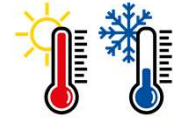


INTRODUCTION

- Cultural **normativity**, in the context of parenting, is the **typical** beliefs that parents have about other parents in their group [1]
- Culturally normative parenting behaviors have been studied with parental **warmth** and **control**
 - Results of cross-cultural comparative studies show that psychological control is a negative child-rearing tactic in Western countries (e.g. Belgium), though has neutral or positive outcomes in non-Western countries (e.g. Turkey) [2, 3].
- To study the cultural normativity of behaviors standardized scales are often used, however, it may not be an adequate method and omits the cultural context
 - The current study fills these gaps by investigating cultural normativity of parenting behaviors (e.g. warmth control) and using an **emic scale developed after interviews** with parents in each cultural context



AIMS

- Identify the extent to which parenting behaviors are described as **typical** by parents in Poland, the Netherlands, and Turkey



METHODS

- 657 parents of children aged 8-12 from Poland, the Netherlands, and Turkey
- Asked to think about contemporary parents with children aged 8-12 and rate 46 items about parenting behaviors
- Items were developed as an **emic measure**
 - based on culture-specific analysis of interviews in the study's qualitative stage
 - mixed-methods design

SAMPLE

Poland	The Netherlands	Turkey
n=211	n=218	n=228

- average age of parents in total sample was 40.6 (± 5.9)
- over 40% of all participants lived in an urban area (over 90% in Turkey)

To what extent do you consider
 ...parenting behavior...
**typical of contemporary
 Polish/Turkish/Dutch
 mothers/fathers?**

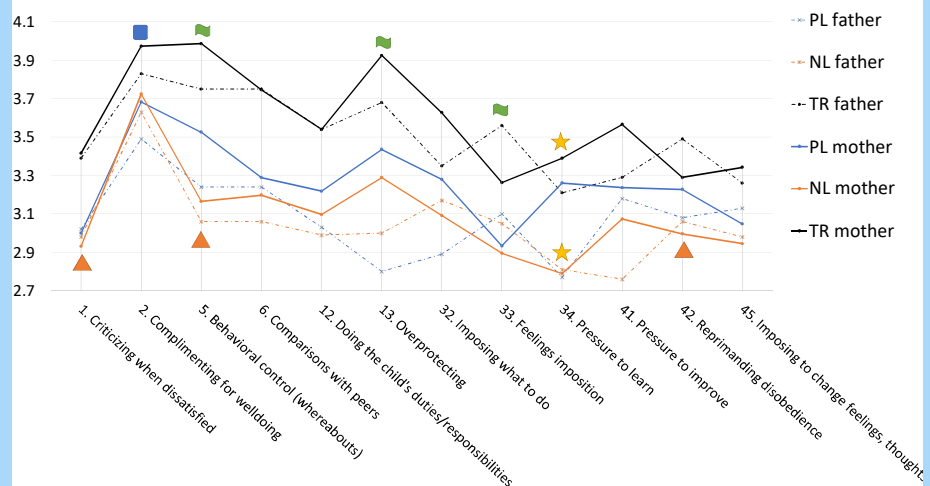
Likert scale ratings:

- 1 = Definitely not typical (never)**
- 5 = Definitely typical (always)**

RESULTS

- Turkish parents had higher overall ratings, than other groups, on items for both mothers and fathers
- Turkish parents, as compared to other parents, expected the typical Turkish mothers and fathers to be controlling (#5), overprotective (#13), and pressuring children to improve (#41)
 - yet complimenting children (#2) also had one of the highest ratings
- Compared to Dutch parents, the pressure to learn (#34) was rated higher in Poland and Turkey
- Dutch parents, compared to other groups, were generally giving lower ratings relevant to parental control behaviors (#1, #5, #42)

Reports of normative parenting behaviors



DISCUSSION

As compared to Polish and Dutch parents, the model of **Turkish** parenting may be described as using **intensive parenting**. Intensive parenting, is a highly involved form of parenting that is described as **child-centered** and **emotionally absorbing** [4] and has also been found to use parental warmth and control [5]. Parents in the Polish culture, thereafter the Dutch culture, may be expected to show lower levels of intensive parenting as seen through "softer" item ratings. However, the pressure for parents to be involved may be **externally forced** by society (e.g. by the country's educational system).

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