

COMPETITIVE AND COOPERATIVE BEHAVIOR OF CHINESE CHILDREN IN TAIWAN AND HONGKONG

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ABSTRACT

This study included two experiments which were carried out separately in Taiwan and Hongkong. Seventy-two Chinese children at Hongkong aged from 4 to 12 years old and 144 Chinese children of an elementary school in Taiwan served as the subjects. Each group of four subjects played Madsen Cooperative Board under either competitive reward structure or cooperative reward structure. The results from the two test areas were similar: The older the children were the more cooperative they would be. The subjects kept countained to cooperate even the reward method changed from the cooperative structure to the competitive structure. This result was not consistent to what was shown in a similar American study. In both Taiwan and Hongkong, male subjects tended to be more cooperative than female subjects.