

Davis Research Project



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We are very pleased to have you continue with the Davis Research Project. In this issue we highlight information on cultural practices.

Please note that the project is housed at the University of Texas at Austin. We look forward to your continued support and participation in the project. We can be reached by e-mail at projectfamily@gmail.com, by phone at (415) 271-0390 and on the internet at <http://webspace.utexas.edu/syk343/>. When you move or when your contact information changes, please update your contact information.

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The amount of time an individual spends in a country is often thought to influence their cultural practices. We can assume that over time the individual will adapt more to the cultural practices of the country they are living in. Looking at

three different periods in time, middle school, high school, and emerging adulthood, we surveyed how teen participants rated both their American and Chinese cultural practices. We wondered whether over time there would be any shifts in the

amount and the type of cultural practices participants used.



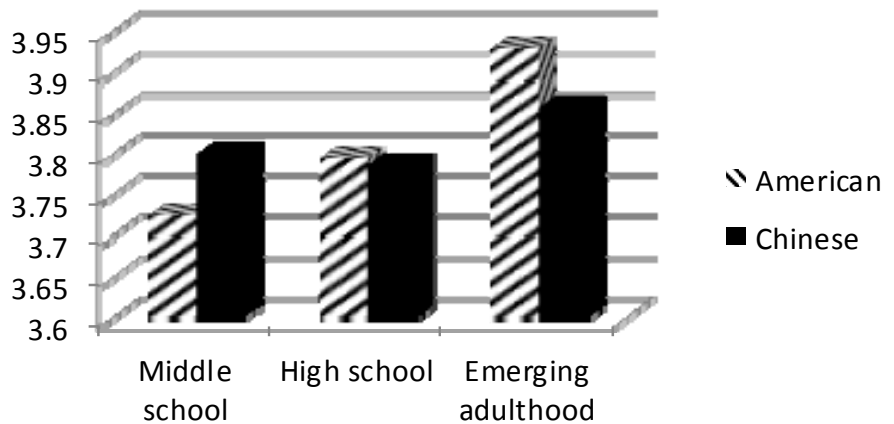
Cultural Practices Continued

As shown in the figure, we found a shift in the cultural practices over the three time periods. During middle school, participants reported higher levels of Chinese cultural practices in comparison to their American cultural practices. After they entered high school there were no significant differences in the endorsement of Chinese and American cultural practices. Chinese and American cultural practices.

Yet, as they entered emerging adulthood, we see a drastic increase in the endorsement of American cultural practices and a significant difference in the comparison of American cultural practices relative to Chinese cultural practices. Comparing just middle school and emerging adulthood we see large increases in the amounts of both American cultural practices and Chinese cultural practices, but clearly the increase in American cultural practices are greater than

that in Chinese cultural practices. Based on the reports, there is a significant shift in the cultural practices over the three time periods. Over time, individuals were more likely to adapt to the cultural practices of the country they lived in and incorporated them into their daily lives. These findings support the assumption that the longer an individual is immersed in a country's culture, the more likely they will be influenced by the cultural practices of the country.

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