

Abstract

Adolescent-parent conflict was examined in 64 F.1 students and their mothers in Hong Kong. Everyday conflicts between the dyad were examined. Conflict incidence, frequency and intensity were assessed using Issues Checklist (IC) and general conflict-behavior was assessed using Conflict Behavior Questionnaire (CBQ). Result found that early-adolescent perceived significantly more autonomous jurisdiction over daily issues than their mothers. Dyad's discrepancy between reported autonomous jurisdictions over issues was positively correlated to their conflict frequency and scores in CBQ. The most conflictual issue reported by the dyad was a new issue that has never been reported in IC. It is the issue of use of computer.

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