

Parents' Control and Acceptance Influence on Aggression in Adulthood

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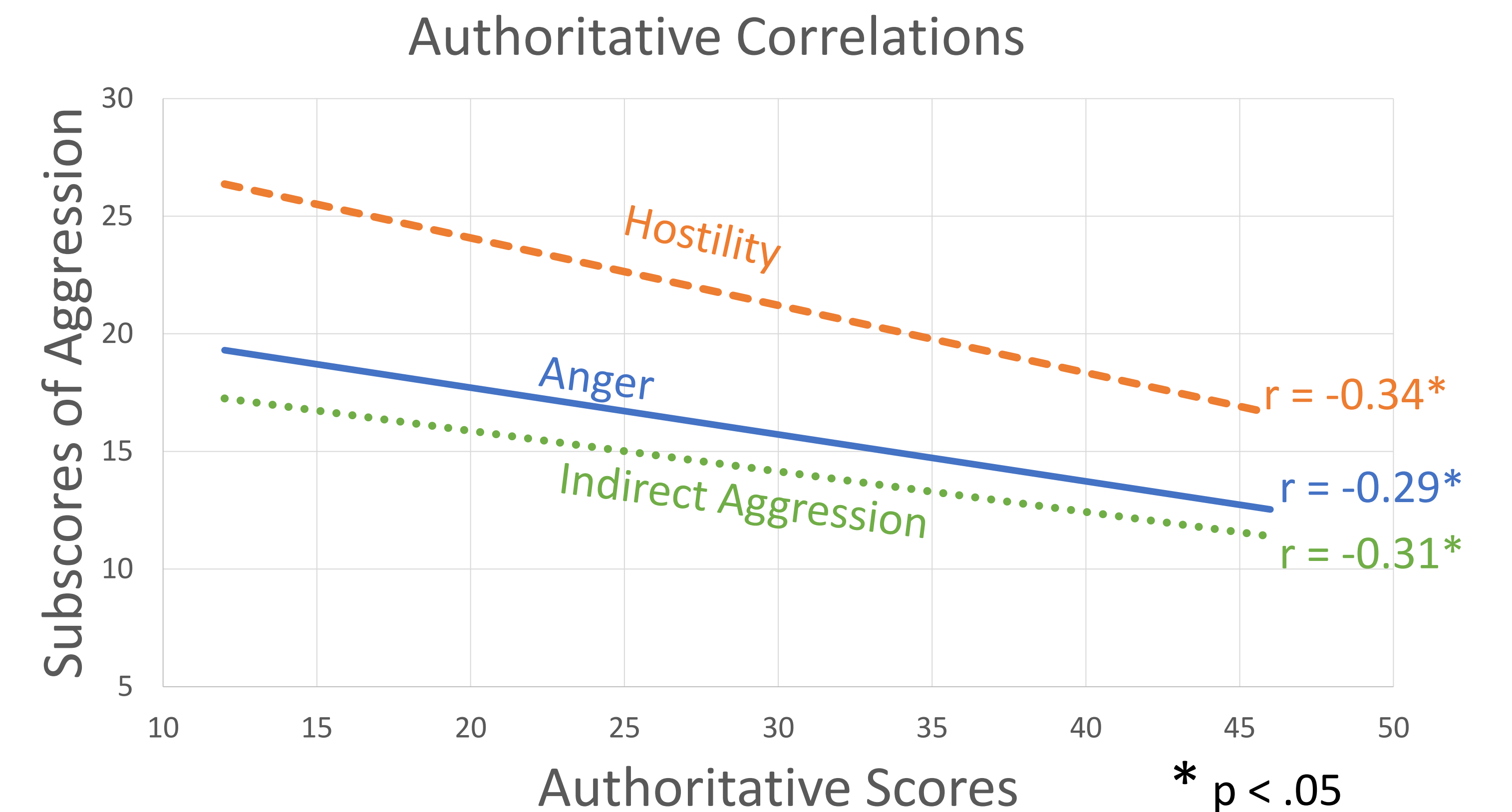
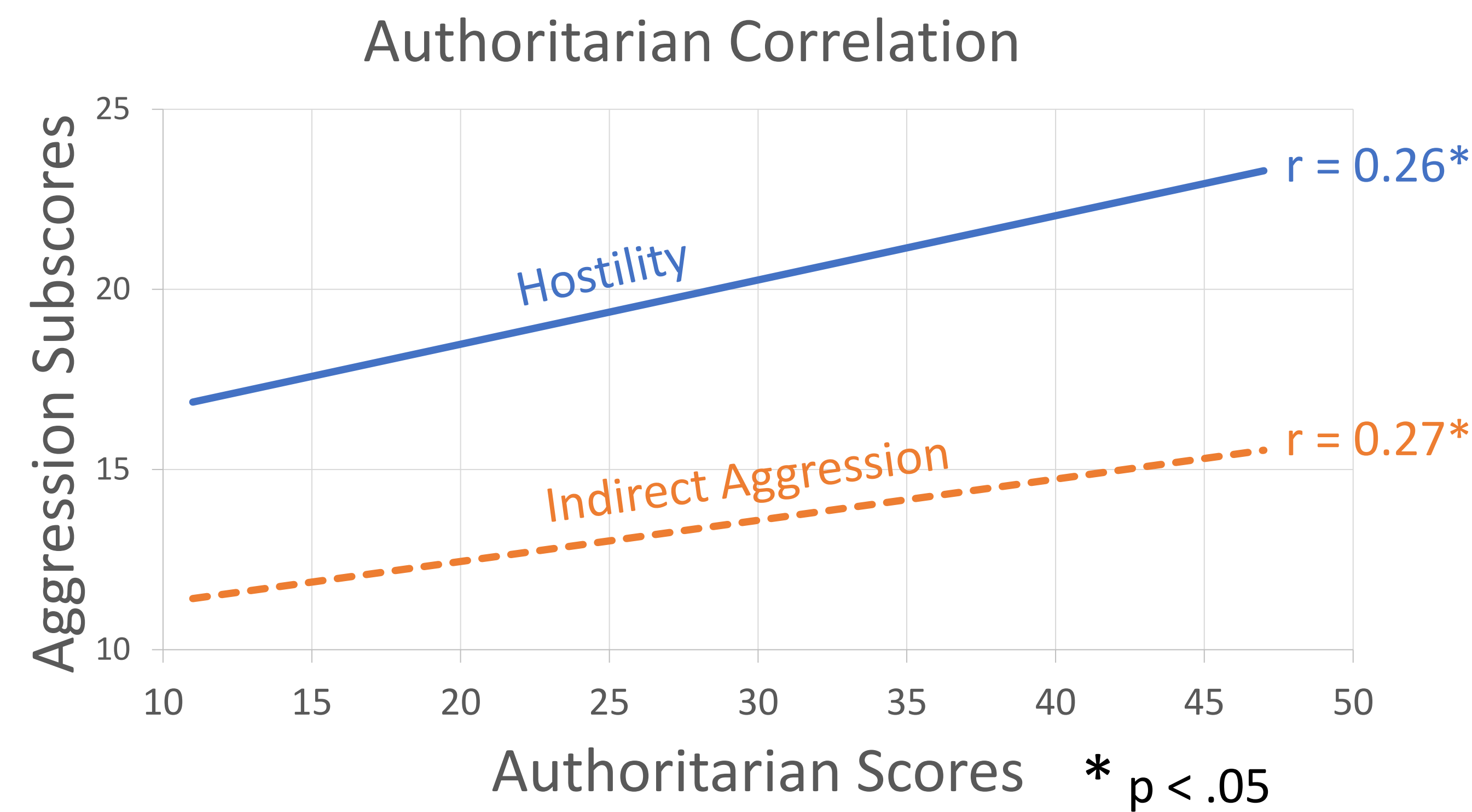


BACKGROUND

- Three types of parenting styles: permissive, authoritarian, and authoritative - based on levels of acceptance, involvement, and control
- Past studies show low involvement and acceptance increase problem behaviors in kids, decrease school performance and self image, etc.
- BUT these parenting styles also have effects on us as adults as well

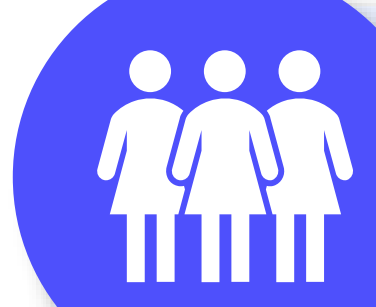


LINK FOR REFERENCES



METHODS

- "Parental Authority Questionnaire"
- "Aggression Questionnaire"
- "Interpersonal Reactivity Index" – Empathy
- Completed by each participant consecutively



PARTICIPANTS

- AGE: 18 – 22 range, 19.14 mean
- GENDER: mostly female
- RACE: mostly white

69 total



KEY FINDING

More control can be both positive or negative depending on levels of acceptance and understanding

- Authoritative parenting, controlling but accepting and understanding, shows **NEGATIVE** correlations with three subscales of aggression
- Authoritarian parenting, which is more controlling and less accepting, shows **POSITIVE** correlations with two subscales of aggression
- No significant correlations found between the relationships of empathy and parenting styles

TAKE-AWAY

- High levels of control with acceptance in parents decreases hostility, anger, and indirect aggression. The opposite is seen with high levels of control when paired with low acceptance and understanding.
- In what other ways does parenting styles continue to affect us, and our behaviors, throughout adulthood?