

# Use of Technology and Moral Competence across Younger and Older Adults

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The aim of this study was to examine the impact of technology usage on moral competence of young and older adults. The sample consisted of 309 participants both young adults (n=189) and their parents (n=120) hence referred as older adults. The participants were administered Moral Competence Test (Lind, 2008) and a self-developed Technology Usage Questionnaire along with the demographic information questionnaire. Moral competence was expected to be predicted by use of technology in relation to age group. Results showed that there were significant gender differences in technology usage and moral competence of older adults. Technology usage did not show independent significant impact on moral competence of participants. However, age group moderated in the relationship between the technology usage and moral competence. Similar findings were observed for gender. Implications regarding moral competence across gender and age groups are discussed.

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