

## **Abstract**

This study examined whether parents' attachment to their adult offspring exhibited a death-anxiety buffering function. Although findings revealed that the increased cultural worldview defensiveness that traditionally occurred in response to mortality salience did not emerge after activating thoughts of one's adult child, this evidence was inconclusive as both parents' attachment style and their perception of the extent of which their child fulfilled attachment functions did not moderate the death-anxiety buffering effect. Limitations and implications of this research were discussed.

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