INFLUENCE OF PARENTING STYLES ON ACADEMIC MOTIVATION AND PERFORMANCE AMONGST UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS IN CHINA

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ABSTRACT

This research is conducted on the basis of previous research. This study discusses the relationship between parenting styles, the academic motivation and academic performance of the undergraduate students.It is helpful to improve the Parenting styles (PS), cultivate and improve the Academic Motivation (AM) and Academic Performance (AP) of the undergraduate students, and promote their physical and mental health. Therefore, the relationship among PS, AM and AP of undergraduate is worthy of research and discussion. The respondents for the survey are 287 questionnaires for the undergraduate students from a university in Zhengzhou, China. This study used the relevant analysis and regression analysis methods for analysis and testing. The research results are sorted out and discussed, hoping to make efforts to improve the AP of the undergraduate students. The results is the Emotion Warmth Parenting Style (EWPS) has a significant positive influence on AP of undergraduate students. The Over-protection Parenting Style (OPS) has a significant negative influence on AP of undergraduate students. The Rejection Parenting Style (RPS) has a negative influence on AP of undergraduate students. The EWPS has a significant positive influence on Academic Motivation to Pursuing Success (AMPS) of undergraduate students. The EWPS has a significant negative influence on Academic Motivation to Failure Avoidance (AMFA)of undergraduate students. The OPS has a significant positive influence on AMPS of undergraduate students. The father 's OPS has no significant influence on AMFA of undergraduate students. The mother's OPS has a significant positive influence on AMFA of undergraduate students. The RPS has a negative influence on AMPS of undergraduate students. The RPS has a significant positive influence on AMFA of undergraduate students. The AMPS has a significant positive on AP of undergraduate students. The AMFA has a significant negative on AP of undergraduate students. The partial mediating effect of AMPS on the relationship between the PS and AP. The partial mediating effect of AMFA on the relationship between the PS and AP.

Penyelidikan ini dilakukan berdasarkan kajian terdahulu. Kajian ini membincangkan hubungan antara gaya keibubapaan, motivasi akademik dan prestasi akademik pelajar Sarjana Muda. Ia membantu meningkatkan gaya Keibubapaan (PS), memupuk dan meningkatkan Motivasi Akademik (AM) dan Prestasi Akademik (AP) pelajar Sarjana Muda, dan mempromosikan kesihatan fizikal dan mental mereka. Oleh itu, hubungan antara PS, AM dan AP sarjana layak untuk diteliti dan dibincangkan. Responden tinjauan adalah 287 soal selidik untuk pelajar Sarjana Muda dari sebuah universiti di Zhengzhou, China. Kajian ini menggunakan kaedah analisis analisis dan regresi yang relevan untuk analisis dan pengujian. Hasil penyelidikan disusun dan dibincangkan, dengan harapan dapat melakukan usaha untuk meningkatkan AP pelajar Sarjana Muda.Hasilnya ialah Emotion Warmth Parenting Style (EWPS) mempunyai pengaruh positif yang signifikan terhadap AP pelajar Sarjana Muda. Gaya Keibubapaan Perlindungan Berlebihan (OPS) mempunyai pengaruh negatif yang signifikan terhadap AP pelajar Sarjana Muda. Rejection Parenting Style (RPS) mempunyai pengaruh negatif terhadap AP. EWPS mempunyai pengaruh positif yang signifikan terhadap Motivasi Akademik untuk Mengejar Kejayaan (AMPS) pelajar Sarjana Muda. EWPS mempunyai pengaruh negatif yang signifikan terhadap Motivasi Akademik untuk Menghindari Kegagalan (AMFA) pelajar Sarjana Muda. OPS mempunyai pengaruh positif yang signifikan terhadap AMPS pelajar Sarjana Muda. OPS bapa tidak mempunyai pengaruh yang signifikan terhadap AMFA pelajar Sarjana Muda. OPS ibu mempunyai pengaruh positif yang signifikan terhadap AMFA. RPS mempunyai pengaruh negatif terhadap AMPS pelajar Sarjana Muda. RPS mempunyai pengaruh positif yang signifikan terhadap AMFA. AMPS mempunyai positif yang signifikan terhadap AP pelajar Sarjana Muda. AMFA mempunyai negatif yang signifikan terhadap AP pelajar Sarjana Muda. Pengaruh separa AMPS terhadap hubungan antara PS dan AP. Kesan pengantaraan separa AMFA terhadap hubungan antara PS dan AP.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

PA - Parenting Styles

AM - Academic Motivation

AP - Academic Performance

EWPS Emotional Warmth Parenting Styles

OPS Over-protection Parenting Styles

RPS Over-protection Parenting Styles

AMPS Academic Motivation to Pursuing Success

AMFA Academic Motivation to Failure Avoidance

S-EBUM-C - Short -Egna Minnen Beträffande Uppfostran-C

AMS - Achievement Motivation scale

SPSS Statistical Package for Social Science

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

One of the functions of China's universities is to train and export talents to the society to increase the steady power for social progress and development. (Jiang,2020). Undergraduate students' academic performance in school is a key indicator to evaluate the quality of talents. (Tan,2020)Paying attention to the academic performance of undergraduate students and improving the overall quality and ability of undergraduate students are not only the development trend of Chinese universities, but also a global development trend. Therefore, the study of academic performance is particularly important. It is affected by many factors especially family education has the most direct and longest impact.(Wei,2020). There is also a close relationship between learning motivation and learning achievement.

In recent years, the study of academic performance has always been one of the key topics of pedagogy and psychology. Many researchers have explored it from different dimensions and established corresponding models. However, It is not sufficient to domestic academic research on undergraduate students' academic performance. So it is particularly important to further study the various reasons that affect the improvement of academic achievement.

Family is of great significance to the growth of each of us, and plays an important role. There are many studies that show that family directly influences people's physical development in all aspects.(Wu,2020). In recent years, some parents have gradually realized the importance of themselves as their children's first teacher, and they have begun to attach importance to the impact of the family environment on their children. (Zhang ,2020) The current status of family education is that most parents pay more attention to the cultivation and training of their

children's knowledge and intelligence, while ignoring non-intellectual factors. Non-intellectual factors include motivation, interest, will and personality. As the composition of non-intellectual factors, it is of great significance to cultivate children's learning motivation. (Yang, 2019) Sukhomlinski once said: "A passion for learning and a clear purpose of learning are the most important factors in student learning activities."(Xu, 2019)The fundamental motivation of students' learning is learning motivation. Only when the individual's learning motivation is stimulated can the lasting enthusiasm and initiative be maintained. On the contrary, it will hinder students' learning to varying degrees and inhibit the development of students' potential.

In modern society, the parenting style still exerts a deep influence on the learning behavior of students with its special status. Parenting styles are affected by family income, parent relationship and parents' educational background, and these influences directly or indirectly affect the learning behavior of minors. (Wang, 2017)

Looking for a child to become a dragon and a daughter to become a phoenix is the highest expectation of Chinese families for their children. Many parents spare no effort to work towards this goal, which in turn determines that the family environment will inevitably affect the learning behavior of minors. There was a typical case in the 2004 Wuhan City Minors' Growth Environment Survey. In the case, the grandmother of the child concealed the divorce caused by the breakdown of the parents' relationship on the grounds that the breakdown of the relationship between the parents would affect the child's study.(Zhang, 2018)

The study motivation of undergraduate students is affected by many factors, and the family factor is the most important one. The family is an important place in the process of children's growth and socialization. Parenting style is one of the most important factors affecting children's socialization development. It continues to play a role in a person's life and is an important factor affecting the early development of learning motivation. Parental rearing style is a kind of behavioral tendency shown by

parents in the normal life of educating and raising children, and it is a composite of their educational concepts and educational behaviors.(Zhao, 2020)

As a relatively special group, the university students began to break away from their parents and enter the university, but they still rely on their parents in some respects and are not completely independent from their families. Therefore, the thinking mode and behavior mode of undergraduate students are still subtly affected by the parenting style. The academic motivation is a kind of stable intrinsic characteristic of a person's personality, which affects the study and life of undergraduate students(Li,2020) China is at an important period of strategic opportunities. There has many social factors that were corresponding changes such as the education reforms and the deepening of school-running and management systems, the number of college students has increased year by year, the enthusiasm for college students' entrance examinations for postgraduate studies and civil servants continues, and graduate employment competition Intensification, and so on. These will affect the thinking and behavior of undergraduate students, especially academic motivation.

Parenting style has an important impact on students' academic performance, and to a certain extent even exceeds the role of school. Parents with a high degree of education tend to choose topics that their children are interested in during the communication process, emphasizing the importance of learning. Parents' learning habits will also have a subtle impact on their children, and at the same time affect their children's learning interest and performance. (Jiang, 2020)

The influence of parental education methods is also reflected in the learning expenditure and the company of their children. (Zhang, 2020) Families with good material conditions will provide their children with a better learning environment, and they will expand their children's horizons through interest classes, travel, etc., and work environment relatively relaxed parents will have more time to pay attention to the growth of their children.

This research attempts to study the specific influencing factors and mechanism of undergraduate students' academic performance. Based on the related theoretical literature and research results of the predecessors, the academic performance of undergraduate students is deeply explored through parenting styles, academic motivation and academic performance. This research hoped that can help undergraduate students improve their academic performance, at the same time, help the parents improve their parenting styles. Last but not least, it can provide some references for future researchers when conducting related research.

1.2 Background to the Study

The Children's Work Department of the China Women's Federation announced the results of the second national survey on the status of family education, and released the main results and core data of the national survey on the status of family education on December 22, 2015. The survey scope covered 93 cities and counties in 28 provinces, autonomous regions, and municipalities including Beijing and Tianjin. It is mainly used questionnaire to survey, supplemented by literature research and online survey.(Sun, 2021)

It found that there are still some outstanding tendencies in the family education of parents. Most parents have different levels of parenting anxiety. Parents are most worried about the poor academic performance of their children ranks second. In the division of family education, mothers play a major role, and nearly half of fathers are absent from the education of their children. The survey also found that at present parents pay too much attention to their children's learning, and more than 70% of parents accompany their children to do homework. There major difficulties in family education, the parents who don't know how to educate their children, and after the child enters the university, the parents do not understand the child's thinking. (Li, 2015)

Parenting styles has an impact on children's whole life, even when children go to the university to be an undergraduate student. The parenting styles influence

the academic motivation and academic performance of the undergraduate. "The family is the first school in life, and the parents are the children's first teachers." the Chinese President Xi Jinping speech at the National Education Conference raised family education to an unprecedented level of national development strategy. (Wang et al, 2018).

The current situation of family education in our country is not optimistic. Many parents are confused about family education. They are eager to educate their children, but they often feel that they have no more than enough energy. (Zhu ,2020)

There are many reasons for this phenomenon. One of the most critical point is that although family education is a popular behavior, it is a profession and a science with its internal logic and scientific laws. (Miao, 2020) From this perspective, it urgently need professional investigations and research on family education, objectively analyze the status and problems of family education, reveal scientific concepts and behaviors of family education, and provide precise assistance to thousands of families.

The family education service in our country is still at a relatively primitive stage of development, and the family education service system is far from meeting the needs of the public.(Lei, 2020)

Liang (2020) believes that students are both the main body of higher education and the carrier of higher education quality. Students' academic motivation and devotion during university determines their academic performance and growth, and their learning status is a key factor affecting the quality of university education. Research on the academic motivation, study investment and academic performance of the undergraduate students have always been the focus of domestic and foreign scholars.

However, it is judging from the investigation and research on the current learning situation of the undergraduate students in China. It is worrying about the learning stage of the undergraduate students and the academic motivation of the undergraduate students to study decreases. After entering the university, the undergraduate students have no pressure to enter a higher education, and they lack supervision and guidance from parents and teachers. Most college students lack learning motivation and low level of learning input. (Liu,2021)

For some college students, university study is just to get a diploma and degree. Learning is a passive participation process, and does not invest a lot of time and energy. Some college students start to have a mixed degree with peace of mind. (Liang, 2020)

After entering the university from high school, there is less pressure about academic performance in China. At the same time, there is also a lack of supervision and guidance from parents and teachers. (Liu,2021)

Most undergraduate students lack academic motivation and low learning input. For some undergraduate students, the university study is just to get a diploma and degree. Learning is a passive participation process, and some undergraduate students does not invest a lot of time and energy. Some undergraduate students do not take their studies very seriously and hard. (Gao, 2020)

Academic performance, as an important indicator to measure the effect of students' learning in school, has gradually become well-known by the public (Li,2020).

Academic performance has become one of the hots-pots of scholars in the fields of education and psychology. Most researchers explore different dimensions of academic performance, such as influencing factors, evaluation, survey reports, constituent factors, and intervention measures. In general, it want to further improve the quality of university talents. There is a large proportion of research on the academic performance of undergraduate students. Most of them adopt quantitative methods to carry out analysis and research, and put forward relevant countermeasures and suggestions from different perspectives and aspects. (Zhao,2017)

In the related research on academic performance, researchers have summarized various factors that affect academic performance. (Xu,2016) Some researchers took these influencing factors as independent variables of academic achievement and constructed a series of related models.(Bai, 2017; Zhang,2010;Sun,2020)

Academic performance is affected by individual and external environmental factors. The study by CS. Wiseman of the United Kingdom shows that among the main influencing factors of academic performance, the family environment accounts for the largest proportion (Su, 2001).

Some researchers found through analysis that students' hope for the future can predict the final grade, and it is related to daily grades (Snyder et al,1991). Finding that self-efficacy and self-motivation have direct or indirect effects on academic performance, and show that parents' social influence is very important, because parents can only indirectly monitor their children's goal setting and performance (Zimmerman, 1992).

Coleman completed the famous "Coleman Report" in a 1966 study on the equalization of educational opportunities for different ethnic groups in American public schools. They found that whether it was the school's educational equipment, books, teacher education level, and students Factors such as education costs have not had a significant impact on students' academic performance, only family-related factors have a significant impact (Coleman et al. 1966).

By coding research on academic performance, the influencing factors are divided into individual factors and social support factors. The former is divided into cognitive and non-cognitive factors; the latter is divided into family, school, social and other factors(Wang, 2008).

In 2018, the Ministry of Education issued the "Notice on the Implementation of the Spirit of the National Undergraduate Education Work Conference in the New Era"Universities have introduced a series of measures for undergraduate students to

graduate. For example, it cancel the make-up examination system of final grades, it transfer undergraduates whose credits do not meet the standard to junior colleges and strengthen the assessment of the learning process, etc., reasonably "increasing burden" on the undergraduate students.(Peng et.al, 2021)

Undergraduate students are the main body of higher education, and acquiring knowledge is the basic task of undergraduate students. Hence, the academic performance of undergraduate students has always been one of the important indicators for evaluating and measuring the quality of education, and it is also the main basis for the education authorities to assess the teaching level. (Wu, 2020). Paying attention to undergraduate students' academic performance has also become a classic research direction in fields such as pedagogy and sociology. The final academic performance test of college students is one of the important evaluation criteria for the quality of higher education (Liang, 2020).

It is taking undergraduate students as the main body of education quality evaluation; paying attention to the final academic performance of undergraduate students; attaching importance to the academic performance of undergraduate students; and improving the quality of education are common problems faced by countries all over the world after entering the stage of popularization of higher education. (Peng et.al, 2021)

The "13th Five-Year Plan" period (2016-2020) is a critical stage of the development of universities in China.It encourages universities to seize opportunities, accelerate development, further enhance the strength of running university, and comprehensively improve the quality of education.(Dong, 2017)

The "Overall Plan for Promoting the Construction of World-Class Universities and First-Class Disciplines in an Overall Plan" issued by the State Council further clarifies the country's specific goals for building a world-class university and pay attention to the academic performance of undergraduate students becomes a new strategy for the development of universities.(Liu,2019)

With the popularization of higher education, the quality problem of higher education is becoming more and more obvious. As stated in the Declaration of the World Higher Education Conference, "the 21st century will be a century that pays more attention to quality. The shift from quantity to quality marks the end of an era and the beginning of another era." (Zhou, 2012)

Fraser said, "The quality of higher education first refers to the quality of students' development, that is, what students learn throughout the learning process." (Chen, 2004). In recent years, with the development of psychology and pedagogy, students' academic achievements have become one of the main contents of research in psychology, and they have also attracted the attention of educational psychologists.

The parenting styles and academic motivation both have an impact on students' academic performance.(Sun,2020) So the academic motivation may have a relationship between parenting styles and academic performance. Some researchers found that the mediating effect of academic motivation between parenting style and academic performance.(Xu, 2019) In domestic and foreign research, many scholars use academic motivation as an intermediary variable of academic performance. Parenting styles has an impact on academic motivation, and parenting styles has an impact on academic performance. (Sun,2020) But the objects of most researchers are elementary and middle school students.

Some domestic scholars study the mediating effect of academic motivation between family parenting styles and academic performance. The researcher Xu on the study of the influence of family parenting style and learning motivation on the academic performance of junior high school students. Xu study the two sub-dimensions of learning motivation, which are surface learning motivation and achievement learning motivation. Xu found that to be between the family parenting style and academic performance. (Xu, 2019) When it comes to complete mediation, It shows that intrinsic motivation plays a part of mediating role in the influence of emotional warmth factors on autonomous learning ability. (Sun, 2020)

The researchers Li studies the relationship between family parenting style and achievement motivation and children's academic performance. He believes that achievement motivation plays a mediating role in the family parenting style and children's learning and performance. (Li, 2016) Luo's research considers the mediating role of academic motivation in the relationship between family and academic procrastination .(Luo et al., 2017) while the scholar Cao studied the relationship between learning motivation in the relationship between parental rearing styles and college students' professional values. (Cao, 2017) The researchers Xudiscusses the influence of family parenting styles and learning motivation on junior high school students' performance. She believes that learning motivation plays a mediating role between family parenting styles and junior high school students' academic performance. (Xu, 2019) Zheng concluded from studying the relationship between parental rearing style, academic motivation and academic performance of students with hearing impairment that academic motivation plays a part of the mediating role between parental rearing style and academic performance. (Zheng, 2020)

There are many studies on parental styles and academic performance or academic academic in China, but no scholar has discussed the impact of undergraduate students' different parental styles influence on academic motivation and academic performance in detail.

1.3 Problem Statement

It is compared with Western countries, the current situation of Chinese family education is not optimistic. It shows that parents carry out autocratic education to their children, over-protect and over-spoil the children, only value the children's examination ability, and neglect the cultivation of their children's ability and quality. (Zhen, 2018)

Although the students physically leave their parents and enter the university, they face study and life independently, but the influence of family education still exists. It shows the emotional dependence of undergraduate students is not completely separated from the family. The university is the process of undergraduate students changing from student status to social status. In this process, in addition to the help provided by school education to undergraduate students, the education of the family that has the greatest impact on students and understands the most is also very important at this stage. The education of undergraduate students includes three strengths: social strength, university strength, and family strength. In other words, the strength of family education is indispensable during the four-year growth of college students.(Zhu, 2020)

Some undergraduate students do not have a clear academic motivation when they lack academic motivation, they will choose to skip class. Some studies have shown that students with the motivation to the "Failure avoidance" skip classes significantly higher than those who "Pursuing Success". Some undergraduate student think that failing a few classes will not affect their failure in the exam and will not lead to their stigma of failure. This motivation to "Failure avoidance" will also increase the number of skipping classes. (Tian, 2004)

At present, the universities regard college students' academic performance as one of the important indicators to measure the quality of teaching in China. When undergraduate students facet the employment, their academic performance at school is one of the important reference indicators. At the same time, academic performance is closely related to scholarships and certificates. (Rao et al, 2015)

There is a correlation between the three variables of parenting style, academic motivation and academic performance. Academic motivation is used as an intermediary variable. But the current research objects are mostly primary and middle school students (Li, 2016; Xu 2019); most of the researches are on these two variables. Such as the impact of parenting style on learning motivation, (Wu, 2015; Qi, 2018; Cheng, 2018) the impact of parenting style on academic performance. (Hu, 2017: Zhang, 2018; Wang, 2020) But there are also researchers who study the influence of learning motivation on academic performance (Liang, 2020; Li, 2020,

Xu, 2019) But achievement motivation, pursuit of success and avoidance of failure The influence of the two dimensions on academic performance is relatively small.

Therefore, it is necessary to explore the parenting style, academic motivation and academic performance of undergraduate students. At present, there is no researcher discussed in detail about the influence of parental rearing styles on undergraduate students' academic motivation and academic performance. Hence, this study will focus on the impact of parental rearing styles on academic motivation and academic performance through empirical research.

1.4 Objectives of the Study

The main aim of this study is to investigate the influence of parenting styles on academic motivation and performance among undergraduate students. Specifically, the objectives of this study are as follows.

- (a) To study the influence of Father's Emotional Warmth Parenting Style on Academic Performance of the undergraduate students
- (b) To study the influence of Father's Over-protection Parenting Style on Academic Performance of the undergraduate students
- (c) To study the influence of Father's Rejection Parenting Style on Academic Performance of the undergraduate students
- (d) To study the influence of Mother's Emotional Warmth Parenting Style on Academic Performance of the undergraduate students
- (e) To study the influence of Mother's Over-protection Parenting Style on Academic Performance of the undergraduate students
- (f) To study the influence of Mother's Rejection Parenting Style on Academic Performance of the undergraduate students

- (g) To observe the influence of Father's Emotional Warmth Parenting Style on Academic Motivation to Pursuing Success of the undergraduate students
- (h) To observe the influence of Father's Over-protection Parenting Style on the Academic Motivation to Pursuing Success of the undergraduate students
- (i) To observe the influence of Father's Rejection Parenting Style on Academic Motivation to Pursuing Success of the undergraduate students
- (j) To observe the influence of Mother's Emotional Warmth Parenting Style on Academic Motivation to Pursuing Success of the undergraduate students
- (k) To observe the influence of Mother's Over-protection Parenting Style on the Academic Motivation to Pursuing Success of the undergraduate students
- (l) To observe the influence of Mother's Rejection Parenting Style on the Academic Motivation to Pursuing Success of the undergraduate students
- (m) To observe the influence of Father's Emotional Warmth Parenting style on Academic Motivation to Failure Avoidance of the undergraduate students
- (n) To observe the influence of Father's Over-protection Parenting Style on Academic Motivation to Failure Avoidance of the undergraduate students
- To observe the influence of Father's Rejection Parenting Style on Academic
 Motivation to Failure Avoidance of the undergraduate students
- (p) To observe the influence of Mother's Emotional Warmth Parenting Style on Academic Motivation to Failure Avoidance of the undergraduate students
- (q) To observe the influence of Mother's Over-protection Parenting Style on Academic Motivation to Failure Avoidance of the undergraduate students
- To observe the influence of Mother's Rejection Parenting Style on Academic
 Motivation to Failure Avoidance of the undergraduate students
- (s) To study the influence of Academic Motivation to Pursuing Success on Academic Performance of the undergraduate students

- (t) To study the influence of Academic Motivation to Failure Avoidance on Academic Performance of the undergraduate students
- (u) To study the mediating effect of Academic Motivation to Pursuing Success on the relationship between Father's Emotional Warmth Parenting Style and Academic Performance
- (v) To study the mediating effect of Academic Motivation to Pursuing Success on the relationship between Father's Over-protection Parenting Style and Academic Performance
- (w) To study the mediating effect of Academic Motivation to Pursuing Success on the relationship between Father's Rejection Parenting Style and Academic Performance
- (x) To study the mediating effect of Academic Motivation to Failure Avoidance on the relationship between Father's Emotional Warmth Parenting Style and Academic Performance
- (y) To study the mediating effect of Academic Motivation to Failure Avoidance on the relationship between Father's Over-protection Parenting Style and Academic Performance
- (z) To study the mediating effect of Academic Motivation to Failure Avoidance on the relationship between Father's Rejection Parenting Style and Academic Performance
- (aa) To study the mediating effect of Academic Motivation to Pursuing Success on the relationship between Mother's Emotional Warmth Parenting Style and Academic Performance
- (bb) To study the mediating effect of Academic Motivation to Pursuing Success on the relationship between Mother's Over-protection Parenting Style and Academic Performance

- (cc) To study the mediating effect of Academic Motivation to Pursuing Success on the relationship between Mother's Rejection Parenting Style and Academic Performance
- (dd) To study the mediating effect of Academic Motivation to Failure Avoidance on the relationship between Mother's Emotional Warmth Parenting Style and Academic Performance
- (ee) To study the mediating effect of Academic Motivation to Failure Avoidance on the relationship between Mother's Over-protection Parenting Style and Academic Performance
- (ff) To study the mediating effect of Academic Motivation to Failure Avoidance on the relationship between Mother's Rejection Parenting Style and Academic Performance

1.5 Research Questions

This research is subjected to answer the research questions which as follows.

- (a) Is there significant influence of Father's Emotional Warmth Parenting Style on Academic Performance of the undergraduate students?
- (b) Is there significant influence of Father's Over-protection Parenting Style on Academic Performance of the undergraduate students?
- (c) Is there significant influence of Father's Rejection Parenting Style on Academic Performance of the undergraduate students?
- (d) Is there significant influence of Mother's Emotional Warmth Parenting Style on Academic Performance of the undergraduate students?
- (e) Is there significant influence of Mother's Over-protection Parenting Style on Academic Performance of the undergraduate students?
- (f) Is there significant influence of Mother's Rejection Parenting Style on Academic Performance of the undergraduate students?

- (g) Is there significant influence of Father's Emotional Warmth Parenting Style on Academic Motivation to Pursuing Success of the undergraduate students?
- (h) Is there significant influence of Father's Over-protection Parenting Style on the Academic Motivation to Pursuing Success of the undergraduate students?
- (i) Is there significant influence of Father's Rejection Parenting Style on Academic Motivation to Pursuing Success of the undergraduate students?
- (j) Is there significant influence of Mother's Emotional Warmth Parenting Style on Academic Motivation to Pursuing Success of the undergraduate students?
- (k) Is there significant influence of Mother's Over-protection Parenting Style on the Academic Motivation to Pursuing Success of the undergraduate students?
- (l) Is there significant influence of Mother's Rejection Parenting Style on Academic Motivation to Pursuing Success of the undergraduate students?
- (m) Is there significant influence of Father's Emotional Warmth Parenting style on Academic Motivation to Failure Avoidance of the undergraduate students?
- (n) Is there significant influence of Father's Over-protection Parenting Style on Academic Motivation to Failure Avoidance of the undergraduate students?
- (o) Is there significant influence of Father's Rejection Parenting Style on Academic Motivation to Failure Avoidance of the undergraduate students?
- (p) Is there significant influence of Mother's Emotional Warmth Parenting Style on Academic Motivation to Failure Avoidance of the undergraduate students?
- (q) Is there significant influence of Mother's Over-protection Parenting Style on Academic Motivation to Failure Avoidance of the undergraduate students?
- (r) Is there significant influence of Mother's Rejection Parenting Style on Academic Motivation to Failure Avoidance of the undergraduate students?
- (s) Is there significant influence of Academic Motivation to Pursuing Success on Academic Performance of the undergraduate students?

- (t) Is there significant influence of Academic Motivation to Failure Avoidance on Academic Performance of the undergraduate students?
- (u) Is there the mediating effect of Academic Motivation to Pursuing Success on the relationship between Father's Emotional Warmth Parenting Style and Academic Performance?
- (v) Is there the mediating effect of Academic Motivation to Pursuing Success on the relationship between Father's Over-protection Parenting Style and Academic Performance?
- (w) Is there the mediating effect of Academic Motivation to Pursuing Success on the relationship between Father's Rejection Parenting Style and Academic Performance?
- (x) Is there the mediating effect of Academic Motivation to Failure Avoidance on the relationship between Father's Emotional Warmth Parenting Style and Academic Performance?
- (y) Is there the mediating effect of Academic Motivation to Failure Avoidance on the relationship between Father's Over-protection Parenting Style and Academic Performance?
- (z) Is there the mediating effect of Academic Motivation to Failure Avoidance on the relationship between Father's Rejection Parenting Style and Academic Performance?
- (aa) Is there the mediating effect of Academic Motivation to Pursuing Success on the relationship between Mother's Emotional Warmth Parenting Style and Academic Performance?
- (bb) Is there the mediating effect of Academic Motivation to Pursuing Success on the relationship between Mother's Over-protection Parenting Style and Academic Performance?

- (cc) Is there the mediating effect of Academic Motivation to Pursuing Success on the relationship between Mother's Rejection Parenting Style and Academic Performance?
- (dd) Is there the mediating effect of Academic Motivation to Failure Avoidance on the relationship between Mother's Emotional Warmth Parenting Style and Academic Performance?
- (ee) Is there the mediating effect of Academic Motivation to Failure Avoidance on the relationship between Mother's Over-protection Parenting Style and Academic Performance?
- (ff) Is there the mediating effect of Academic Motivation to Failure Avoidance on the relationship between Mother's Rejection Parenting Style and Academic Performance?

1.6 Research Hypotheses

From the research questions, the null hypotheses are formulated which as show below.

- H₀1 There is no significant influence of Father's Emotional Warmth Parenting Style on Academic Performance of the undergraduate students
- H02 There is no significant influence of Father's Over-protection Parenting Style on Academic Performance of the undergraduate students
- H₀3 There is no significant influence of Father's Rejection Parenting Style on Academic Performance of the undergraduate students
- H₀4 There is no significant influence of Mother's Emotional Warmth Parenting Style on Academic Performance of the undergraduate students
- H₀5 There is no significant influence of Mother's Over-protection Parenting Style on Academic Performance of the undergraduate students

- H₀6 There is no significant influence of Mother's Rejection Parenting Style on Academic Performance of the undergraduate students
- H₀7 There is no significant influence of Father's Emotional Warmth Parenting Style on Academic Motivation to Pursuing Success of the undergraduate students
- H₀8 There is no significant influence of Father's Over-protection parenting Style on Academic Motivation to Pursuing Success of the undergraduate students
- H₀9 There is no significant influence of Father's Rejection Parenting Style on Academic Motivation to Pursuing Success of the undergraduate students
- H₀10 There is no significant influence of Mother's Emotional warmth Parenting Style on Academic Motivation to Pursuing Success of the undergraduate students
- H₀11 There is no significant influence of Mother's Over-protection Parenting Style on Academic Motivation to Pursuing Success of the undergraduate students
- H₀12 There is no significant influence of Mother's Rejection Parenting Style on Academic Motivation to Pursuing Success of the undergraduate students
- H₀13 There is no significant influence of Father's Emotional Warmth Parenting style on Academic Motivation to Failure Avoidance of the undergraduate students
- H₀14 There is no significant influence of Father's Over-protection Parenting Style on Academic Motivation to Failure Avoidance of the undergraduate students
- H₀15 There is no significant influence of Father's Rejection Parenting Style on Academic Motivation to Failure Avoidance of the undergraduate students
- H₀16 There is no significant influence of Mother's Emotional Warmth Parenting Style on Academic Motivation to Failure Avoidance of the undergraduate students
- H₀17 There is no significant influence of Mother's Over-protection Parenting Style on Academic Motivation of the undergraduate students
- H₀18 There is no significant influence of Mother's Rejection Parenting Style on Academic Motivation to Failure Avoidance of the undergraduate students

- H₀19 There is no significant influence of the Motivation to Pursuing Success on Academic Performance of the undergraduate students
- H₀20 There is no significant influence of the motivation to Failure Avoidance on Academic Performance of the undergraduate students
- H₀21 There is no mediating effect of Academic Motivation to Pursuing Success on the relationship between Father's Emotional Warmth Parenting Style and Academic Performance.
- H₀22 There is no mediating effect of Academic Motivation to Pursuing Success on the relationship between Father's Rejection Parenting Style and Academic Performance.
- H_023 There is no mediating effect of Academic Motivation to Pursuing Success on the relationship between father's Father's Over-protection Parenting Style and Academic Performance
- H₀24 There is no mediating effect of Academic Motivation to Failure Avoidance on the relationship between Father's Emotional Warmth Parenting Style and Academic Performance
- H_025 There is no mediating effect of Academic Motivation to Failure Avoidance on the relationship between Father's Rejection Parenting Style and Academic Performance.
- H_026 There is no mediating effect of Academic Motivation to Failure Avoidance on the relationship between father's Father's Over-protection Parenting Style and Academic Performance.
- H₀27 There is no mediating effect of Academic Motivation to pursuing success on the relationship between Mother's Emotional Warmth Parenting Style and Academic Performance.
- H₀28 There is no mediating effect of Academic Motivation to pursuing success on the relationship between Mother's Rejection Parenting Style and Academic Performance.

 H_029 There is no mediating effect of Academic Motivation to pursuing success on the relationship between Mother's Over-protection Parenting Style and Academic Performance.

H₀30 There is no mediating effect of Academic Motivation to Failure Avoidance on the relationship between Mother's Emotional Warmth Parenting Style and Academic Performance.

H₀31 There is no mediating effect of Academic Motivation to Failure Avoidance on the relationship between Mother's Rejection Parenting Style and Academic Performance.

H₀32 There is no mediating effect of Academic Motivation to Failure Avoidance on the relationship between father's Mother's O ver-protection Parenting Style and Academic Performance.

1.7 Significance of the Study

In a theoretical sense, this research can enrich and improve the related theories of psychology and education, and also help to broaden related research fields and promote the development of related fields. At the same time, it is conducive to in-depth analysis of the specific relationship among parenting style, academic motivation and academic performance.

It is conducive to in-depth analysis of college students' academic performance and its influencing factors, and to explore the specific mechanism of parenting style and academic motivation and performance on it. First of all, the important role that family plays in the growth of undergraduate students can be more clearly understood. It can help find suitable parenting styles, and guide parents establish correct educational concepts to help undergraduate students improve academic achievement and enhance comprehensive learning and make progress.

It can help undergraduate students learn to self-discipline and improve their quality after understanding the important influence of parental rearing styles on their children's academic achievements. When they are parents in the future, they can actively cultivate their children's academic motivation and provide children with a good and warm family environment. An important spiritual support for the child and to further improve the child's academic performance.

1.8 Theoretical Framework

1.8.1 Ecological Systems Theory

It is an individual development model proposed by Urie Bronfenbrenner, a famous psychologist and founder of the American Problem Preschool Children's Enlightenment Program. He believes that the environment or natural ecology is "a set of nested structures, each nested in the next, just like a Russian doll". The development of individuals is nested in a series of environmental systems that influence each other. There are interactively coupled connections and influences among various systems, the individuals and environments interact It affects and influences the development of individuals.

In his theoretical model, Bronfenbrenner refers to the constantly changing environment in which people live and interact with it as a behavioral system. The system is divided into four levels: Microsystem, Mesosystem, Exosystem, Macrosystem, according to the direct degree of influence on children's development. Bronfenbrenner also proposed a long-term system, also called a Chronosystem, which incorporates the latitude of time into the model, uses time as a frame of reference for studying individual development, and emphasizes that the study of children's development should combine time and environment. Microsystem is the innermost layer in the environment hierarchy, and is the direct environment for individual activities and communication. For migrant children, microsystems include families, schools, peer groups, communities, etc. Among them, families and schools have the most direct and important influence on the individual development of

migrant children. The mesosystem is the relationship between the micro-systems. In this study, it corresponds to the relationship between the family of migrant children and the school, that is the integration of home and school in education. An exosystem is a system in which individuals do not directly participate but has an impact on their development, such as a parent's workplace. The macrosystem is the cultural environment and social environment that exist in the above systems. In the macro system that affects the development of individuals, organizations, institutions, communities, and culture play the most important role.(Bronfenbrenner, 1992).

1.8.2 Academic Motivation Theory

It refers to a kind of motivational tendency that triggers and maintains students' learning behavior and makes it point to a certain academic goal. It contains two components of learning needs and learning expectations, which can be divided into different categories according to different standards. Different psychologists have explained learning motivation from different angles, including reinforcement theory, attribution theory, need hierarchy theory, achievement motivation theory, self-worth theory, self-efficacy theory, etc. The strategies for stimulating and cultivating learning motivation mainly include using heuristic teaching, controlling motivation level, giving proper assessment, maintaining learning motivation, and correctly handling competition and cooperation(Van,2008).

Masolw is a psychologist of the humanistic school, puts forward the need-level theory of motivation. He believes that the purpose of the role of people comes from the needs of people at different levels. Human needs can be divided into five levels, in order from low to high: physiological needs, safety needs, belonging and love needs, respect needs, and self-realization needs. The physiological needs are at the lowest level, when the underlying physiological needs are met can the upper-level needs continue to be met. Self-realization is the highest-level need and the pursuit of personal potential. These five needs can be divided into two categories. Physical needs, safety needs, belonging and love needs, and respect needs are basic needs, and self-realization needs belong to growth needs. People make full use of their potential

and value through learning, and self-realization is also an important learning motivation. The intensity of the need for self-realization not only does not decrease with its satisfaction, but on the contrary, it increases with satisfaction.

1.8.3 Achievement Goal Theory

In the 1930s, American psychologists, such as McDougall, Tolman, Lewin, and so on. They began to pay attention to the purpose and goal orientation of motivation. The origin of achievement goal orientation theory is the goal setting theory constructed by Locke in 1968.

In the 1980s, Nicholls put forward the ability theory, which is the most direct source of achievement goal theory and is subordinate to attribution theory. He believes that among the many attributions of achievement motivation, ability is the key factor in understanding achievement motivation, and the perception of difference and indifference of ability affects the individual's choice of task difficulty in achievement situations. The perception of difference in ability refers to the judgment that an individual has formed on his or her ability level when facing achievement situations. Individuals with this feeling express the pursuit of high ability as the goal of their own behavior, and the completion of tasks is only a means of expressing ability. The sense of no difference in ability refers to the fact that when individuals face achievement situations, they regard completing tasks or learning as their behavioral goals. Ability is only a means to complete tasks. The important thing is to improve ability in the process of completing tasks or learning. From the ability attribution classification system, we can roughly see the rudiments of the two achievement goals division.

Achievement goal can be divided into two types: learning goal orientation and achievement goal orientation. Learning goal orientation is also known as Master Goal Orientation, Task goal Orientation, or Task Involvement. Such students regard learning as an end in itself, pay attention to the development of their own abilities,

and pay attention to the understanding and mastery of tasks. Achievement goal orientation is also called Ability goal Orientation or Ego involvement.

Elliot (1996)proposed a three-factor target-orientation model, the achievement goals are divided into two categories: approach achievement goals and avoidance achievement goals. Later, Elliot proposed the quartering method of achievement goal theory, namely, the achievement goal was divided into four categories: learning-approaching goal, learning-avoiding goal, performance-approaching goal, performance-avoiding goal.(Elliot, 2001).

1.8.4 Mediating effect

Mediating effect, which means that the effect of X on Y is realized through M, that is, M is a function of X, and Y is a function of M (Y-M-X). Consider the effect of independent variable X on dependent variable Y. If X affects variable Y through M, then M is called an intermediary variable. A second related reason for the importance of mediating variables is that they form the basis of many psychological theories(David et al .2010)

One of the main reasons for the popularity of mediating variables in psychology is the historical dominance of the model of stimulus organism response (Hebb ,1966) A second related reason for the importance of mediating variables is that they form the basis of many psychological theories. The mediation effect, in simple terms is that when discuss the influence of the independent variable X on the dependent variable Y, it may need to be conducted through one or more intermediate variables M, where M is the mediator, which is the mediator effect. The intermediary effect has always been a hotspot in the application of management science, psychology and other disciplines. The mediating effect is an indirect effect. Regardless of whether the variable involves a latent variable, the structural equation model can be used to analyze the mediating effect. The role of the mediating effect is to affect the transfer relationship. The significance of the study of the mediation effect is to dig out the essence of things (Wen, 2005)

1.9 Conceptual Framework

This research takes undergraduate students as the research object, and the purpose is to improve the academic performance of undergraduate students. Based on the related theories above, it construct a hypothetical model of emotional warmth, over-protection and rejection of college students' parenting styles, the pursuing success and failure avoidance of academic motivation and academic performance. In this relationship, the parenting style as independent variable, the academic motivation of the mediator variable is added to it, and the academic performance as a dependent variable. The relationship among the variables is specifically analyzed to construct corresponding model framework figure 1.0

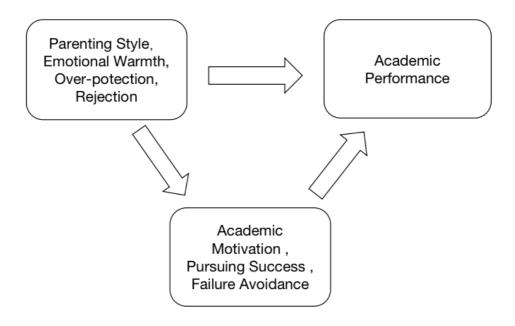


Figure.10 Conceptual framework of this study

1.10 Delimitations of the Study

As the focus of researcher is to get the influence of parenting styles on academic motivation and performance among undergraduate students in China, there has 287 participants of this study includes the students are from the Freshman, sophomore, junior, senior. As parenting styles and academic motivation were measured through designated survey questionnaires, the students are allowed to

answer the questionnaires distributed at their convenience time and submit to the researcher within stipulated period upon completion. The selection of participants is conducted by simple random sampling.

1.11 Definitions of Terms

In this section, definitions of all the study variables and the related terms are provided. Conceptual and operational definitions of the variables and the terms are as follows.

1.11.1 Parenting Styles

Parental rearing methods are the combination of parents' educational philosophy, educational behaviors and children's emotions. Parents show emotional atmosphere in educational behaviors, which will not change due to changes in the environment, and can reflect the true way of communication between parents and children (Nancy et al ,1993). Parents use a variety of different education methods, including values, behavior patterns, attitudes, body language intonation, emotional changes, etc., which have an impact on the healthy development of children's psychology and personality. (Jiang et al, 2010)

However, in this study the parenting styles refer to three dimension, they are the Emotional warmth, Over-protection and Rejection.

1.11.2 Academic motivation

Achievement motivation is a kind of enduring personality trait, which refers to the individual's desire to achieve good results through hard work and to surpass others' internal driving force when participating in activities that have certain challenges and difficulties and feel that this activity is meaningful to them. (Peng, 2009), is the psychological tendency of individuals to work hard to achieve their goals. It is a positive or negative expectation related to a specific environment that is mastered through learning (Ye et al, 1992).

However, in this study academic motivation refers to the pursuing Success and Failure Avoidance

1.11.3 Academic performance

Academic performance refers to the knowledge and ability that students have acquired through certain learning and exercise (Zheng, 2011), which is one of the learning achievements that students have achieved in the learning process. The academic performance involved in this article include not only the academic performance of students in the process of receiving education in and outside the classroom, but also the comprehensive abilities of students through exercise, such as basic skills, student cognitive ability, learning attitude, learning interest, and communication The overall quality including skills.

However, in this study academic performance refers to the undergraduate student's academic performance, it is about the score obtained by a student on a final comprehensive examination out of a total of 100.

1.12 Conclusion

To sum up, it have been discussed the introduction, the background of the study, the statement of problem, the research objectives, the research questions, the hypotheses of the study, the significance of the study, the theoretical and conceptual framework of the study, the limitations and the definition of the terms used in conducting the study in this chapter. It introduced the issues to be studied and

discussed the importance of the issues. It is used relevant theories in this study, and further explores them on the basis of theoretical basis and conceptual framework. At the same time, it also illustrates the limitations of this study.

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