

Abstract

The current study investigated factors influencing religious experience and development of adolescents and young adults. Convenient sampling technique was used for data collection. A sample of 400 (201 female, 199 male) participants was recruited. Their age ranged from 15 to 26 years. Parental Transparency Scale (Desrosiers, 2011), Peer Pressure Assessment Scale (Mahmood, Sultan, & Atta, 2013), Centrality of Religiosity with Romantic Partner Scale (Huber & Huber, 2012), Social Media Engagement Questionnaire (Przybyliski, Murayama, DeHann, & Gladwell, 2013), and Religious Schema Scale (Streib, Hood, & Klein, 2010) were used. The statistical analysis of the study variables showed a significant positive relationship of religious experience and development with parental influence, peer pressure influence, spouse influence and social media influence. Hierarchical Regression analysis revealed that 49% variance in religious experience and development accounted by peer pressure, spouse influence and social media as the significant predictors of religious experience and development. It was concluded that parental influence, peer pressure influence, spouse influence and social media influence are the factors influencing the religious experience and development. Implications of the study are discussed.

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