ABSTRACT

ONLINE PORNOGRAPHY VIEWING AND ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIP QUALITY

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A dyadic approach was adopted in this study to examine the prevalence of online pornography viewing among a sample of young Chinese men in Hong Kong and its effects on romantic relationship quality. A total of eighty male and their female romantic partners completed a set of paired questionnaires, which was designed to measure their relationship satisfaction, emotional distress experienced by female and aggression imposed by male. The moderating effects of female openness, self-esteem and male self-disclosure were also examined. Results showed that higher frequency of online pornography viewing correlated with lower mutual satisfaction and greater occurrence of aggression. In addition, openness and self-esteem of women and self-disclosure of men were found to moderate the effect of pornography on romantic relationship quality.