
ABSTRACT

On the relation between Baumtest characteristics in adolescence and their experience of “chumship” and “Imaginary Companions”

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To investigate the relation between the experience of “chumship” and “Imaginary Companions (IC)”, and adolescent self-image, this study examined the relation between this experience and Baumtest characteristics. The Baumtest results were analyzed from three viewpoints: apical termination, tree crown, and total tree image. In the study, a “chumship experience scale,” a “questionnaire about IC experience,” and the Baumtest were administered to a number of university students. Four groups were created for each gender, according to the members’ scale scores and IC experience. The number of participants in each group was statistically examined according to the drawn tree characteristics. There was no significant difference among the groups; however, among the males, those with a high score on the chumship experience scale tended to draw a tree whose apical termination and tree crown were open, while those with a low scale score tended to draw these closed. Male participants with significant chumship experience typically drew a tree suggesting stability and fulfillment, while female participants with IC experience typically drew a strong, lively, and stable-looking tree.

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