

**A STUDY OF PARENT-ADOLESCENT CONFLICT
AND ADOLESCENT'S COPING STYLES
IN SIRIRATTANATORN SCHOOL**

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of the study was to examine the parent-adolescent conflict and adolescent's coping styles across conflicting situations, in relation to the variables of age and sex. It also investigated the relationship between 9 parental conflict areas and 5 coping styles. Another purpose of this study was to investigate the relationship of adolescents' coping styles when exposed to the conflict observed from their parents and those observed in others.

Three hundred eighty seven Thai high school adolescents in Sirirattatarn School whose ages range between 11-19 years, studying in grade 7th - 12th, and presently staying with their parents participated in the study. Adolescents were first asked to provide general information background. They were asked later to recall conflicting events in 9 different parent-child conflict areas. They were also asked to describe how they responded to these parent-child conflict events using 5 coping styles. Besides, they were also asked how to respond when they had conflicts with others with the same 5 coping styles.

The data were analyzed by using a two-tailed test, one way analysis of variance and multiple comparison method of Scheffe. The findings suggested that:

1. There was no significant differences between parent-adolescent conflict at the .05 level in the early, middle, and late adolescents stages when compared with each other.
2. There was significant differences of coping styles of Smoothing and Compromising at .05 level in the early, middle, and late adolescents stages when compared with each other.
3. There was significant differences between parent-adolescent conflict areas of Study (S) and Choice of Friend (COF) at .01 level when male and female groups were compared with each other.
4. There was no significant differences in coping styles at .05 level when male and female adolescents were compared with each other.
5. There was significantly positive correlation between 4 parental conflict areas of Choice of Friend (COF), Health and Interest Activity (HIA), Manners and other Personal Matters (MP), Parental Authority (PA) and all 5 coping styles at .001 and .01 level.
6. There was significantly positive correlation of adolescents' coping styles when exposed to the conflict with their parents and others with a statistical significance at .001 level.