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Abstract:

Causation of problems in adolescent behavior is often attributed to conflict of views between adolescents and their parents. Finding out some important issues on which their views differ, may help by providing some leads to counselors trying to resolve such conflicts and to guide the adolescent (and parents, if necessary) in adopting a constructive approach.

There are individual differences among adolescents. There is also a variety of parent – adolescent relationships in different families. Yet it is useful to know about specific issues on which their views agree or differ, and about the prevalence of such agreement in adolescent group.

The paper will report the findings of an exploratory study that examined the relationship between Adolescents and Parents in the state of Gujarat, India. The results indicated that even to-day, a majority of adolescent students agree with their parents' views on most matters related to their day to day life. The extent of so called "generation gap" is not as extensive as it is commonly believed to be. Thus the general picture that emerges is that of a good degree of mutual understanding between adolescents & their parents. Most of the differences of opinion that exist between the two generations within a family are usually resolved satisfactorily. This paper will be particularly useful to counsellors who are interested in delivering careers services that address the family as an entire unit.