

Abstract

Family relationship has been suggested as one of the most important factors of adolescent delinquency in Hong Kong. Studies showed that delinquent youths had more negative family relationship than non-delinquent youths. In particular, delinquent youths were more likely to come from broken family or have conflict with their parents. Besides, adolescent's attachment to school may also has effect on adolescents' delinquency. The greater the adolescents' attachment to schools, the less deviant behavior he/she would commit. Moreover, evidence showed that self-concept was shown to be negatively correlated with the frequency of committing delinquent acts. The purpose of the present study is to investigate the delinquency problem among Hong Kong adolescents. While many previous studies in Hong Kong were descriptive in nature and lacking theoretical base, the present study aimed at conducting a more theoretical investigation of the adolescent delinquency problem in Hong Kong. The study mainly focused on four critical factors of delinquent behavior, including family relationship, attachment to schools, attachment to friends, and self-concept.