

Abstract of thesis entitled:

Correlation between Perceived Parental Authority and Personal Indecisiveness in
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This study explored the relationship among parental authority, self-acceptance and individual indecisiveness, and the underlying connection between parental authority and indecisiveness. 204 adolescents and early adults in Hong Kong completed a set of self-report measures on their perception of mother parental authority styles (authoritative, authoritarian and permissive); their tendency towards general indecisiveness and self-acceptance. Results showed various associations between the three parental authority styles and indecisiveness. Multiple regression analysis indicated that there was a partial mediation effect of self-acceptance on authoritative style in the prediction of indecisiveness. This study has demonstrated the roots of development of indecisiveness with the significant mediation effect of self-acceptance. Besides, it revealed that how parental practices may affect adolescents' personality development.

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