

# **ASSOCIATION BETWEEN PARENTING STYLE AND HOMOSEXUAL ORIENTATION IN ADOLESCENTS, KEDIRI, EAST JAVA**

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## **ABSTRACT**

**Background:** Homosexuality is a sexual orientation towards the same sex. Parenting style may had an important role in in shaping homosexual behavior. Many theories of homosexual causation focus on childhood experiences, especially those within the family. One viewpoint states that male homosexuality is an emotional/mental disorder caused by poor father-son relationships. This study aimed to test the hypothesis that authoritarian parenting style was associated with an increased risk of forming homosexually oriented adolescents.

**Subjects and Method:** This was an analytic cross-sectional study conducted in Kediri, East Java. A sample of 67 adolescents were selected for this study by purposive sampling. The dependent variable was homosexual orientation. The independent variable was parenting style, dichotomizing authoritarian parenting style vs. democratic or permissive parenting style . The data were collected by questionnaire and analyzed by Odds ratio and Chi Square Fisher exact test.

**Results:** Among 67 adolescents studied, 58 (86.6%) were found to have homosexual orientation, 9 (13.4%) were found to not have homosexual orientation. Among those who had homosexual orientation, 42 (72.4%) were raised by authoritarian parenting style. Among those who did not have homosexual orietation, 2 (22.2%) were raised by authoritarian parenting style. Authoritarian parenting style was associated with an increased risk of homosexually oriented adolescents (OR=8.85; 95% CI=1.76 to 67.77; p=0.012).

**Conclusion:** Authoritarian parenting style is associated with an increased risk of forming homosexually oriented adolescents.

**Keywords:** homosexual orientation, parenting style

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