

## Abstract

The present study examines the relation of Chinese parenting styles and adolescents' deviant behaviors and self-esteem. Parental variables consist of authoritarianism, authoritative and permissiveness. Participants are 540 grade 8 to 9 secondary school students in Hong Kong. It was found that permissive parents, especially fathers' permissiveness was the main causes of adolescents' delinquency.

Adolescents, who characterize their parents as authoritarian, engaged less in deviant behaviors. Adolescents whose parents are distinguished as authoritative score relatively high on self-esteem measure. However, adolescents from authoritarian family score low in their self-esteem. The present study provide a clear evidence to understand the influence of Hong Kong parenting styles on adolescents' deviant behaviors and self-esteem.