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Independent Study

Family Quality of Life and Discrepancy between the Evaluations of the Young Adults and their Parents on the Usage of the Internet

Abstract

The widespread use of the internet has been a prominent phenomena globally since the last few decades. Combined with the increasing proportion of family structure of young-adult living-in children with their parents due to marriage postponement or non-marriage, the patterns of interactions between family members might be under influence of this structure. Since the internet plays different roles in the life of living-in young adults and their parents, it is predicted that the discrepancies between both parties' evaluations on internet usage would cause harm to the family quality of life (FQOL), i.e. there would be a negative correlation between the discrepancy and the FQOL. Besides, the traits of agreeableness and neuroticism of the young adults, family income and gender of the young adults were hypothesized to have some moderating effects on the predicted relationships. A total of 122 young adults who live with their parents completed a self-reported questionnaire about 1) their own and their parents' evaluations on their usage of the internet in different aspects, 2) their own traits of agreeableness and neuroticism, and 3) the family quality of life. The results show that the negative correlation between discrepancy and FQOL is significant, with gender

er and family income being moderators of the relationship, while traits of agreeableness and neuroticism are not.