

Abstract

The association between suicidal ideation, parenting styles and self-blame attribution styles was studied as a sample of 334 adolescents from two secondary schools in Hong Kong. Two types of parental control: behavioral and psychological, and two types of self-blame attribution styles: characterological and behavioral were examined. Result indicated that characterological self-blame attribution style and psychological control were significant predictors of suicidal ideation, whereas behavioral control was a protective factor of suicidal ideation. The hypothesized mediational model, in which self-blame attribution style acted as a mediator between parenting styles and suicidal ideation, was not supported. Relation between parenting styles and attribution styles in adolescents was discussed.