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The roles of emotional autonomy and filial piety beliefs in psychosocial adjustment of Hong Kong late adolescents

Abstract

This research explores the unique and distinctive roles of emotional autonomy and adolescents' perceived filial piety beliefs, proposed in the Dual Filial Piety Model (Yeh & Bedford, 2003), in the psychosocial adjustment of Hong Kong late adolescents, beyond the consideration of parental warmth and psychological control. Two hundred and two college students aged 18-24 participated in the study. Gender differences were observed in the associations between emotional autonomy and filial piety beliefs with psychosocial adjustment outcomes. Results of regression analysis revealed that emotional autonomy added significant negative predictive power on late adolescents' social competence and life satisfaction among male. Meanwhile, the dual filial piety facets had distinguishable contributions in the two genders. Reciprocal filial piety was more positively related to female's life satisfaction while authoritarian filial piety was more positively correlated to male's life satisfaction and social competence.