

The Process of Political Socialization of Adolescents

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ABSTRACT

The main purposes of the study were to explore the impact of political socialization of adolescents with different variables, including parents' and peers' political attitudes, power consciousness, adolescents' political attitudes, and the political participation of adolescents between variables from different backgrounds. Also, relationships between the major variables parents and peers' political attitude, youth power consciousness, adolescents' political attitude and adolescents' political participation would be discussed. Finally, the study would analyze the prediction of adolescents' political participation. This study adopted questionnaire survey. Subjects, 607 students from junior high school, senior high school and vocational high school in Chunghwa County, were administrated by Basic Investigation; Parents and Peers' Political Attitude Scale ; Youth Power Consciousness Scale ; Adolescents' Political Attitude Scale and Adolescents' Political Participation Scale. Data was analyzed by descriptive statistics, t-test, ANOVA, and canonical correlation, multiple regression. The results of the study are as follows : (1) There are significant differences on the different background variables of the impact of adolescents' political socialization. (2) There are significant differences on the different background variables of adolescents' political participation. (3) Different variables affect the political socialization of adolescents' are associated with political participation. (4) There are significant predictions on different variables of adolescents' political socialization on adolescents' political participation. In this study, according to the literature and research findings, parents, teachers, educational administration, and future researchers and recommendations were made. Key Words: adolescents, political socialization, political attitude, political participation

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