
ABSTRACT

Characteristics of generativity in adult age groups

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The Japanese Generativity Scale (JGS) was developed based on the Loyola Generativity Scale. Factor analysis extracted three factors: (1) caring for others and passing on knowledge, (2) contributing more to the community, and (3) creativity and leaving an enduring legacy. All the JGS subscales composed of the above three factors had high validity and reliability. The results of an investigation conducted with adult participants ($N = 600$) are as follows: All the JGS subscale scores in the group aged 66–70 years were higher than in the groups aged 36–40 years and 51–55 years. Moreover, the JGS subscales of creativity and leaving an enduring legacy were highly related to the independent construal of the self, whereas the JGS subscale of caring for others and passing on knowledge was highly related to the interdependent construal of the self. In addition, being creative and leaving an enduring legacy highly related to satisfaction with life in the 66–70 age group, whereas contributing more to the community highly related to life satisfaction in the 36–40 and 51–55 age groups.

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