



Career choices of urban adolescents belonging to different economic status

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ABSTRACT

The dominating task during the adolescent years is the achievement of a sense of personal identity to know oneself, to commit oneself to carefully explored beliefs, purposes and values and to move into adulthood with a sense of responsibility for ones choices. It is also a time when decisions regarding ones career are made. The present study was intended to investigate the influence of family income on career interests of adolescents. The sample comprised of 180 adolescents (30 boys and 30 girls) from three different categories of Income group between the age range of 15-18 years selected from various government and private co-ed schools of Udaipur city. Comprehensive Interest Schedule developed by Vohra (1992) was used which assesses the vocational or career interests of adolescents in eight broad career areas viz., influential, venturous, artistic, scientific, analytical, social, nature, clerical. The results of the study revealed that the parental economic status had strong influence on adolescents career interests as adolescents from High Income group showed greater interests towards influential career field, those from middle income group preferred venturous careers whereas adolescents from low income group preferred technical and clerical fields.