

Introduction

RESEARCH GOAL

- A. Relation between parental economic perceptions and academic overinvolvement
- B. Moderating role of parental personality

THEORETICAL/EMPIRICAL BASIS

Academic Overinvolvement (AO)

- > No extant validated scale of AO
- > Helicopter parenting → student entitlement → counterproductive academic behaviours and motivations (Schiffrin & Liss, 2017)

Macrocontextual Influence

(Bronfenbrenner, 1984)

- > Parallel trends of ↑ inequality and ↑ parental involvement (Zillibotti & Doepke, 2019); conceptual clarity of involvement?/perceived vs. objective inequality?

Personality & Parenting (Belsky, 1984):

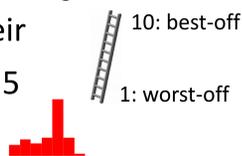
- > Neuroticism: “Negative” parenting → overinvolvement?
- > Conscientiousness: Achievement-orientation → Overinvolvement?



Method

PARTICIPANTS

- Belgian sample of 104 mothers and 72 fathers ($M_{age} = 49$) of adolescents ($M_{age} = 16.5$)
- 78% of parents rated their social status higher than 5
- Highly-educated sample



MEASURES (parent self-reports)

Personality (Soto & John, 2017)

Conscientiousness

- > 6 items, $\alpha = 0.75$
- > “Perserveres until the task is finished”

Neuroticism

- > 6 items, $\alpha = 0.78$; e.g., “Worries a lot”

Academic Overinvolvement

(Self-constructed, Chevrier et al., 2022)

- > 5 items, $\alpha = 0.81$;
- > e.g., “I keep track of *all* my child’s assignments”

Perceived Job Insecurity

(Adapted, Schoss et al., 2022)

- > 3 items, $\alpha = 0.83$
- > e.g., “A lot of people think they are going to lose their job in a near future”

Perceived Income Inequality (Sommet et al., 2018)

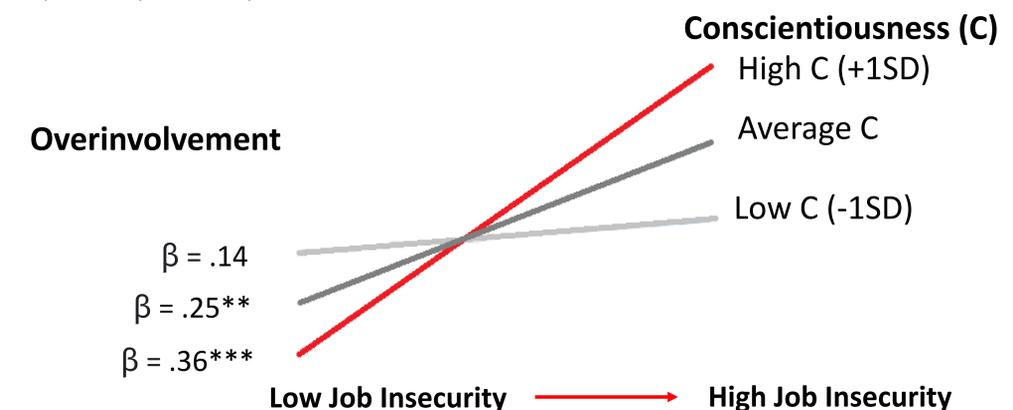
- > 3 items, $\alpha = 0.80$
- > e.g., “In Belgium, there is an enormous gap between the rich and the poor”

Results

Table 1. Hierarchical Regressions for fathers’ and mothers’ academic involvement

	Mothers’ Academic Overinvolvement		Fathers’ Academic Overinvolvement	
Insecurity	.28**	.30**	.11	.02
Conscient.	.24**	.26**	.03	.00
Moderation	.18*		.18	
Inequality	.19*	.20*	-.10	-.11
Conscient.	.29**	.34**	.00	.00
Moderation	-.18		.02	
Insecurity	.33**	.32**	.33	.15
Neuroticism	-.02	-.02	-.02	-.04
Moderation	-.04		-.12	
Inequality	.21*	.22*	-.10	-.10
Neuroticism	.02	.08	.00	-.05
Moderation	-.15		-.01	

Figure 1. Simple Slope Analysis for mothers’ academic overinvolvement



Discussion

- Parents’ perceptions of job insecurity and inequality matter... for maternal overinvolvement, as does conscientiousness (C)
- Maternal as a coping strategy in the face of economic threats and insecurities?
- Need for further research on overinvolvement among fathers