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Abstract

The present study examined the effect of perceived parental acceptance and rejection on coming out intention among LGBT adolescents and emerging adults in Hong Kong.

Parent-adolescent attachment and filial piety were also investigated to see if there were moderating effects on the relationship between perceived acceptance/rejection and coming out intention. Participants in this study were 202 self identified Hong Kong lesbian, gay or bisexual youth who have not disclosed their sexual orientations to at least one parent, whose ages ranged from 13 to 27. Results showed that perceived parental acceptance toward disclosure was associated with higher coming out intention, while perceived parental rejection did not relate to coming out intention. Contrast with original hypotheses, parent-adolescent attachment and filial piety both did not moderate the relationship between perceived parental acceptance and coming out intention. Possible reasons of insignificant results and future research directions were discussed.

