

INTERNET ADDICTION AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE PARENTAL STYLES FOR A SAMPLE OF STUDENTS FROM KING SAUD UNIVERSITY

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***ABSTRACT_** This study aims at achieving the following objectives: • Identifying web sites that are browsed by the sample. • Identifying differences between parents of the sample in terms of parental styles. • Identifying the relationship between Internet addiction and parental styles in the study sample. • Identifying differences in parental styles of fathers between high & low level of Internet addiction. • Identifying differences in parental styles of mothers between high & low level of Internet addiction. The sample consisted of 336 students from the faculty of education and medical students in King Saud University. They divided into (181) students from the Faculty of Education, (155) students from the Faculty of Medicine. The average age was (21.46) years, a standard deviation of (1.748) and the tools includes Internet addiction scale, & the parental styles scale. The results confirms the following: 1. There are many web sites, which are browsed by the study sample. Most of these websites are social networking sites. 2. There are no statistically significant differences between students with theoretical disciplines differences (College of Education) and practical (Faculty of Medicine) at sites that are browsed the Internet. 3. There are significant differences between fathers and mothers in some parental styles which are followed with the sample. 4. There is a correlation between Internet addiction and parental styles with the sample. 5. There are statistically significant differences between students with theoretical disciplines differences (College of Education) and practical (Faculty of Medicine) in terms of Internet addiction. 6. There are statistically significant differences between students with theoretical disciplines (College of Education) and practical (Faculty of Medicine) in terms of parental styles of their parents. 7. There are significant differences high & low level of Internet addiction in parental styles used by their parents 8. There are significant differences between high & low level of Internet addiction in parental treatment methods used by their mothers. The study recommends a series of important recommendations that contribute to minimizing the negative effects of Internet addiction.*

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