

Parental psychological control and trait Narcissism predicting relational aggression among adolescents: The mediating role of emotional manipulation and personal cultural orientations.

Relational aggression (RAgg) has been to the spotlight of the research the last decades, due to the critical role it plays in the adolescents' development, with the researchers trying to decipher its complex mechanism and multidimensional content. The factors that influence relationally aggressive behaviors can be broadly categorized into contextual and individual. Considering the contextual factors, parenting appears to be a milestone in adolescents' lives. Negative parenting behaviors, such as parental psychological control may lead to youths' RAgg with devastating consequences. In view of the individual factors, trait Narcissism, as a dispositional personality trait, is a personality characteristic which increases the likelihood of being involved in RAgg. Taken together the majority of the previous studies have examined how parental psychological control and trait Narcissism predict RAgg, but to date this relationship remains largely unexplored. Emotional manipulation and personal cultural orientations might be possible mediators based on the General Aggression Model. Therefore, the current thesis is purported to disentangle the mechanism through which RAgg occurs among adolescents.