

The Relation Between Parents' Gender Values And Parenting, And Adolescents' Psychosocial Adjustment Among Parents of Adolescents

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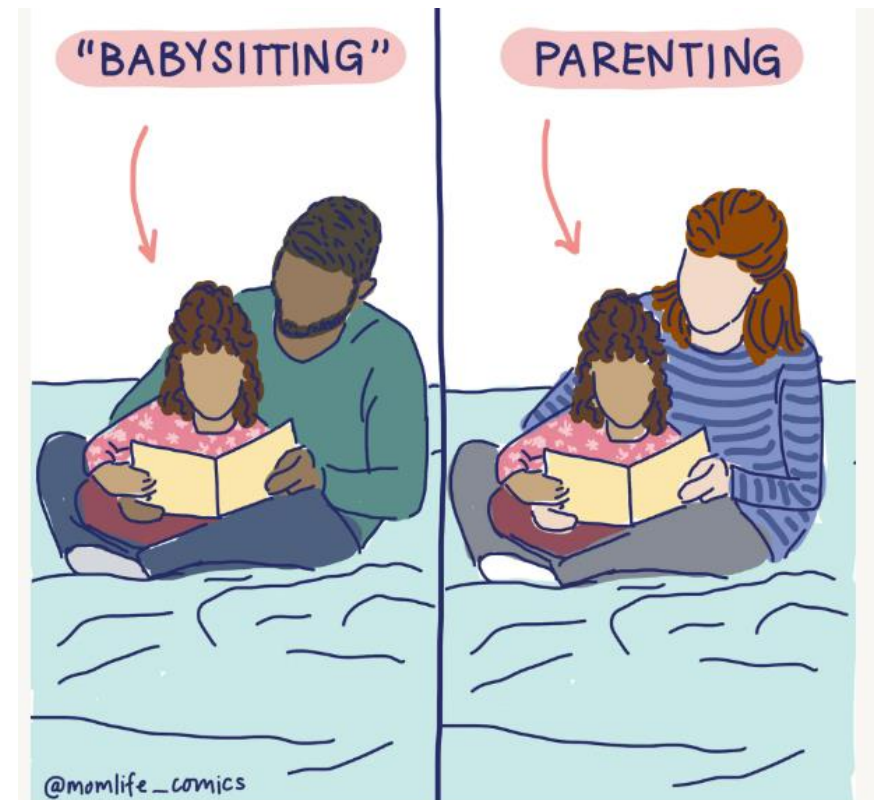


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Theoretical Background

- Changing society
- Egalitarian values (Chatard et al., 2007; Grunow et al., 2018)
 - What about gender equality in everyday life, within families?
 - Inequalities; mothers = primary caregiver



Theoretical Background

- Equality values and Parenting :
 - Mother's and father's warmth and hostility
- and Coparenting (Feinberg, 2003):

consists on the support and coordination (or lack of it) that the adults/parental figures exhibit in the care and upbringing of a child for whom they share responsibility.

Objectives

- Explore the relations between parents' equality values parenting behaviours, and their adolescent's functioning.



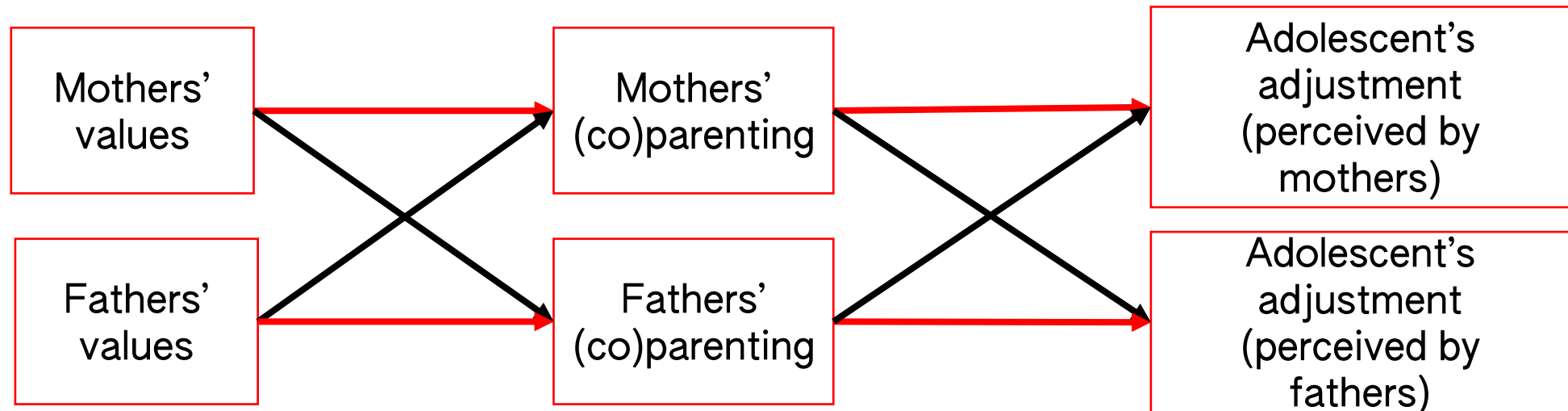
Objectives

- Relations between
 - Parent's values and their own behaviors
 - Parent's values and their partner's behaviors
 - Parents' behaviors and their adolescent's adjustment



Actor-partner interdependence model

- **Actor effect** = relationship within one parent
- **Partner effect** = relationship from one parent to the other



Sample

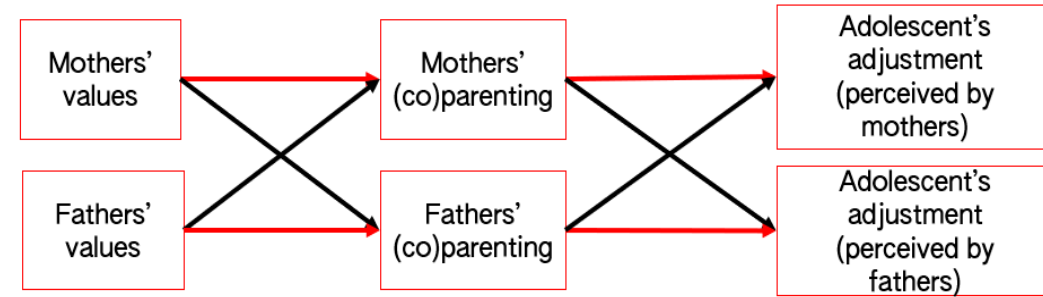


5th wave of the *Growing up in Australia* Panel study

- N= 2916 families; 2,63 (1,05) children
- Parents of an adolescent between 12-13 years old
- 50,7% of boys
- Focus on both mothers and fathers
- Parents' age: Mothers 43.41 (4.87); Fathers 45.80 (6.08)

Instruments

Questionnaires for both mothers and fathers:



A. Gender equality values (2 items)

- *If both husband and wife work, they should share equally in the housework and childcare.*
- *Ideally, there should be as many women as men in important positions in government and business.*

B. Warm parenting (6 items)

- *How often did you tell this child how happy he/she makes you?*

C. Hostile parenting (6 items)

- *How often do you tell your child that he/she is bad or not as good as others?*

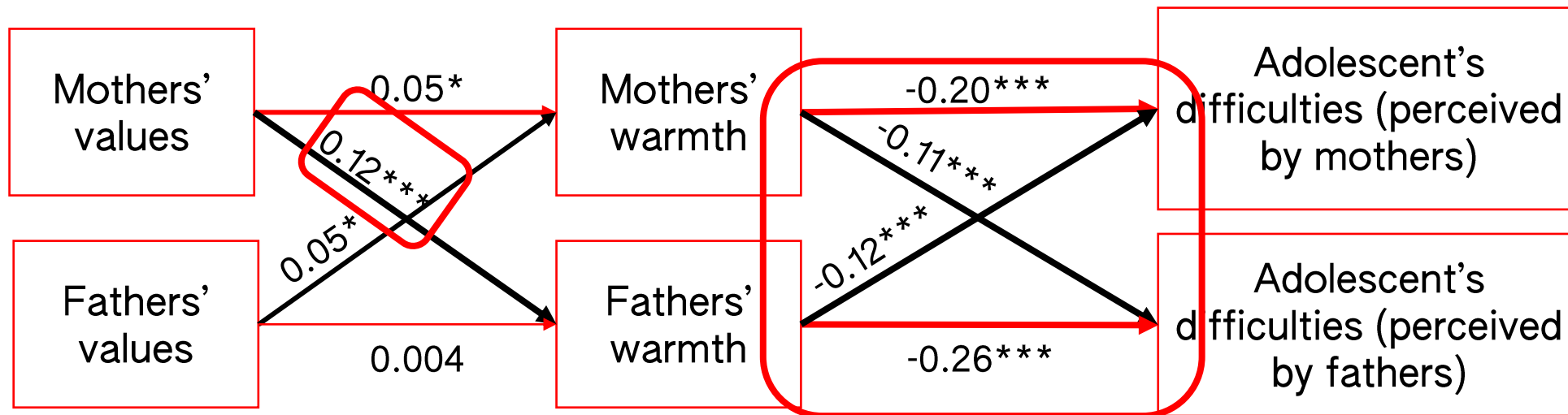
D. Coparenting Support (3 items)

- *How often is your partner a resource or support to you in raising your child(ren) ?*

E. Adolescent adjustment (20 items; SDQ; Goodman, 1997)

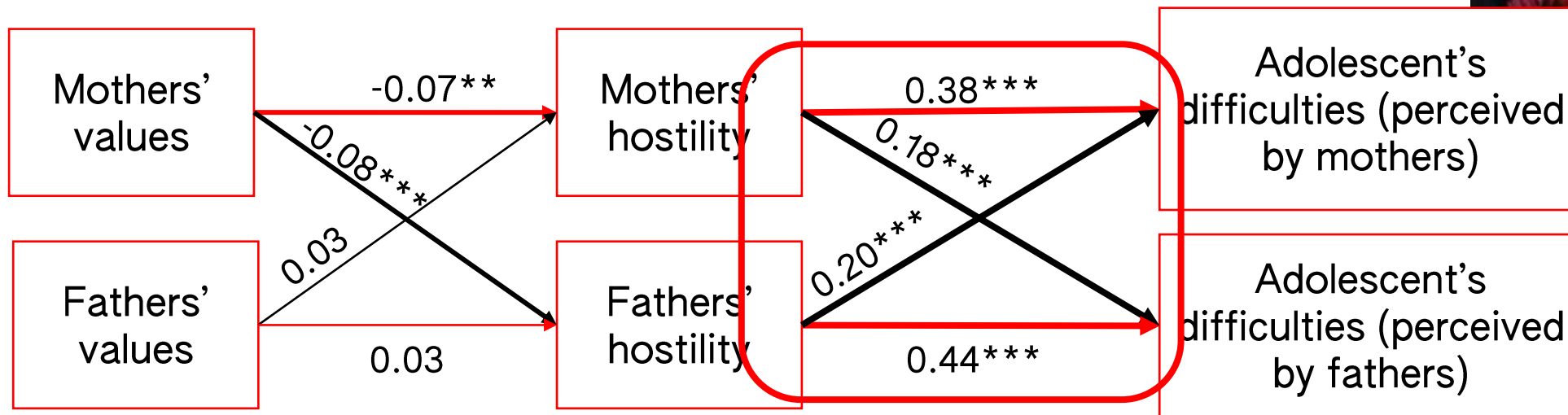
- 4 subscales : peer, conduct, and emotional problems, and hyperactivity

Results : Warm parenting



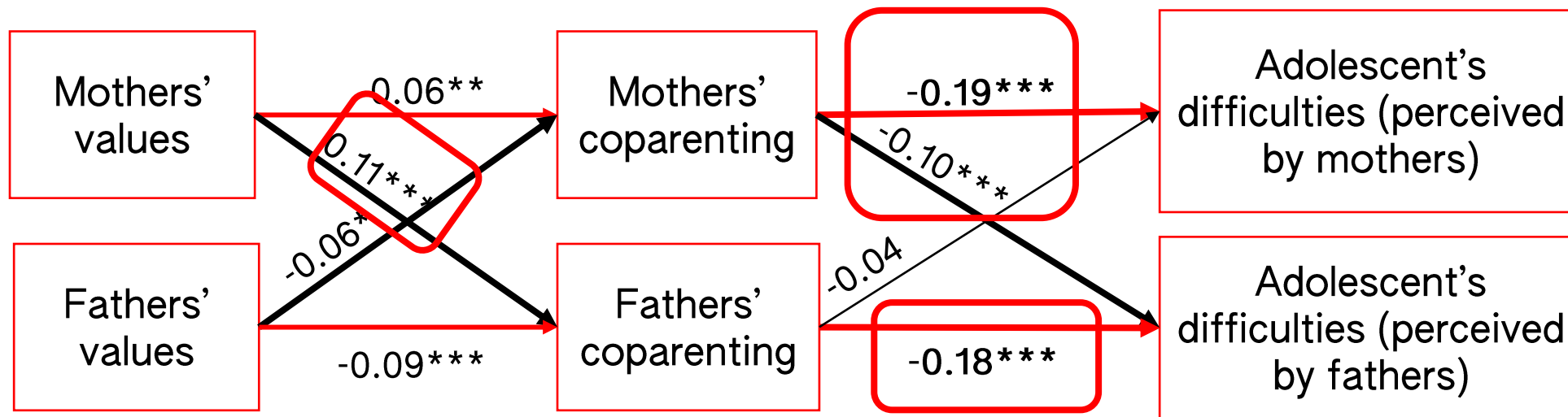
Good fit: CFI = 0.999; TLI = 0.995; RMSEA = 0.02; SRMR = 0.008

Results : Hostile parenting



Good fit: CFI = 0.996; TLI = 0.987; RMSEA = 0.035; SRMR = 0.014

Results : Coparenting support



Good fit: CFI = 0.996; TLI = 0.986; RMSEA = 0.029; SRMR = 0.016

Moderation

- Work status and Education level

For couples with non-working moms, mothers' values were no longer related to fathers' coparenting and warm parenting.

When fathers had no high school education, the actor and partner effect of mothers' values on mothers' and fathers' hostile parenting became significant.



Discussion

- Values are related to parenting and coparenting
- Which in turn impact adolescent's adjustment
- Partner effects from mothers to fathers => Why?
 - Mother's values -> father's involvement with the adolescent
= ↓ **maternal gatekeeping** (Schoppe-Sullivan & Altenburger, 2019; Gaunt, 2008)
 - AND/OR The **mother's values** may better reflect the family's **reality**=
when faced with inequality, mothers may adjust their values and
shift to more traditional ones (Askari et al., 2010; Buchler et al., 2017)
- Dynamics **no longer significant** when **mothers don't work**
=> Values and family dynamics



Thank you for your attention!

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