

## Abstract

The relationships among mothers' moral reasoning, filial piety, parental warmth and emerging adults' moral reasoning were investigated in this study. Family communication styles were also investigated to see if there were any moderating effects on the relationship between mothers' and emerging adults' moral reasoning. Seventy-two university students and forty-two mothers participated in the study. Mothers' moral reasoning was found to be positively correlated with emerging adults' moral reasoning. However, the results failed to show any significant correlations between the family variables (family communication, parental warmth and filial piety) and emerging adults' moral reasoning. In contrast, mothers' moral reasoning was found to be correlated with emerging adults' family communication, parental warmth and reciprocal filial piety. A relationship between mothers' moral reasoning and their parenting behaviors was suggested. Further studies were needed to confirm such a relationship.