

Abstract

This research examined the feeling of obligation to parents moderate the effect of psychological control on children's functioning. Form one students from two local schools aged between 11.52 and 16.61, with the mean of 12.83 (SD=.50), were recruited. Psychological control was negatively related to children's functioning, except for the parent-oriented motivation which was positively associated with the control. However, no moderation effect was found except for the academic investment goal of females. Accordingly, psychological control enhances the investment goal of female having high family obligation. This result launches possible cultural differences between China, Hong Kong, and western nations.