Insights on the relationship between internet use and family functioning

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We aimed to examine the hypothesis according to which the presence in the household of less than 18 years old in association to the exposure to long hours of intermediated communication of their parents has significant effects on life-satisfaction. In a sample of n=231 participants, 139 females and 92 males with age ranges of 35 to 45 years old and 60 to 70 years old, 110 Asian and 112 non-Asian, the results of the pair-comparison t-test revealed that there are significant mean differences in regard to desire for more leisure time, feeling of relief during a month before and minutes on a day spent on intermediated communication. The group having children inside their household showed also a higher mean than the counterpart on the criteria of the average daily minutes spent on other than face to face communication. Since the children learn social behaviors from their parents, but are also more vulnerable than adults to addictions, we discuss possible implications of these findings on the implementation of a language learning program utilizing a manual, CD and an interactive web, face-to-face and link.

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