

# Effect of Empathy on Moral Potency of Adolescents

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## Abstract

In the current era, the ability to face obstacles of ethical issues is an important ability because many people have to face moral issues. The objectives of the study are whether empathy, age and education level of adolescents predicts moral potency. The total number of participants (N= 929) participated in this study. Their empathy and moral potency are measured by using Empathy Assessment Index (EAI) and Moral Potency Questionnaire (MPQ). The result showed that empathy predicts moral potency significantly. However, age and moral potency are insignificantly and negatively correlated. Education level and moral potency are also insignificantly and negatively correlated. This study suggests that adolescents' empathy should be cultivated in order to strengthen moral potency and to guide them the right moral path.

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