

## Parental Control on Time Spent Online of Adolescents in Relation to Personality Hardiness and Peer Relationships

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### ABSTRACT

*The present research endeavours to examine the effect of three independent variables viz., parental psychological control, personality hardiness, peer relationships on the dependent variable i.e. time spent online. A sample of the study consisted of 600 adolescents. Descriptive exploratory method of research was practiced in the study. Further, analysis of variance was exercised to analyse the effect of independent variables on the dependent variables. The results of the study manifested that adolescents, who experience a high level of parental control spend more time on the internet. Moreover, adolescents with warm peer relationships also spend more time online. Two order interaction effects were also substantiated between parental psychological control and peer relationships. Consequently, all the three independent variables viz., parental psychological control, personality hardiness, peer relationships interact significantly to influence the time spent online of the adolescents.*

**KEYWORDS:** Parental psychological control, Psychological hardiness, Peer relationships, Time spent online, Adolescents.

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