

Cross-cultural differences in relational aggression among adolescents.

Abstract:

The present postdoc research deals with a form of aggressive behavior that has been systematically studied by the international and the Greek literature during the last decades, namely relational aggression (RA). Worldwide evidence points out that irrespective of cultural background and potential subcultures within countries, adolescents tend to engage in RA. This research's purpose is to conduct a comparative study of RA in various cultural contexts and to investigate the possible cross-cultural differences in RA forms and functions among adolescents. In particular, the differences in the phenomenon's prevalence as well as its unique manifestations in different cultural backgrounds will be examined. Additionally, the differences in adolescents' engagement in physical aggression in comparison with RA and possible gender differences among adolescents coming from various cultures will be investigated. In terms of research methodology, it is suggested to compare data on RA and physical aggression collected with the most common RA self-report assessment tool from countries with different cultural underpinnings. The sampling method will include a focused selection of relevant published studies across distinct countries based on specific criteria. Then the authors will be contacted and the data will be requested for further analysis.