

### Abstract

The study examined the relationship between two types of psychological control (hostile psychological control and relational induction) and two types of shyness (regulated shyness and anxious shyness) among Chinese preschool children. The moderation effect of child gender was also explored in the study. 174 Chinese parents whose children are between 3 to 6 years old participated this study. Data on parents' psychological control and children's shyness were self-reported and evaluated by those parents. It was found that both types of psychological control were positively related to children's anxious shyness and negatively related to children's regulated shyness. Also, gender was not a moderator that influences the relationship between psychological control and children's shyness.

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