

Abstract

The purpose of the current study was to explore if parental reaction to adolescents' positive emotion could predict some patterns of coping in adolescence and also what role perceived parental support may play in it. Previous research studies have shown significant correlations between parental emotion socialization and adolescent development, such as the ability to regulate emotions. However, within the context of parental reaction to positive emotion expression and under the cultural background of mainland China, previous research has not directly focused on how parental reaction to positive emotion predicts coping strategies in adolescents and how perceived parental support may moderate this association. In the current study, 78 adolescents (between the ages of 12 and 14 years) completed a questionnaire to assess parental reaction to positive emotion, coping strategies and adolescent coping strategies. Certain significant correlations between parental reaction and adolescents coping strategies were found and discussed, as well as the mediator role of perceived parental support. Implications and future research directions are also provided.

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