Abstract: Introduction: Parenting styles are important factors in development of children's personality, moral properties and identity. Each of parenting styles may have a role in child's personality and identity formation. The purpose of present study was to determine the relationship between parenting styles and identity styles among adolescents.

Method: The sample of research consisted of 200 high school students in Marand which selected through cluster random sampling. Utilized instruments included Baumrind’s parenting style (parent version) and Burzynski’s identity styles. Data were analyzed by pearson’s correlation coefficient and multiple regression analysis.

Findings: The results revealed that there was positive relationship between authoritative parenting style and informational identity, identity commitment, but negative relationship with avoidant confused identity. Also there was positive relationship between authoritarian, permissive parenting style and avoidant confused identity, but negative relationship with identity commitment, informational identity and normative identity. The regression analysis revealed that authoritative and permissive parenting style could predict identity commitment and informational identity, significantly. Authoritarian and permissive parenting style could significantly predict normative identity as well. No parenting style could separately predict avoidant confused style.

Conclusion: It is indicated that adolescents whose parents were of authoritative child – rearing style did have identity commitment, informational and normative identity, whereas adolescents with parents having authoritarian and permissive parenting style did have avoidant – confused identity styles. In explaining the results we can say that Parenting style is a very important factor in the development and consolidation of moral character and personality and identity of children. Each of the specific educational practices, had basic role in shaping of personality and identity. As if, child growing in friendly and warm family environment was positively associated with a healthy mental development during the adolescence.

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