

# The relations among parenting style, self-esteem, and romantic relationship in adolescence

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## ABSTRACT

The purpose of the study was to explore the relations among parenting style, self-esteem, and romantic relationship in adolescence. Furthermore, in this study, the author tries to examine that if the relations between parenting style and romantic relationship were mediated by the self-esteem in adolescence. The survey research was conducted by questionnaire. The number of the subjects was 589 (304 male and 285 female students) junior high school students, from 7th-grade to 9th-grade. They were sampled with stratified random sampling strategy from six counties in central Taiwan (Taichung County, Taichung City, Changhua County, Nantou County, Miaoli County and Yunlin County). The materials which were used included (a) Parenting Style Questionnaire, (b) Self-Esteem Scale, and (c) Love Attitudes Scale. The data collected were analyzed by descriptive statistics, Pearson Product-moment Correlation, Simple Regression Analysis and Multiple Regression Analysis. The results are summarized as follows: 1. The parenting style, self-esteem, and romantic relationship were associated in adolescence. 2. Parenting style could positively predict romantic relationship in adolescence; parenting style could positively predict self-esteem in adolescence; self-esteem could positively predict romantic relationship in adolescence. 3. Self-esteem could be a mediator between parenting style and romantic relationship in adolescence under some circumstances. Key Words: parenting style, romantic relationship, self-esteem

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