

Abstract of thesis entitled:

The Impact of Age on Angry Responses in Different Relationship Contexts

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This study aimed at investigating how angry responses may differ with age and in different relationship contexts. The sample included 50 younger adults and 20 older adults that were equally distributed across two relationship contexts – kinship and friendship. Participants' angry responses during emotion recalling tasks were assessed in terms of subjective feelings and physiological arousal. Results revealed that older adults expressed a lower level of anger than did younger adults in terms of subjective feelings. Older adults showed no significant difference of angry responses in kinship and friendship. And there was not an interaction between age and relationship contexts. The results are discussed in terms of the age-related positivity effects, socio-emotional theory, and the nature of relationships. Findings shed light on the mixed findings on the level of angry responses in close relationship in the literature.

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