Do Parenting Styles Affect Levels of Self-Esteem?

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Results

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Discussion

The first hypothesis was supported because participants with perceived parenting styles were significantly higher in self-esteem than participants who perceived their parenting styles as authoritarian, as permisive. Future research is needed to investigate if birth order has an effect on parenting styles and self-esteem. For now, we can conclude that Furnham and Cheng (2000) were correct in saying that the authoritarian parenting style does seem to lead to higher levels of self-esteem than the other two parenting styles. In this case, self-esteem is described as "global feelings of self-liking, self-worth, respect and acceptance" (Gregg, 2003). The present research intends to replicate as part of Furnham and Cheng's (2000) study by using perceived parenting styles and self-esteem, but by looking at both state and trait self-esteem and between self-esteem and parenting styles. The first hypothesis is that participants who perceive their parents' parenting style as authoritative will have higher self-esteem than participants who perceive their parents' parenting style as authoritarian, as permisive. It will also investigate if there are any differences among the three parenting styles.

Materials and Procedure

Participants were given a form to complete, and on which they entered their personal data. The Rosenberg Self-Esteem scale, the Current Thoughts Self-Esteem scale, and the Parental Authority Questionnaire were included in the questionnaire. The demographics questionnaire was designed to measure state self-esteem and current thoughts. The Rosenberg Self-Esteem scale, the Parental Authority Questionnaire, and the Current Thoughts Questionnaire were included in the questionnaire. The demographics questionnaire was designed to measure state self-esteem and current thoughts. The Rosenberg Self-Esteem scale, the Parental Authority Questionnaire, and the Current Thoughts Questionnaire were included in the questionnaire. The demographics questionnaire was designed to measure state self-esteem and current thoughts.