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## Male Adolescent's Identity And Communication with Parents during the Period of Career Decision Making

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This study examined the relationship between identity status and communication with parents of male adolescents during the period of career decision making. University students, 348 males, completed a questionnaire that included scales of their communication with parents about their career decision making, and Japanese-version Rasmussen's Ego Identity Scale, and others. Factor analysis of their communication yielded four factors: avoidance of discussion, discussion to clarify situation, autonomous decision making, and connectedness. Avoidance of discussion had a negative correlation with identity achievement scores, and a positive correlation with moratorium scores. Discussion to clarify situation had a positive correlation with identity achievement scores. Factor analysis of father and mother communication as perceived by the students yielded three factors: individuality, connectedness, and inhibition of discussion. Identity achievement scores were higher for those with mutual-negotiation parents who were high on both individuality but high on connectedness, than for those with ambiguous parents who were low on individuality but high on connectedness, than for those with ambiguous parents support parents who were low both. These results suggested that responsiveness and acceptence behavior in parental communication was positively related to male adlescents' identity

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