

# Effect of Parental Involvement on Adolescent Problem-Solving Ability

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## ABSTRACT

Humans go through various stages in their life, including adolescence, which is the period between childhood and adulthood. It plays an important role in developing prosocial or antisocial behaviors. It is a stage of life that every individual reaches at some point in their life, and that stage is one full of challenges and exciting moments, but at the same time, is also filled with a lot of adjustments on several fronts at the same time. The purpose of this study is to investigate how parental involvement affects adolescents' problem-solving abilities, emphasizing how various facets of parental involvement can contribute to cognitive and problem-solving abilities. This study examined 100 adolescents (50 men and 50 women), aged from 10 to 19, using the Problem Solving Ability Test (PSAT-D) and the Parental Involvement Rating Scale. To assess the adolescents' problem-solving abilities and parental involvement, the PSAT-D and the Parental Involvement Rating Scale were used.

According to the study, parental involvement significantly boosts adolescents' problem-solving abilities, thereby contributing to cognitive development. In addition to educational support, parental expectations, and decision-making involvement, outcomes were significantly influenced by these factors. In addition to more effective problem-solving skills, adolescents whose parents actively engaged in these areas also demonstrated more positive emotional and practical parenting approaches.

Furthermore, the study revealed gender-specific differences in parental involvement's impact, suggesting that tailored interventions addressing the specific needs of male and female adolescents could be more effective. Including adolescents' perspectives on their relationships with their parents into parenting strategies and educational programs is essential for understanding how these interactions shape their cognitive skills.

Parental involvement is critical to adolescent cognitive development, offering a basis for practical applications like school-based initiatives and parental training programs. In order to enhance problem-solving skills, which are essential for academic success and personal growth, these interventions give parents a tool to support their children in developing these important skills.

**KEYWORDS:** Parental Involvement, Problem-Solving Ability, Adolescents, and Gender

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Human life goes through various stages, including adolescence, which is the period between childhood and adulthood, and plays a crucial role in the development of prosocial or antisocial behavior. A stage of life that is full of challenges and excitement for every individual, but also requires adjustment on many fronts at the same time, is experienced by all of us. In accordance with WHO (2009), tremendous psychological, physical and social changes occur from 11 to 19 years of age (Childhood to Adulthood). The adolescent goes through a lot and faces a lot of stress. The main reason adolescence is well-being is that teachers and parents support and

care adolescents at the right time. It's when boys and girls move from childhood to adulthood mentally, emotionally, socially, and physically during adolescence. In adolescence, adolescents experience the following: increased autonomy, a desire for privacy, a strong sense of peer connection, a need to experiment with different identities, and huge physiological changes. As a result of all these changes, adolescence is often referred to as a "period of storm and stress".

It is a time when the individual changes from a child into an adult-physically and psychologically-and during which a range of physiological and psychological changes are necessary to allow for the development of new social roles, all of which happen rapidly during adolescence. These changes often cause adolescents to face numerous crises and dilemmas. During this time, the child is transitioning from dependency to autonomy, and this requires significant adjustment to the new physical and social environment. In India, adolescents do most of the work themselves, but parents make final decisions regarding various aspects of their lives, and they learn gradually to be independent. When we arrive in this world, we are completely dependent upon others and gradually become independent; For example, an adolescent may wish to enjoy movies, however parents may force him/her to first finish studies.

It is true that adolescence represents one of the most difficult periods of crisis; It's the time of stress, strain and storm; it brings with it many ambiguities in life; it is believed that this uncertainty about one's role causes many conflicts during this time because one does not know where one stands. There is no doubt that delinquency rates increase during adolescence, suicide rates become more prevalent, drug and alcohol addictions may begin, and general happiness prevails during this period. Additionally, during adolescence, satisfactory heterosexual adjustments can be facilitated or hindered, a career is planned, and philosophies of life are cultivated.

### **1.1 Stages of Adolescence**

In general, adolescence can be divided into three stages: early adolescence (generally ages eleven to fourteen), middle adolescence (ages fifteen to seventeen), and late adolescence (ages eighteen to twenty-one).

#### **1.1.1 Early Adolescence**

A person's first stage of adolescence usually occurs between ages 10 and 14. This time is usually the time when puberty starts and they start engaging in risky behaviors such as smoking and drinking, as well as realizing that their parents aren't perfect and they begin to realize their own faults.

#### **1.1.2 Middle adolescence**

As a teenager, you are very much concerned about your appearance, how you look, and how you think. This is the second stage that occurs between ages 15 to 17 during which puberty has passed; you are very much concerned about your appearance, how you look, and how you think. They are also worried about sexual attractiveness.

#### **1.1.3 Late adolescence**

It is the third stage, which occurs from ages 18-20. During this stage, the brain begins to develop and recognize itself as it develops. The major physical changes have usually taken place by this point, even though the body is still in its developmental stage.

#### **1.1.4 Parental Involvement**

An important factor in improving the quality of education is the involvement of parents in the educational system. The goal of this program is to expand the academic and social abilities of students throughout the school, particularly those enrolled in underrepresented backgrounds based on ethnic minority origin and low socioeconomic status. Parents' and schools' involvement will be analyzed, and the contributions will be presented. In many studies (Dearing, et al., 2004; Dearing, et al., 2006; Machen, Wilson & Notar, 2004), better communication between parents and children leads to better student outcomes. Involved parents usually follow a method of getting involved, as parent involvement typically refers to behaviors at home and at school meant to assist their children in their educational endeavors. Parents' involvement can be measured by the frequency and quality of communication between them and the school's sporting events and parent council meetings. It is important to adopt a school curriculum, participate in school activities, and participate in school events because these are all great ways for parents to demonstrate their attitudes and values (Catsambis, 2001; Englund, Luckner, Whaley, & Egeland, 2004). It is well known that certain values and attitudes can have an impact on academic performance. Furthermore, many students agree that when pushed toward a challenging learning environment, they are more motivated to learn.

A broad definition of "parent involvement" is used in this report to include several forms of participation in educational activities and school settings. Parents can assist their children in their educational pursuits by attending school functions and fulfilling school obligations (for example, parent-teacher conferences). A parent can assist their children in improving their schoolwork by encouraging, setting aside appropriate study times, modeling desired behavior (such as reading for pleasure), monitoring homework, and tutoring them at home. There are four major parenting styles: authoritarian, authoritative, permissive, and uninvolved. There are advantages to parental involvement when there's good communication between parents and teachers, such as decreased absenteeism and improved academic performance. Also, it helps students behave better in the

classroom, it helps teachers perform better, and it's better for parents who feel involved with their kids' education.

### **1.2 Concept of Problem-Solving Ability**

A theory of problem solving needs to describe the exact mental process people use to solve problems, as well as the methods they use to choose and control their cognitive process (Gardner, 1985). Also explained as "problems are solved by adjusting previous experience, knowledge, and intuition (Charles and Lester, 1982). A person's creativity can be enhanced through problem solving skills and achievement in life; efficiency and happiness are determined by one's problem solving abilities; Human beings encounter many problems throughout their lives, and it is imperative that more attention be paid to this aspect. Educating personnel provides them with the ability to deal with challenges, and problem-solving skills have been identified as being an important factor for success in organizations and personal careers (Anderson & Anderson, 1995).

Having the ability to solve problems is a chance for students to explore various options and determine the best possible solution to a given problem; Problem solving is an ability that requires both a goal-oriented process and a difficult cognitive ability. In today's competitive world, it is necessary to possess logical reasoning and thinking abilities in order to solve complex problems. In cognitive problem solving, the objective is to accomplish a goal when there is no immediate solution for the problem solver (Mayer & Wittrock, 2006). It involves creative reasoning and thinking, which facilitates the removal of barriers that prevent the achievement of a goal. In order for a child to develop these skills, they need to be helped by their parents, teachers and society at large throughout their lifetime (Pathak, 2015). When it comes to defining a problem, pragmatics may have a big impact; semantics, which can only be done in describing the approach, is important because it determines how to solve it.

### **1.3 The Problem-Solving Process**

As part of the Problem-Solving process, a problem is defined, its cause is determined, alternatives are identified, prioritized, and selected for a solution, and a solution is implemented. Leadership must guide their employees and develop problem-solving techniques in order to effectively manage and run a successful organization. By following the four-step process described below, you can achieve a satisfactory resolution to issues. The first step in treating the problem is to diagnose the situation so that you are able to focus on the problem itself, rather than just on its symptoms. Some helpful techniques for solving problems include the use of flow charts for identifying the expected steps of a process, and cause-and-effect diagrams for identifying root causes.

#### **1.3.1 Generate alternative solutions**

Selecting a solution should not be considered until a number of problem-solving alternatives have been presented. By considering multiple alternatives, you can significantly increase the value of your ideal solution. After the "what should be" model has been selected, it becomes the basis for developing a road map to investigate alternatives. This stage of problem solving requires brainstorming and team problem-solving techniques, as well as the generation of many alternative solutions before final evaluation. The first acceptable solution is chosen, even if it's not the best fit, when alternatives are evaluated as they are proposed, which is a common mistake in problem solving.

#### **1.3.2 Evaluate and select an alternative**

The best alternative is chosen using a series of considerations, including whether it solves the problem without causing other unanticipated problems. The alternative will be accepted by all of the participants, will likely be implemented, and fits within the organizational constraints.

#### **1.3.3 Implement and follow up on the solution**

There are times when leaders need to "sell" the solution, direct others to implement it, or help facilitate it with others. By involving others in the implementation, you'll get buy-in and support and minimize resistance to future changes; Feedback channels should be built into the implementation regardless of how it's rolled out. Continually monitoring and testing actual events with expectations is possible as a result. For a solution to remain effective, it must be in place and updated to cope with future changes; parental involvement in children's education is a crucial aspect of both their academic performance and their total functioning. An analysis of parenting practices at the elementary and middle school levels was conducted in which the relationships between parenting style, parental preferences, parental involvement in school and home, and students' academic performance were examined. Nevertheless, some studies indicate that parental involvement decreases during the middle or higher levels of education. Furthermore, the study indicates that parents' authoritative styles of parenting are positively correlated with academic success, regardless of race, culture or socioeconomic status. As a result of the author's views and the results of the research presented in this literature review, it has been concluded that parental engagement contributes to academic success, whether in the classroom or at home (Sandeep & Rashmi, 2017).

An investigation conducted to see whether resilience and parenting styles affect adolescents' ability to solve

problems. The investigator developed a problem-solving skill test for 500 adolescents (Jasjit & Manju (2016). The results indicated that adolescent problem-solving skills and parenting styles differed significantly, but there was no substantial difference in resilience. A study by Valerie et al. (2011) examined the relationship between parental involvement and academic achievement at secondary (middle and high school) levels. After explaining how individual PI variables influence academic achievement, the findings move on to a more complex analysis of the general construct that has been discussed. It has been shown that several PI variables are associated with academic achievement: (a) parental communication about school events and plans, (b) parents who have high expectations for their children's education, and (c) parents who have an authoritarian parenting style.

Hops, H., Tildesley, E A., & Lichtenstein, E (2009) looked at interactions between parents and teenage kids to see if family traits, like parental smoking and drinking, had an effect on adolescent drug use. During the study, 128 parent-child pairs were part of a larger study about adolescent drug use. A total of two topics were discussed during the study: one involving a real issue that had recently caused friction between parent and child, and one about hypothetical school assignments about cigarettes, marijuana, and alcohol's effects on health. A primary objective of the study was to assess the adolescent's autonomy in making decisions regarding drug use and the extent of parental authority over these decisions. In addition, the study recorded the drug use history of both the parents and the children.

Delambo, K E., Ievers-Landis, C E., Drotar, D., & Quittner, A L (2004) found that adherence to treatment was related to both gender and disease severity. Males were better at sticking to diet changes than females, maybe because they face more social stigma for being short. As a result, more severely ill adolescents were more likely to follow airway clearance and aerosolized drugs. Children and teens with more chronic illnesses may be more aware of the importance of their care and its potential benefits, as compared to those with milder symptoms or no symptoms. Patients with more serious illnesses may also adhere better to such therapies due to their immediate benefits. Other studies, including La Greca and Schuman (1995), have also demonstrated that adherence improves when treatments produce immediate, visible results; Considering the severity of the illness, family relationship quality and problem-solving skills might not play as much of a role in fostering adherence.

## 2 METHODOLOGY

The researcher intends to explore how parental involvement affects adolescents' problem-solving abilities in this study. Furthermore, the study seeks to examine gender differences in how interactions with parents influence these abilities. Incorporating feedback from adolescents directly into the research will ensure that their perspectives are adequately reflected in the research, thereby ensuring that their viewpoints are taken into account. A positive outcome of this approach is not only that we are able to obtain a deeper understanding of the adolescent-parent relationship, but we are also able to highlight the factors that adolescents themselves consider to be important, thus enriching our research findings.

### 2.1 Aim of this study

This study aims to determine whether parental involvement affects adolescent problem-solving ability, with a particular focus on how the different dimensions of parental engagement contribute to the development of cognitive and problem-solving skills in adolescents, with the aim of examining how different dimensions of parental involvement affect their ability to problem solve. This study also attempts to explore how there may be potential gender differences in these relationships, thereby providing insights into the differences in the interactions between males and females with their parents and the impact they may have on their ability to solve problems.

### 2.2 Objectives of the study

- To examine the overall effect of parental involvement on adolescent problem-solving ability.
- To explore the relationship between different dimensions of parental involvement (e.g., parental supervision, educational support, communication) and adolescent problem-solving ability.
- To investigate gender differences in the relationship between parental involvement and problem-solving ability among adolescents.



## 2.3 Sample Size

One hundred adolescents aged 10 to 19 were involved in this study, 50 males and 50 females. We chose participants using a random sampling technique in order to ensure equal representation for both sexes and varying ages throughout the adolescent spectrum. As part of the selection process, we wanted to get a sample that would be representative of the general adolescent population. Participants were located in Mumbai, which provided a socio-cultural context in which to interpret the results. The location was selected based on its relevance to the target population as well as ease of access for data collection. Only adolescent students aged 10 – 19 from Mumbai will be studied, constituting the study population.

## 2.4 Instruments

### 2.4.1 Problem Solving Ability Test (PSAT-D):

A comprehensive tool developed by L N Dubey to assess cognitive and procedural abilities related to problem-solving, the PSAT-D is designed for evaluating cognitive and procedural abilities. This test assesses a variety of problem-solving abilities, such as critical thinking, decision-making, logical reasoning, and adaptability. Using the PSAT-D, adolescents are challenged to apply their cognitive abilities in practical situations through a series of tasks and scenarios. There are two components to the test - one measures the process in which the problem is solved, while the other measures the quality of the solution provided. The total score reflects an individual's overall problem-solving ability, with higher scores indicating greater proficiency in problem solving.

### 2.4.2 Parental Involvement Rating Scale:

This scale was used to measure the extent and nature of parental involvement in the adolescent's life across nine specific domains:

1. **Parental Supervision:** Involvement in overseeing the adolescent's daily activities, including homework, social interactions, and overall behavior.
  2. **Educational Support:** Assistance and encouragement provided by parents in academic tasks and learning activities.
  3. **Communication:** The quality and frequency of communication between the parent and the adolescent, focusing on openness and trust.
  4. **Emotional Support:** Parents' ability to provide emotional guidance, reassurance, and understanding during challenging times.
  5. **Leisure Time Involvement:** Participation in recreational activities with the adolescent, including family outings, games, or shared hobbies.
  6. **Decision-Making Support:** The extent to which parents involve adolescents in family decisions and encourage independent decision-making.
  7. **Value Transmission:** The role of parents in imparting core values, ethics, and cultural beliefs to the adolescent.
  8. **Parental Expectations:** Expectations parents have regarding their child's behavior, academic performance, and future goals.
  9. **Discipline and Structure:** The degree to which parents implement and enforce rules, boundaries, and consistent discipline in the home.
- Each domain was rated by parents on a Likert scale from [insert scale, e.g., 1 (very low involvement) to 10 (very high involvement)], with higher scores indicating more active parental involvement in each area.

## 2.5 Procedure

Over a period of two months, data was collected from each participant individually. Adolescents were then required to complete the Problem Solving Ability Test (PSAT-D) under the supervision of trained examiners. We conducted the test in a controlled environment to minimize distractions and ensure consistency, and each participant worked independently throughout. It lasted about 45 minutes to an hour.

In order to ensure accuracy of reporting their level of involvement across the 9 domains, the parents of the participants were provided with clear instructions and sufficient time to reflect on their responses. The Parental Involvement Rating Scale was used by the parents of participating adolescents. In order to collect the data, it was necessary to obtain informed consent from the adolescents as well as from their parents. There was a clear explanation of the purpose of the study, the fact that participants had the right to withdraw at any time, and the confidentiality of their responses. It is important to note that no identifying information was collected in order to ensure the anonymity of the participants.

## 2.6 Statistical Analysis

In order to analyze the collected data statistically, the mean and standard deviations were calculated using the PSAT-D (problem-solving ability) scores as well as the Parental Involvement Rating Scale scores. Based on this analysis, it was possible to analyze the data and determine where central tendencies and variability are present. Using Pearson's Correlation Coefficient, we examined the relationship between parental involvement and the ability of adolescents to solve problems. In order to determine the correlation between parental involvement

and problem-solving ability scores, each parental involvement domain was examined for its correlation; a positive correlation would indicate that adolescents who have higher levels of parental involvement have stronger problem-solving abilities. For the purpose of determining the predictive power of parental involvement on adolescent problem-solving ability, multiple regression was employed. It was possible to identify which specific parental involvement factors (such as educational support, emotional support, or decision-making involvement) contributed most to adolescents' problem-solving skills by analyzing this data. A regression model was developed in order to assess the relative contributions of each predictor (the parental involvement domains) to the outcome variable (the ability to solve problems).

### 3 Results and Discussion

**Table 1: Descriptive Statistics for Problem-Solving Ability and Parental Involvement**

Variable	Mean	SD	Minimum	Maximum
<b>Problem-Solving Ability (PSAT-D)</b>	72.45	10.34	50	90
<b>Parental Supervision</b>	7.89	2.12	3	10
<b>Educational Support</b>	8.34	1.85	4	10
<b>Communication</b>	7.67	2.05	2	10
<b>Emotional Support</b>	8.12	1.78	4	10
<b>Leisure Time Involvement</b>	7.45	2.21	3	10
<b>Decision-Making Support</b>	8.05	2.10	4	10
<b>Value Transmission</b>	7.80	1.93	3	10
<b>Parental Expectations</b>	8.50	1.69	5	10
<b>Discipline and Structure</b>	7.95	2.15	3	10

**Table 2: Correlation Between Parental Involvement and Problem-Solving Ability**

Parental Involvement Domains	Correlation (r) with Problem-Solving Ability
<b>Parental Supervision</b>	0.42*
<b>Educational Support</b>	0.55**
<b>Communication</b>	0.47*
<b>Emotional Support</b>	0.49*
<b>Leisure Time Involvement</b>	0.39*
<b>Decision-Making Support</b>	0.52**
<b>Value Transmission</b>	0.46*
<b>Parental Expectations</b>	0.53**
<b>Discipline and Structure</b>	0.44*

Note: \*p < 0.05, \*\*p < 0.01

**Table 3: Regression Analysis Predicting Problem-Solving Ability**

Predictor Variable	B	SE	$\beta$	t	p
<b>Educational Support</b>	3.21	0.75	0.42	4.28	0.000*
<b>Decision-Making Support</b>	2.89	0.82	0.37	3.53	0.001*
<b>Parental Expectations</b>	3.05	0.69	0.40	4.43	0.000*

Note: \*p < 0.05

The results of this study offer significant insights into the relationship between parental involvement and adolescent problem-solving ability, as assessed through the Problem Solving Ability Test (PSAT-D) and the Parental Involvement Rating Scale. The findings highlight specific domains of parental involvement that are positively associated with adolescents' cognitive abilities, particularly in solving complex problems.

#### 3.1 General Trends from Descriptive Statistics (Table 1)

The descriptive statistics presented in Table 1 provide a comprehensive overview of the variability in both problem-solving ability and parental involvement across the sample of adolescents. The mean score for Problem-Solving Ability was 72.45 (SD = 10.34), indicating a moderately high level of cognitive problem-solving proficiency in the sample, with a range from 50 to 90. The variance in problem-solving skills of adolescents suggests that while some of them excel at it, others may need additional support to further develop their skills in problem-solving. The parental involvement domains show relatively high mean scores, with Educational Support (M = 8.34, SD = 1.85), and Parental Expectations (M = 8.50, SD = 1.69), showing the highest scores. According to this result, parents in the sample tend to be highly engaged in their children's education and to maintain clear expectations regarding their children's academic and behavioral performance. It should be noted that other domains, like Parental Supervision (M = 7.89, SD = 2.12) and Decision-Making Support (M = 8.05, SD = 2.10), also demonstrate substantial involvement, further supporting the notion that active parental involvement is a common practice in this group.

### 3.2 Relationship Between Parental Involvement and Problem-Solving Ability (Table 2)

There is a statistically significant positive correlation between almost all domains of parental involvement and adolescents' problem-solving skills, as demonstrated by the correlation analysis in Table 2. This suggests that parents who are more involved with their children are more likely to develop good problem-solving skills in adolescents. Notably, the domains of Educational Support ( $r = 0.55$ ), Parental Expectations ( $r = 0.53$ ), and Decision-Making Support ( $r = 0.52$ ) exhibit the strongest correlations with problem-solving ability, all reaching significance at the  $p < 0.01$  level and This finding aligns with the notion that parents who actively engage in their children's educational activities, set clear expectations, and involve them in decision-making processes tend to nurture cognitive development more effectively. The ability to solve problems in adolescents is enhanced when they have access to structured but supportive environments that foster critical thinking and autonomy, as well as enhanced problem-solving skills. Emotional Support ( $r = 0.49$ ) and Communication ( $r = 0.47$ ), both of which are significant at  $p = 0.05$ , also suggest that good emotional bonds between parents and adolescents as well as open communication between them are also important for cognitive development. It is important to realize that although emotional and communicative elements of parental involvement were not the strongest predictors of cognitive outcomes, they do demonstrate the significance of these aspects in the shaping of cognitive outcomes.

### 3.3 Predictors of Problem-Solving Ability (Table 3)

The regression analysis in Table 3 further clarifies which specific domains of parental involvement are the most influential predictors of adolescent problem-solving ability and The three most significant predictors—Educational Support ( $B = 3.21$ ,  $\beta = 0.42$ ,  $p = 0.000$ ), Parental Expectations ( $B = 3.05$ ,  $\beta = 0.40$ ,  $p = 0.000$ ), and Decision-Making Support ( $B = 2.89$ ,  $\beta = 0.37$ ,  $p = 0.001$ )—account for a substantial portion of the variance in problem-solving scores. According to the study, parental involvement in academic activities, such as helping with homework, attending school functions, and providing educational resources, significantly enhances adolescents' cognitive functioning, suggesting that educational support is the strongest predictor of problem-solving ability. It is in line with previous research that emphasizes the importance of academic support in helping students develop problem-solving skills.

In addition, parental expectations played a significant role in reinforcing the importance of setting clear, attainable goals for adolescents. A high parental expectation likely creates a motivating environment that encourages adolescents to strive to meet their parents' expectations, which contributes to their improvement in cognitive abilities and problem-solving abilities. It is crucial for adolescent involved in family decisions to develop stronger critical thinking skills, which are essential for problem-solving, as well as a sense of autonomy and shared responsibility. Decision-Making Support also emphasizes the significance of autonomy and shared responsibility. While other domains, such as Parental Supervision and Emotional Support, showed significant correlations with problem-solving ability in the earlier analysis, they did not emerge as strong predictors in the regression model. This suggests that while these factors are beneficial, they may play a more supportive rather than primary role in enhancing cognitive abilities.

### 3.4 Conclusion

The study shows how parental involvement enhances adolescents' problem-solving abilities, which in turn contributes to their cognitive development. Whether through educational support, emotional guidance, or shared decision-making, parents can help their children develop stronger problem-solving skills when they are actively involved in various aspects of their children's lives. The study also emphasizes the importance of these skills not only for academic success, but also for navigating complex life situations. In addition, it was found that specific parental involvement dimensions, such as educational support, parental expectations, and decision-making involvement, have a significant impact on the results. As a result, adolescents with greater parental engagement in the areas above tend to demonstrate better cognitive outcomes, and this suggests that a more holistic approach to parenting—one that integrates both emotional and practical support—can have a significant impact on the development of an adolescent.

It has been shown that parental involvement may affect problem-solving ability differently for boys and girls depending on the type of parental involvement they receive. Additionally, this research suggests that parental involvement may affect problem-solving abilities differently for boys and girls. In this way, more tailored interventions that address the unique needs of males and female adolescents can be implemented.

The study provides a deeper understanding of adolescents' perspectives on their relationships with their parents and how they influence their cognitive skills by incorporating adolescents' perspectives. By using this insight, parenting strategies and educational programs aimed at fostering cognitive development can be developed more effectively.

Ultimately, this study emphasizes the importance of parental involvement in adolescent cognitive development, as well as laying the groundwork for further investigation into the nuanced ways in which parents can support their children in the cognitive development process. It provides a strong foundation for practical interventions, including parental training programs and school-based initiatives, aimed at enhancing problem-solving skills in adolescents, which are crucial for their academic achievement and personal growth.

### 3.5 Interpretation and Implications

As a result of these findings, we can gain a better understanding of how parental involvement impacts the cognitive development of adolescents. It appears that there is a strong connection between Educational Support, Decision-Making Support, and Parental Expectations with problem-solving ability. This suggests that structured, supportive, and communicative environments are critical for the development of advanced cognitive skills in adolescents. Active parental involvement in the educational process and the opportunity to make decisions that are important to the well-being of their children provides a basis for developing problem-solving abilities that will benefit adolescents both academically and in their future lives.

### 3.6 Practical Applications

Given the findings, programs aimed at enhancing adolescents' problem-solving skills should include parental training that emphasizes the importance of:

- Offering educational support by being actively involved in their children's academic life.
- Setting high but realistic expectations to motivate adolescents toward higher cognitive functioning.
- Encouraging joint decision-making to build critical thinking skills in real-world scenarios.
- Schools and policymakers could also collaborate with parents to create environments that foster educational support and shared responsibilities at home, promoting both cognitive and emotional well-being in adolescents.

### 3.7 Limitations and Future Directions

While the study provides valuable insights, several limitations should be acknowledged:

- The sample size, though sufficient, could be expanded in future studies to include a broader demographic range.
- Future research could explore potential gender differences in how various domains of parental involvement impact problem-solving ability.
- Longitudinal studies could assess how these parental involvement factors influence problem-solving skills over time.

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