



# A study on parent child relationship as perceived by adolescents

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## ABSTRACT

In tracing the development or the evolution of the organism from one state to another such as infancy, childhood, adolescence and so on, as synonyms sometimes with socialization, Freud focuses his attention on many developmental concepts such as libido, infantile sexuality, Oedipus or castration complexes as related to and developed out of the relationship with the family. Difference between one family and another then comes to be viewed as a major source of variation from individual to individual in the aspect of personality and social psychological development of children. The basic principle underlying a study of parental factor is that the parents act differentially toward their children depending on the sex of the child which is a common observation. Therefore the present study was undertaken to assess and compare selected dimensions of parent-child relationship of adolescent boys and girls (12-18 years) studying in Govt. Senior Secondary Schools of Bikaner city (Rajasthan). The total sample for the present study consisted of randomly selected 180 adolescents (90 boys and 90 girls) from six randomly selected Government Senior Secondary Schools. The result revealed that most of the boys and girls perceived their parent-child relationship under sometimes level regarding selected dimensions of parent-child relationship. There was no significance difference between the perception of boys in comparison to girls at 5 per cent and 1 per cent level of significance. It also shows that mean score of sometime level of boys was comparatively slightly higher than mean score of girls. There was no significant difference found between overall parent-child relationship of boys and girls. Thus it can be concluded that adolescents under study felt that their parents attitude and behaviour towards them was mediocre, *i.e.* their parents were neither too much protecting, loving etc. not too much neglecting, rejecting, demanding etc.

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