

## Empirical Studies on Parenting Styles: A Trend Analysis

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**ABSTRACT** The purpose of this study was to examine the existing trends in research on parenting styles (PS) published in selected professional sources during the period of 2008-2017. Content analysis was used to investigate scientific articles related to PS. There was a total of 530 articles which were found to be relevant to the purpose of this study. The results of the analysis showed that the articles related to parenting styles have remained considerably high over the years because of the importance and seriousness of its role in an adolescent's character and personality building. Considering the low number of qualitative studies, it is recommended that further studies should employ this approach to investigate various aspects of parenting styles in depth. Moreover, interventions should be carried out to improve and enhance the effectiveness of parenting and consequently the psychosocial success of adolescents