

ORIENTAREA IDENTITĂȚII ȘI PERCEPȚIA CLIMATULUI PARENTAL LA ADOLESCENȚI

ADOLESCENTS' IDENTITY ORIENTATION AND PERCEPTION OF THE PARENTING CONTEXT

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Abstract

This study aims to examine the relationship between adolescents' identity orientation and perceived parenting context. The sample of the research consisted of 450 high school students, 227 male and 223 female, aged 15 to 18 years. Data were collected by The Aspects of Identity Questionnaire that assesses identity's orientation in terms of personal, relational and social orientation (Cheek, Smith, & Tropp, 2002) and by The Perceptions of Parents Scales (Grolnick, Deci, & Ryan, 1997) that assesses adolescents' perceptions of their parents (mothers' and fathers' autonomy support, involvement and warmth). Our main research question was: what kind of relationships are there between the adolescents' identity orientation and perceived parenting context? The results showed a specific association between the adolescents' perceptions of their parents and their identity orientation and pointed out that identity orientation is more influenced by the perception of the mother compared to that of the father. The research's results contribute to the development of the empirical database for implementing useful interventions and counseling programs in high schools.

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