

THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY SUPPORT IN TEENAGERS' PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Abstract: *Adolescence is a critical period characterized by significant emotional, social, and psychological changes. The aim of this study is to investigate the role of family support in teenagers' personal development and to understand how it influences their self-esteem, behavior, and overall well-being. The study applies a mixed-methods approach, combining quantitative and qualitative data collected through a questionnaire and situational tasks conducted among secondary school students. The findings suggest that strong family support positively influences teenagers' confidence, emotional stability, and ability to cope with challenges. Adolescents who receive consistent emotional and moral support from their families demonstrate better social adaptation and higher motivation. In conclusion, family support plays a crucial role in promoting healthy personal development during adolescence and should be considered an essential factor in teenagers' lives.*

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Introduction

Personal development during adolescence is a complex and important process. It is not only about physical growth but also about emotional stability, identity formation, and social interaction. Teenagers begin to develop independence, form their own opinions, and build relationships outside the family. However, family remains one of the most influential environments in their lives. Many teenagers face emotional challenges such as insecurity, peer pressure, stress, and fear of failure. In such situations, family support becomes especially important. When parents provide understanding, encouragement, and guidance, adolescents feel more confident and secure. On the other hand, lack of support or poor communication within the family may negatively influence teenagers' psychological state and behavior. Sometimes teenagers have abilities and potential but cannot fully develop them because they do not receive enough emotional or moral support at home. As a result, they may experience low self-esteem, lack of motivation, or

behavioral problems. Family support includes emotional warmth, open communication, trust, and active parental involvement in a teenager's life. These factors create a stable and safe environment where adolescents can express their feelings without fear of criticism. Psychological and social aspects of family influence are sometimes underestimated in discussions about teenage development. That is why it is important to study them more carefully. The aim of this study is to analyze the role of family support in teenagers' personal development and to explain how emotional and practical assistance from family members influences adolescents' self-esteem, behavior, and overall well-being. The main objectives are to define the concept of family support, analyze different types of family support (emotional, moral, practical) and to examine the impact of family support on teenagers' self-confidence and academic performance. To explain the relationship between supportive family environments and healthy personal development.

Literature review

Family support is widely recognized as a key factor in teenagers' personal development. According to Kareem, Khawar, and Maryam (2020), family support significantly predicts adolescents' life satisfaction and happiness. Teenagers who perceive strong support from their families tend to show higher levels of confidence, emotional stability, and positive attitudes. Similarly, Ramadhana, Karsidi, Utari, and Kartono (2021) found that family communication patterns play an important role in identity development. Their study shows that open and supportive communication within the family contributes to both personal and social identity formation. In addition, Triyanto and Iskandar (2020) emphasize the importance of family support during adolescence, especially during puberty. Their qualitative research indicates that teenagers require emotional, informational, and practical support to cope with physical and psychological changes. Lack of such support may lead to emotional instability and behavioral problems. Overall, previous studies demonstrate that supportive family environments positively influence teenagers' self-esteem, behavior, and overall well-being.

Methodology

This study employed a mixed-methods approach, combining both quantitative and qualitative research methods to obtain a deeper understanding of the role of family support in teenagers' personal development. The research was conducted among 20-25 members of secondary school students aged approximately 14–17 years. All participants voluntarily took part in the study, and their responses were anonymous. No personal data were collected. The research was carried out during a school visit. At the beginning of the session, students were introduced to the topic of family support and its importance in teenagers' lives. Clear instructions were provided, and participants were informed that

there were no right or wrong answers. Students first completed the questionnaire individually in a classroom setting. After completing the questionnaire, they participated in an interactive activity based on situational questions designed to encourage reflection and honest responses.

The main research instrument was a structured questionnaire divided into three parts. The first part consisted of 20 statements based on a Likert scale. Students were asked to indicate their level of agreement with each statement, choosing from options ranging from “strongly agree” to “strongly disagree.” These statements focused on emotional support, communication with parents, trust, and parental involvement.

The second part included multiple-choice questions designed to gather additional information about students’ experiences with family support. These questions explored how often students communicate with their families, who supports them the most, and what type of support they usually receive.

The third part contained open-ended questions, allowing participants to express their personal opinions and experiences. These questions helped to gain deeper insight into how teenagers understand family support and how it affects their confidence and behavior. In addition to the questionnaire, short situational questions were used as an interactive activity. Students were asked to imagine real-life scenarios, such as failing an important exam or working towards a personal goal. They were then asked follow-up questions about whether they preferred advice or emotional support, and who motivated them more - family or friends. This activity helped to collect more spontaneous and honest responses.

The questionnaire was chosen because it allows efficient data collection from multiple participants and provides structured results. The Likert-scale questions made it possible to measure attitudes quantitatively, while open-ended questions provided deeper qualitative insights. The situational tasks were included to better understand real-life reactions and to encourage more honest and thoughtful responses.

Quantitative data from the Likert-scale and multiple-choice questions were analyzed by identifying common trends and the most frequent responses. Qualitative data from open-ended and situational questions were analyzed by identifying recurring themes such as emotional support, trust, communication, and motivation. Participation in the study was voluntary, and all responses were anonymous. Students were informed about the purpose of the research and were free to skip any questions they did not feel comfortable answering.

Results

The results of this study reveal both positive and contrasting patterns regarding the role of family support in teenagers’ personal development. The majority of participants reported experiencing a generally supportive family environment. Most students indicated that their parents are interested in their achievements, provide advice, and help them cope with

difficulties. A large number of respondents agreed that family support helps them feel more confident about the future and makes it easier to deal with challenges. These findings confirm that emotional and moral support from family members plays a significant role in strengthening adolescents' self-esteem and emotional stability. At the same time, the data also revealed that not all teenagers experience the same level of support. A smaller but noticeable group of participants reported limited communication with their families. Some students indicated that they rarely discuss their problems with parents or do not feel comfortable sharing their feelings. In several cases, respondents reported that their parents are not always aware of their problems or do not actively participate in solving them. The results from multiple-choice questions showed that while many teenagers turn to their parents for support, others prefer seeking help from friends or other relatives. This suggests that in the absence of strong family support, adolescents tend to rely on alternative sources of emotional and practical assistance.

Additionally, responses from situational and open-ended questions highlighted important emotional aspects. Some participants mentioned that they feel better when they receive understanding and encouragement from family members. However, others reported feeling worse or unchanged after discussing their problems, indicating a lack of effective communication or emotional connection within the family. Furthermore, a number of respondents expressed that they do not always feel comfortable sharing personal feelings with their parents. This discomfort may limit open communication and negatively affect their emotional well-being. In some cases, teenagers noted that they need more trust, attention, and understanding from their families.

Overall, the findings demonstrate that while family support plays a crucial positive role in teenagers' development, there are still cases where insufficient communication, lack of trust, and limited emotional support negatively impact adolescents. This contrast highlights the importance of strengthening family relationships to ensure healthy personal development for all teenagers.

Discussion

The findings of this study confirm that family support plays a significant role in teenagers' personal development. The results are consistent with previous research, which shows that emotional support, open communication, and parental involvement positively influence adolescents' self-esteem and overall well-being. The majority of participants in this study reported having supportive family environments, where parents show interest in their achievements, provide advice, and help them cope with difficulties. As a result, these teenagers feel more confident, motivated, and emotionally stable.

At the same time, the study revealed that not all teenagers experience the same level of support. A smaller group of participants reported limited communication with their parents,

lack of trust, and emotional distance. These findings suggest that the quality of family relationships is very important. It is not enough for parents to be physically present; teenagers also need understanding, attention, and the opportunity to express their feelings openly.

Another important finding is that some teenagers prefer to seek support from friends or other people instead of their parents. This usually happens when communication within the family is weak or when teenagers feel uncomfortable sharing personal problems at home. Although friends can provide emotional support, they cannot fully replace the role of the family in long-term personal development.

In addition, the results show that some teenagers do not feel comfortable discussing their emotions with their parents. This may be caused by fear of being judged, lack of trust, or poor communication habits. As a result, these teenagers may experience emotional difficulties and feel less supported.

Overall, the study highlights that family support is a complex concept that includes emotional, moral, and practical aspects. While most teenagers benefit from positive family relationships, there is still a noticeable group that lacks sufficient support. This shows the importance of improving communication and trust within families to support healthy adolescent development.

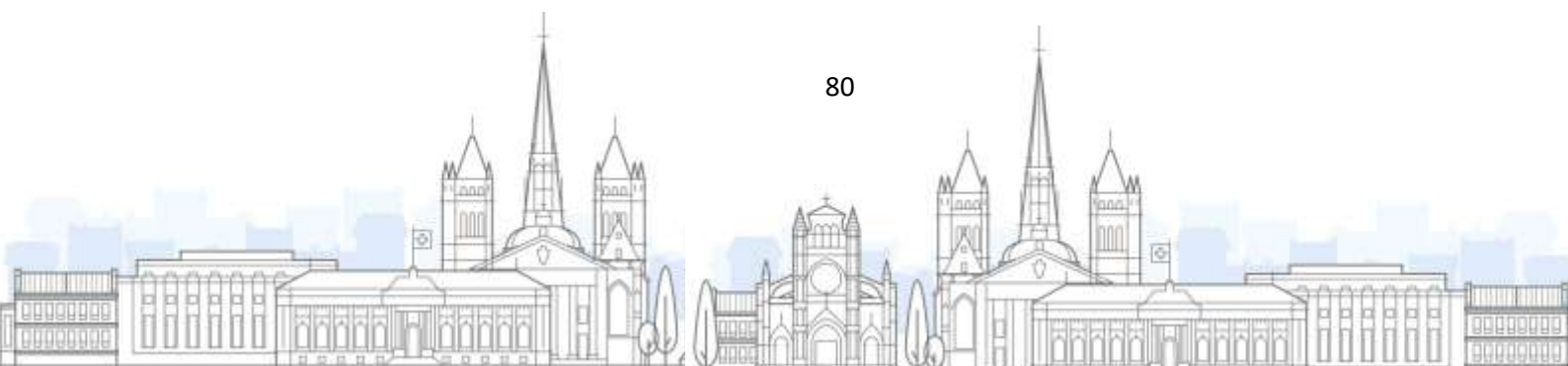
Conclusion

In conclusion, this study demonstrates that family support is a key factor in teenagers' personal development. Adolescents who receive emotional and moral support from their families are more likely to be confident, motivated, and emotionally stable. Family support helps teenagers cope with challenges, develop positive self-esteem, and build healthy social relationships.

However, the study also shows that not all teenagers experience this support equally. Some participants reported problems such as lack of communication, limited trust, and emotional distance from their parents. These factors can negatively affect their well-being and personal growth.

Therefore, it is important for families to create a supportive and understanding environment. Parents should pay more attention to their children's emotional needs, communicate openly, and build trust. Providing both emotional and practical support can help teenagers develop in a healthy and positive way.

Despite its useful findings, this study has some limitations, such as a relatively small number of participants and a limited research setting. Future research could include a larger sample and explore this topic in different contexts.



Overall, this study emphasizes the importance of family relationships in shaping teenagers' personal development and highlights the need to strengthen family support for better emotional and psychological outcomes.

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