THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE BASIC PSYCHOLOGICAL NEEDS, PERSONALITY TRAITS AND PROCRASTINATION

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Abstract
This research examined the relationship between the basic psychological needs, personality traits, and procrastination in a sample of 100 grammar school students. The results obtained indicate a negative correlation between the basic psychological needs of autonomy and neuroticism, agreeableness, openness and extraversion. A negative correlation between the basic psychological need of competence and neuroticism was confirmed, as well as a positive correlation with extraversion. The basic psychological need of relatedness has a positive correlation with extraversion and negative correlation with neuroticism. A negative correlation between procrastination and conscientiousness was found, as well as a positive correlation between procrastination and extraversion. Students living in a city have higher scores for the autonomy variable than it is the case with students from smaller towns. The students whose mothers graduated from college/university have higher scores for the competence and relatedness variables, than those whose mothers graduated from high school. The survey participants whose fathers are unemployed have higher scores for the relatedness variable. The survey participants whose mothers are employed show higher scores for the competence variable. The students whose mothers graduated from college/university had higher scores for the extraversion and openness variables, than the children whose mothers graduated from high school. Finally, the survey participants whose fathers are unemployed show a higher level of procrastination than those whose fathers are employed.

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