Psycho-social analysis of parental influence at casual work and its impact on late teenagers' volition

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The term volition is understood and interpreted differently based on the context it is being used. In simple terms, volition is the autonomous will power in decision making. The definition itself suggests its crucial importance and its influence on one's personality. Understanding the factors affecting volition is important as the teenagers in today's society immensely encounter problems related to decision making and personality related issues. Casual work refers to household work that is supposed to be performed by respective individuals; work such as washing clothes, making the bed, cleaning and arranging one's own room, etc. The initial observations and discussions which were conducted prior to the research showed that this casual work is given less consideration by the parents and they influence their children's casual work a lot making their children depend on them irrespective of the gender. This kind of casual work has not received sufficient academic attention. Hence this research was conducted to find out if there is a significant relationship between volition and parental influence on casual work of 18 years old teenagers. The research followed the qualitative method with a sample of 35 subjects. In depth interviews were conducted to measure volition and performance related to casual work. Each section was assessed by independent examiners using a coding framework. The results demonstrated a significant relationship between volition and parental influence at casual work revealing that the individuals who are more likely to perform their personal household work by themselves are more likely to have high volition and tendency towards rational decision making whereas some individuals who depend on their parents in performing personal household work showed high volition with a tendency towards irrational decision making. The results emphasize the need for raising awareness in the parents and responsible figures regarding the importance of letting their children perform casual work by themselves as it strongly affect one's personality.