



Parental Socialization Styles in 21st Century and Adolescent Health and Well-being

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Message from the Guest Editor

Adolescent health and well-being are gaining more and more visibility, and parenting styles act as an important factor in adolescent health and well-being. During the past century, numerous studies have repeatedly demonstrated that the authoritative parenting style (characterized by warmth and strictness) is optimum for children and adolescents. Childhood authoritativeness has been clearly and repeatedly associated with functioning, even in late adulthood. Although classical studies have also widely recognized that authoritarian parenting style (strictness but not warmth) has been related to optimal adjustment in American ethnic minorities, hierarchical collectivism countries, and environments where the consequences of disobeying parental rules may be serious and harmful to the self and others.

On the other hand, current emergent research in the 21st century is beginning to seriously doubt whether parental strictness and the imposition component of authoritative is needed for optimal parenting. Recent emergent findings suggest that adolescents from indulgent households (warmth but not strictness) have similar outcomes, or even better than those from authoritative homes, mainly in horizontal collectivist South-European and South-American countries. However, interestingly, these findings have extended recently to other prototypical individualist countries in Europe (i.e., Sweden, the United Kingdom, and Norway). There is therefore a need for further evidence to revise how the associations of parenting styles with health and well-being vary by culture across the globe.





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