

ABSTRACT

Many late adolescents experience the absence of a father figure in their lives. Nevertheless, the presence and role of a father figure is associated with late adolescents' self-perception. The purpose of this study is to explore how late adolescents perceive themselves when growing up without a father figure. This research employs a qualitative method using open-ended interviews within a case study approach. Perception theory serves as the primary theoretical framework underpinning this study. The findings reveal that the presence of a father figure and self-perception play a crucial role, particularly in helping late adolescents gain a better understanding of themselves. This study underscores that adolescents' self-perception contributes to the development of effective intrapersonal communication and a more mature self-understanding.

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