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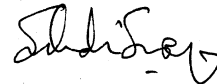
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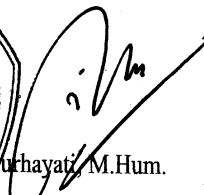
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## ABSTRACT

American dream can be interpreted as the national ethos of America. Human rights, freedom, opportunity, and equality in this form are ideal for granting one's freedom to succeed and prosper, they are included to the form of American dream. This idea has been frequently depicted in a variety of artistic mediums, including film, as an expression of national ethos. The purpose of this research is to examine how *The Amazing Spider-Man (2012)* depicts the American dream. Peter Parker, one of the main characters in *The Amazing Spider-Man (2012)*, will be the focus of the national idea analysis. The library research method model is used in this study, with some of the main data from the film. The main theory is American dream, with a social-semiotic approach added. As a consequence of this, it has been discovered that Peter Parker is successful in realizing his American dream because, in addition to receiving admiration and attention from civilians as a superhero, the character now enjoys social class equality at school because he is no longer bullied. In contrast, Uncle Ben's death and Peter's fight with Gwen forced him to give up some of his goals.

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