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Children Learn more from what you are than what you Teach: Consequences of Partner's Internet Infidelity on their Children

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Present study investigated the relationship between partner internet infidelity and marital satisfaction. Further, its consequences on adolescents' behavioral problems were estimated. In addition, study also incorporated social desirability to control response biases. Multi informant sample included 317 adolescents (Boys = 165, Girls = 152) along with one of their parent (Father = 151, Mother = 166). Along with demographics, data was collected on Internet Infidelity Scale-Partner Version, Relationship Assessment Scale from parents and on the Child Behavior Problems Questionnaire from one of their children. Results showed that partner internet infidelity negatively correlated with marital satisfaction ($-.67, p < .01$) and positively correlated with their adolescent's behavioral problems ($.73, p < .01$) (externalizing and internalizing problems). Further marital satisfaction negatively correlated with adolescents' behavioral problems ($-.65, p < .01$). Mediation analysis showed that marital satisfaction mediated (B range = $.12$ to $.27$) the relationship between partner internet infidelity and adolescent's behavioral problems (externalizing and internalizing problems). It is concluded that partner internet infidelity cause marital dissatisfaction resulting in an increase in adolescent's behavioral problems. It is recommended to address and emphasize the cost of internet infidelity in marital relationship in terms of consequences on to the next generation.

Biography

Jamil A. Malik Starting his career from BV Hospital Bahawalpur as clinical psychologist in March 2003 after completion of his M.Sc in clinical psychology with distinction, his growing interest in research brought him to academia in April 2005. With a practicing knowledge of a couple of year in a teaching hospital and a year of undergraduate psychology courses teaching experience, he started his PhD at Vrije University, Amsterdam (The Netherlands) in March 2006. In August 2010, he joined National Institute of Psychology as Assistant Professor after completion of his PhD in July 2010 in Health Psychology & Developmental Psychopathology.