desire to achieve his dream, which is owned by Ikal's character. Furthermore, the impact of individual interests on the family is described below.

### 3.3.2 Family/Public

Respect is an attitude that aims to make the person he respects feels respected. One of the attitudes of respect is to treat the respectable person as a dignified human being and love the decent person [31]. The factors that influence a person to respect older people include considering that person is essential, personal experience, knowing that person's privileges, the culture around him, and emotional factors within oneself [32, 33]. The cause of the respect and love for parents experienced by Ikal is individual interests in the form of knowing the privilege of that person and considering that person important in his life. Here is the quote.

(10) *Sampai di rumah, kulihat ayah sedang di pekarangan membetulkan rantai sepedanya. Aku berlari ke arahnya dan memeluknya dari belakang*

When I got home, I saw my father in the yard fixing his bicycle chain. I ran to him and hugged him from behind [13].

The form of individual interest based on the quote above is the curiosity of the curly character on the story behind the old photo that he stole from his mother's room. At the same time, the individual's interest is to know his father's figure more deeply even when he was a child. Based on the quote (10) mentioned above, we can find out the impact of individual interests on the family is knowing and loving parents more. After knowing the story, Ikal returned to his house with a touched heart, eager to hug his father while saying in his heart, 'I am proud to have a father like you. That's the thought of the child named Ikal. And sure enough, he immediately hugged his father's back, who was fixing the bicycle chain after seeing him in the yard while crying without saying a word.

Another quote follows the quote above. The following quote shows how proud a son is of his father. Here is the selection.

(11) *Dadaku mengembang karena bangga memeluk sang patriot*

My chest expands from being proud to hug the patriot [13].

Based on the quote above, Ikal's character feels proud of his father so that this sense of pride becomes the forerunner of great affection for his father.

Social relations are bonds or correlations between two or more people [34]. The relationship between a child and his parents as a family is the relationship that a child first sees born in the world. The relationship between children and parents is a program to interact with each other. The relationship between parents and children greatly affects the child's social life, the child's personality, and the child's life in the future. With interaction and knowing each other's nature and goodness, a child will be closer to his parents [35]. The impact of the existence of individual interests on the family Ikal are as follows.

*(12) Dalam pada itu, ayah senang tak kepalang mendengar aku berhasil menjadi pemain sepak bola junior Prov. Sumatera Selatan. Aku merasa bangga, bukan karena lolos seleksi, tapi cara ayah memandangkanku mengisyaratkan bahwa aku telah melanjutkan sesuatu yang tak dilanjutkannya dulu.*

Meanwhile, my father was beyond happy to hear that I had succeeded in becoming a Prov junior soccer player. South Sumatra. I feel proud, not because I passed the selection, but the way my father looked at me indicated that I had continued something he had not continued [13].

Based on the quote, the impact of the existence of individual interests is a closer relationship between children and parents. We can see in the quote that the attitude of Ikal's child character, who was initially indifferent and distant towards his father, became close. This is because individual interests cause the relationship between the two to become closer. The individual's interest is a sense of ambition or a strong desire to achieve his dream as PSSI. Even before he was selected as a PSSI junior player, his father had paid more attention to his son Ikal after he was only selected as a junior team Palembang. Ikal's character seemed to know that his father's expression showed a sense of pride because he had continued his father's ideals that the Dutch colonial past had robbed.

## 4 Discussion

The form of individual interest experienced by Ikal's character is based on Comte's theory of rationality in the novel *Sebelas Patriot*. There are three forms that dominate the character's thoughts in social behavior. First, Ikal effort to get the attention of his quiet and serious father. This novel explains that his father's quiet behavior and character are in contrast to the character of the main character, which is easy to socialize with. It was even told that every time Ikal asked this and that, his father was either silent or smiled. Even so, Ikal's character really loves him as a great father. The second is Ikal's curiosity about something. The curiosity presented in the novel is like his curiosity about the mystery behind his father's photo as a child. With such curiosity, he even violated his mother's prohibition and hid it among his history books. This proves that Ikal's curiosity has dominated the social behavior of Ikal's character in living his social life. Third, a

strong desire (ambition) to achieve goals. The goal referred to here is the dream of Ikal's character to become a PSSI player in the future. It was only after his curiosity about small photos of his father became known to him and his passionate football hobby then the ambition to achieve his dream emerged within him [13].

In ambition, Ikal's character gives most of his time to practice soccer. He did as coach Toharun ordered. He trains so hard that his whole body is tired and bruised from the training he does not infrequently. This third form is a form of Ikal's interests as social behavior based on Comte's theory of rationality [13]. From the explanation above, researcher prove that the forms of individual interests in the novel *Sebelas Patriot* by Andrea Hirata follow Auguste Comte's theory of rationality, which races on the human mind as a social being to solve the problems faced. As social beings, humans will inevitably coexist with others. To fulfill their interests, humans will think so that individual claims arise [6, 7, 12].

The causes of the emergence of individual interests exposed above are the existence of a big secret, the fact of a role model (figure), and nature and behavior. First, there is a big secret from his father that causes the curiosity of Ikal's character to arise. This Ikal character realizes that there was a big mystery and secret behind the old photo of his father when he was a child. In addition, his father's legs were crippled since he was young, which caused Ikal to want to know the secret behind the photo. In contrast, he saw the figure of his supposedly young father holding the Dutch Championship trophy in the photo. Even if you look back at his father's legs, he was limping at the time. Because of this, Ikal's character assumes that behind the photo is hidden a big mystery and secret that became the forerunner of Ikal's curiosity towards his father. Second, the nature and behavior of his father caused Ikal's spoiled attitude to appear. It has been mentioned earlier that the father character has a quiet nature different from his cheerful son Ikal. With a calm demeanor and not easily angered, Ikal's character feels very comfortable beside his father. So, Ikal often tries to get his father's attention as a form of individual interest in Ikal's figures. Third, a role model (figure) is Ikal's father. The cause of Ikal's ambition to achieve his dream as a PSSI player is none other than his idol, his father. This started after Ikal found the secret behind his father's old photo. The photo confirms that his father was a talented soccer player who had been in Indonesia during the Dutch era. However, he has a tragic story that makes his feet unable to play ball anymore. This made Ikal make his father the first idol who became the forerunner of the ambition to achieve his dream as a PSSI player [13]. Comte's theory of rationality suggests that the emergence or formation of individual interests has a background or cause for individual interests to arise both from the general public and private self. Therefore, the urgency of individual interests is closely related to the environment as the cause of one's individual interests as a social action of society [36].

The impact of the emergence of individual interests in the novel *Sebelas Patriot* is divided into two parts, namely the individual and the family (general). Based on Auguste Comte's theory of rationality, there are two impacts on individuals and two impacts on individual interests on the family. The impact on the individual is a person who is hardworking and gives up views. These two attitudes are caused by the form of Ikal's individual interests, namely his ambition to achieve his dream as a PSSI player. With this form of individual interest, Ikal's character becomes a hard worker and never gives

up in doing anything. The impact of individual interests on the family is an attitude of more respect and love for parents and close family relationships. This impact is caused by the form of Ikal's curiosity and the spoiled efforts that Ikal makes to get his father's attention. The existence of these two individual interests of Ikal resulted in closer family relations and an attitude of respect and affection for Ikal's parents emerged [13]. After finding the cause, researchers present the impact of the formation of individual interests based on the theory of rationality. Comte explained that the impact of individual / public interests in social facts of society must have an impact on both the individual and the general public. Therefore, researchers conclude that the impact of individual interests in this novel has been proven to be in accordance with Comte's theory of rationality [10, 11].

This research on individual interests that applies Auguste Comte's theory of rationality has been proven in the data of Andrea Hirata's novel *Sebelas Patriot*. Referring to rationality theory, individual interests which are actions according to one's individual thoughts give rise to the impact of individual interests on the public and the person himself. As explained earlier, aspects of rationality include patterns/forms, causes, and impacts in social action [37, 3]. This study does not present the causes or causes of the emergence of individual interests in Andrea Hirata's novel *Sebelas Patriot* because few are mentioned in it so that researchers don't include causes in the aims and results of this study.

## 5 Conclusion

Based on the findings that have been described in the previous sub-chapter, researchers found 12 findings of individual interests in Andrea Hirata's novel *Sebelas Patriot*. The results of the study are divided into two clarifications (1) the form of individual interests with three forms in the five data findings found, namely efforts to get the attention of others, strong desire (ambition), and curiosity; (2) the cause of the existence of individual interests found three findings with three forms which include the existence of a big secret, the existence of a role model (figure), and the nature and behavior; (3) the impact of the emergence of individual interests found four findings that have two parts, namely the impact on individuals and families. As for the impact of individual interests on individuals, namely the formation of an unyielding attitude which is found one data finding and hard work attitude with one data found. While the impact of individual interests on the family, namely mutual respect and love for parents, with one data finding a closer relationship between children and parents, one data finding was found.

The phenomenon of individual interest is a social action that thinks rationally to meet individual needs. Individual interests must occur in everyone in his mind because humans as social beings need the intervention of other humans to realize their interests. To fulfill individual interests, one must reason to achieve maximum interests. In this study, researchers have proven that the interests of individuals and rational minds in social action have a solid relationship to fulfill their goals, either individually or in public.

Based on its focus and scope, this research has limitations in social science, especially in the interests of the individual human being as a social being. In addition, research that

discusses this scope is still few and the majority of research is in novels or short stories. Therefore, researchers recommend researching individual interests rationally with other sciences such as the realm of psychology, so that this discussion is more in-depth. This research can also be expanded in other literary works as well as social life in the real world.

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