

## **Violence, Responsibility, Friendship and Basic Psychological Needs: Effects of a Sport Education and Teaching for Personal and Social Responsibility Program**

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### Abstract

The goal of the present study was to empirically assess the effects of an intervention based on a hybrid pedagogical model (Sport Education+Teaching for Personal and Social Responsibility) on adolescents' attitudes towards violence, responsibility, friendship goals and basic psychological needs, compared with a traditional teaching approach. 143 secondary education students agreed to participate, 14-17 years, 78 experimental and 65 control. A pretest-posttest repeated measures design with a control group was used. Prior and after the program (16 sessions) four assessment instruments were used: Attitudes towards Violence Scale, Friendship Goals Questionnaire, Personal and Social Responsibility Questionnaire and Social Basic Psychological Needs Scale. Posttests MANCOVAs revealed that the intervention program (SE+TPRS) produced a significant improvement in the participants' attitudes towards violence, social responsibility, competence and relatedness. Results show the goodness of using innovative pedagogical approaches.

*Keywords:* pedagogical models, physical education, innovation, educational kickboxing.

### Resumen

El objetivo del presente estudio fue evaluar experimentalmente los efectos de una intervención basada en un modelo pedagógico híbrido (Educación Deportiva+Responsabilidad Personal y Social) sobre las actitudes hacia la violencia, la responsabilidad, las metas de amistad y las necesidades psicológicas básicas de los adolescentes, comparándolos con un planteamiento tradicional de enseñanza. Accedieron a participar 143 estudiantes de secundaria, 14-17 años, 78 experimentales y 65 de control. El estudio utilizó un diseño de medidas repetidas pretest-posttest con grupo de control. Antes y después del programa (16 sesiones) se administraron cuatro instrumentos de evaluación: Escala del Nivel de Actitud hacia la Violencia, Cuestionario de Metas de Amistad, Cuestionario de Responsabilidad Personal y Social y Escala de las Necesidades Psicológicas Básicas. Los MANCOVAs posttest revelaron que el programa de intervención (MED+MRPS) provocó una mejora significativa de las actitudes hacia la violencia, la responsabilidad social, la competencia y la relación de los participantes. Los resultados muestran la bondad de planteamientos pedagógicos novedosos.

*Palabras clave:* modelos pedagógicos, educación física, innovación, kickboxing educativo.

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## Introduction

Due to current necessities in today's society, over the last few years the number of research studies on school violence and its relationship with repeated violence conducts such as bullying or cyberbullying has grown rapidly (Boulton, 2013; Carrasco, Alarcón, & Trianes, 2015; Garaigordobil & Martínez-Valderrey, 2014). One of the main current educational goals is to build a positive social climate in schools which could help students learn, but also produce improve their global development. However, school violence can hinder these goals (Cava, Buelga, Musitu, & Murgui, 2010). Violence could be defined as an intentional conduct whose aim is to produce damage or injury (Álvarez-García, Rodríguez, González-Castro, Núñez, & Álvarez, 2010). There are several types of violence such as physical violence (this could be direct when there is direct contact with the victim or indirect when the damage is on the victim's properties), verbal violence (insults, rumours and nicknames), class disruption (prevent the teacher from conducting the class), social exclusion (discrimination and rejection conducts for academic, racial, social or cultural reasons), and the one that is produced through the new information and communication technologies, also known as cyber bullying (Álvarez-García, Dobarro, Álvarez, Núñez, & Ro-

dríguez, 2014; Garaigordobil & Martínez-Valderrey, 2014). All of them should be prevented through specifically designed educational programs and interventions.

Motivation is an important element to be able to understand individuals' conduct, and it is being profusely researched. However, social aspects of motivation have been scarcely researched (Méndez-Giménez, Fernández-Río, & Cecchini, 2014; Wallhead, Garn, & Vidoni, 2013), despite the call for a wider knowledge on individual's social motivations (King & McInerney, 2012). Friendship is one of the social goals identified. Elliot, Gable, and Mapes (2006) used the framework approach-avoidance to this variable defining friendship-approach goals as those who push individuals to positive relationship outcomes, while friendship-avoidance goals move individuals away from negative outcomes.

Within the Self-determination Theory (Deci & Ryan, 1985), individual's motivation can also be influenced by three basic psychological needs directly linked to the individual's social context: autonomy, competence and relatedness (Deci & Ryan, 1985). Autonomy can be defined as the desire of being the responsible of one's behaviour. Competence is the individual's perception of being effective in one's context. Finally, relatedness refers to the feeling of belonging to a social group. The basic

psychological needs have been assessed on their connections with other variables such as social goals (Garn & Wallhead, 2014), important role, motivational regulations (Méndez-Giménez, Fernández-Río, & Cecchini-Estrada, 2013) and self-concept or intrinsic motivation (Standage, Duda, & Ntoumanis, 2005), which is related to personal and social responsibility (Escartí, Gutiérrez, & Pascual, 2011).

Responsibility is the moral duty that one has with oneself and others. The values linked to personal responsibility are effort and autonomy, while the ones linked to social responsibility are the respect for others' feelings and rights, empathy and social sensibility (Hellison, 2011). Responsibility has been assessed in educational context and in physical education (Caballero, 2015; Escartí, Gutiérrez, Pascual, & Marín, 2010; Gordon, 2010; Turnidge, Côté, & Hancock, 2014). The reason behind this particular interest could be that this class creates a particular context where the absence of barriers such as chairs and tables promotes the acquisition of personal competences, and specially, the social ones (McHugh, 1995). Moreover, the physical education class allows youngsters show in a comfortable context their personal and social competences, which are difficult to show in other classes (Hellison, 2011).

Over the last few years, there has been an evolution in the field of physical education and sport

pedagogy from instructional to pedagogical models (Haerens, Kirk, Cardon, & de Bourdeaudhuij, 2011). The term instructional represents a view of the teaching-learning process focused on the teacher, while the modern vision of this process demands a focus on learning (on the students). The term pedagogical model highlights the interdependence and irreducibility of learning, teaching, content and context (Rovegno, 2006). The pedagogical models of Sport Education (SE; Siedentop, Hastie, & van der Mars, 2011) and Teaching for Personal and Social Responsibility (TPSR; Hellison, 2011) have been revealed as capable of producing positive changes in significant variables such as the personal and social responsibility (Gordon, 2010), participation (García, Gutiérrez, González, & Valero, 2012) or motivation (Wallhead et al., 2013) in youngsters of different ages. SE has been widely researched (Hastie, Martínez de Ojeda, & Calderón, 2011), and the same has happened with TPSR (Gordon & Doyle, 2015). However, as mentioned by Joyce and Weil (1985) there is no single model that fits every student. Hybridizing pedagogical models can help increase the potentialities of the individual models, truly reaching every type of student (Fernández-Río, 2014) y creating a more effective framework for teachers and students (Fernández-Río, 2015). Model hybridization can produce important pedagogical

cal benefits, because it looks at the teaching-learning process from different perspectives. To our knowledge, only Hastie and Buchanan (2000) hybridized SE and TPSR models. Results showed that it can increase students' social responsibility, sport competence and personal empowerment.

Based on the aforementioned, the main goal of this study was to experimentally assess the effects of a hybrid SE+TPSR pedagogical model on secondary education students' attitudes towards violence, responsibility, friendship goals and basic psychological needs comparing them with a traditional instructional approach. Four hypotheses were set: (H1) the SE+TPSR intervention will improve students' attitudes towards violence; (H2) the hybrid program will increase students' responsibility levels; (H3) the intervention based on pedagogical models will increase students' friendship levels; and (H4) the students in the experimental group will improve their basic psychological needs.

## Method

### Participants

143 students (69 males and 74 females) enrolled in 8 natural groups from grade 10, age range 14-17 years ( $M = 15.44$ ,  $SD = .80$ ), in two different high schools in northern Spain. The control group

(CG) included 65 students (3 natural groups), while the experimental group (EG) included 78 students (5 natural groups). There were 31 males (47.7%) and 34 women (52.3%) in the EG. On the other hand, there were 38 men (48.7%) and 40 women (51.3%) in the CG. Non probability sampling for convenience and intact classes were used. None of the students in the EG have had any previous experience on SE or TPSR.

### Instruments

*Attitudes towards Violence Scale.* This questionnaire, validated by Tejero-González, Balsalobre-Fernández, and Ibáñez-Cano (2011), was used. It includes 10 items which assess two variables: *senseless violence* (6 items), for example item 6: "It is funny to laugh at the most intelligent classmates", and *self-protection violence* (4 items), for example item 2: "A confident and courageous person in individual and brave knows how to beat". Moreover, the scale allows to assess *global violence* merging both subscales. To assess composite reliability (CR) and average variance extracted (AVE) a confirmatory factor analysis was conducted using the maximum likelihood method to estimate the parameters. Results showed a high FC = .89 and an AVE below .50 (44.6%). Cronbach's alpha = .83 and McDonald's Omega = .74 were also calculated.

*Friendship Goals in Physical Education Questionnaire.* The Spanish version of the Relationship Goals Questionnaire-Friendship version (Elliot et al., 2006), validated by Mendez-Gimenez et al. (2014), was used. The questions were prefaced by the following sentence: "In my physical education classes I try to...". 8 Items assess *friendship-approach* (4 items), for example item 1: "deepen in the relations with my friends", and *friendship-avoidance* (4 items), for example item 5: "avoid situations that could hurt my friends". To assess composite reliability (CR) and average variance extracted (AVE) a confirmatory factor analysis was conducted using the maximum likelihood method to estimate the parameters. Results showed a high FC = .90, an AVE above .50 (53.75%). Cronbach's alpha was .81, while McDonald's Omega was .73.

*Personal and Social Responsibility in Physical Education Contexts Questionnaire.* The Spanish version of the Personal and Social Responsibility Questionnaire (Li, Wright, Rukavina, & Pickering, 2008), validated by Escartí et al. (2011), was used. At the beginning, it indicates: "It is normal to behave good and bad at times. We want to know how you normally behave in physical education. There are no right or wrong answers. Please, answer honestly to the following questions and circle a number". The scale assesses two dimensions: *so-*

*cial responsibility* (7 items), for example number 2: "I respect my teacher", and *personal responsibility* (7 items), for example number 11: "I try to strive even if I don't like the task. To assess composite reliability (CR) and average variance extracted (AVE) a confirmatory factor analysis was conducted using the maximum likelihood method to estimate the parameters. Results showed a high FC = .93, an AVE above .50 (50.78%). Cronbach's alpha was .83, while McDonald's Omega was .69.

*Basic Psychological Needs in Physical Education Scale.* The Spanish version of the Basic Psychological Needs in Physical Education Scale (Vlachopoulos, Katartzi, & Kontou, 2011), validated by Menendez and Fernandez-Rio (in press), was used. At the beginning of the scale, it says: "Overall, in physical education...". The scale assesses three dimensions: *competence* (4 items) for example item 4: "I believe that I perform correctly even in the tasks that most classmates consider difficult", *relatedness* (4 items) for example item 2: "The relations with my classmates are very friendly", and *autonomy* (4 items) for example 12: "I feel like I have chosen the tasks we perform". To assess composite reliability (CR) and average variance extracted (AVE) a confirmatory factor analysis was conducted using the maximum likelihood method to estimate the parameters.

Results showed a high FC = .95, an AVE above .50 (62.75%). Cronbach's alpha was .81, while McDonald's Omega was .73.

In the first two instruments participants responded in a 1 to 5 likert scale, in the third one from 1 to 6 and in the last one from 1 to 7.

### **Procedure and design**

First, permission from the Ethical Committee from the university researchers was obtained. Second, the participating schools' principals were contacted to seek their collaboration. Third, a written informed consent was obtained from the participants' parents. At all times, the study complied with the ethical values of research in humans.

The study followed a quasi-experimental design with CG and pretest-posttest repeated measures. The CG experienced a contactless educational kickboxing program taught using a traditional teaching approach (TA). On the other hand, the same content was used with the EG, but a hybrid SE+TPSR pedagogical model was used. Prior to the implementation, the questionnaires later described were administered. Participants were asked to answer as truthfully as possible, informing them that their answers would be kept anonymous and would not affect their grades. At the end of the intervention, the same questionnaires were administered again using the same procedure. The independent variables

(IV) of the study were both intervention programs, while the dependent variables were the violence, friendship, responsibility and basic psychological needs' results.

### **Intervention program**

To guarantee program fidelity (SE+TPSR), we followed Hastie and Casey (2014, p. 423): "(a) rich description of the curricular elements of the unit; (b) a detailed validation of model implementation; and (c) a detailed description of the program context". Therefore, a 16-session intervention was planned and implemented based on both pedagogical models. Regarding SE, its 6 basic characteristics were included (Siedentop et al., 2011): (1) season: long-term work; (2) affiliation: group cohesion; (3) regular competition: opportunities to test the acquired knowledge; (4) record keeping: to register information; (5) final event: a goal for everyone; and (6) festivity: fun time. Two more elements were also promoted: (1) cooperative learning: positive interdependence, promotive interaction, individual accountability, interpersonal skills and group processing, and (2) roles: conditioning coach, coach, equipment manager, judge, photographer and choreographer. Regarding TPSR, sessions followed the framework developed by Hellison (2011): (1) relational time: the teacher prior, during and after each class interacted with the students

to build this link; (2) awareness talks: to emphasize the responsibility levels; (3) opportunities for practice: for the students to behave according to the levels; (4) group meetings: to debate and reflect; and (5) self-reflection time: self-evaluation, think about what has happened in class regarding responsibility. When necessary, strategies for specific problems and situations were also used.

Each session lasted 55 minutes and they were conducted by a physi-

cal education teacher with more than 10 years of kickboxing experience. This teacher attended a 30-hour training seminar on both pedagogical models to improve his knowledge. It included 12 hours of theory and 16 hours of practice, which included games, tasks and pre-designed sessions to practice, analyze and develop the final version of the learning unit that it was going to be implemented. A pilot study was conducted to test the different tasks designed and develop the fi-

Table 1

*Activity Plan of both Educational Kickboxing Interventions*

| Session | SE + TPSR  | Session | TA   |
|---------|--|---------|--|
| 1       | — Introduction of SE and TPSR: daily roles, team formation, country selection, responsibility levels.  | 1       | — Learning unit introduction and basic stance.                                   |
| 2-4     | — Technical skills: jab and cross punches, front kick and shifts; hook punch, round kick and defensive techniques; uppercut punch, side kick and combinations. | 2-3     | — Shifts and kickboxing basic punches techniques: jab, cross, uppercut and hook. |
| 5       | — Countries' parade and national anthems.  | 4-5     | — Kickboxing basic leg techniques: round, front and side kick.                   |
| 6-8     | — Review of skills.<br>— Competitive phase 1: basic kickboxing techniques.   | 6       | — Kickboxing basic defensive techniques: feints and dodges.                      |
| 9-14    | — Music selection.<br>— Musical form elaboration.  | 7-8     | — Kickboxing basic techniques perfection.  |
| 15      | — Rehearsal.<br>— Competitive phase 2: musical forms, final event.   | 9-15    | — Group formation, music selection, design and presentation of a musical form.   |
| 16      | — Awards ceremony: Festivity.  | 16      | — Written test.  |

nal version of the intervention program (Menendez & Fernandez-Rio, 2014). A combination of different strategies: seminars, pre-designed sessions, video analysis and feedback cycles were used to provide an adequate training and support to the teacher prior and during all the research program (Braithwaite, Spray, & Warburton, 2011).

The TA intervention followed a traditional instructional framework: teaching and learning of the basic kickboxing skills through repetitive drills, design and presentation of a musical form to the rest of the class and a final written exam. Despite the fact that most TA learning units usually last less than 8 sessions, to match its length to the one of the EG, 16 sessions were developed. The goal was to have the same time of exposure on both interventions. Table 1 outlines the main features of both intervention programs.

To validate the implementation of both approaches, a 10-item checklist was developed. It reflected the main features of each of the instructional design used (SE, TPSR, TA). All sessions were videotaped. 8 were randomly selected and sent to 2 independent researchers, experts on all instructional designs, to verify the intervention programs. Observers reached 100% agreement on models' fidelity.

### Data analysis

All analyses were performed using the statistical software pack-

age SPSS 22.0 (IBM, 2013). Regarding missing data, all questionnaires with any item unanswered were eliminated ( $n = 3$ ). First, initial homogeneity between groups was assessed through an analysis of variance (ANOVA) at the pretests. Second, descriptive statistics (means and standard deviations) and multivariate analysis of covariance (MANCOVA) using the variable group as a factor with 2 levels (experimental and control) were conducted to assess the impact of both programs. The posttest results from the different variables assessed were considered the dependent variables, while the same measures, but in the pre-test were used as covariables. Finally, effect size (Cohen's  $d$ ) was also assessed (small  $< 0.5$ ; moderate  $0.50-0.79$ ; large  $\geq 0.80$ ).

### Results

The ANOVA pretests revealed that all variables were homogeneous except for the attitudes towards violence and its sub-scales (senseless violence, self-protection violence and global violence), whose significance levels were above .05 ( $p > .05$ ). The fact that both groups (EG and CG) belonged to different high schools could be the cause of that difference.

Table 2 shows all results. Regarding *social responsibility*, the MANCOVA showed significant differences among groups



Table 2

*Pretest and Posttest Means and Standard Deviations in Experimental and Control Groups and Pretest ANOVAS and Posttest MANCOVAS*

|                          | Pretest      |      |         |      | Posttest     |      |         |      | Anova Pretest |      |      | Mancova Posttest |      |      |
|--------------------------|--------------|------|---------|------|--------------|------|---------|------|---------------|------|------|------------------|------|------|
|                          | Experimental |      | Control |      | Experimental |      | Control |      | F             | p    | d    | F                | p    | d    |
|                          | M            | SD   | M       | SD   | M            | SD   | M       | SD   |               |      |      |                  |      |      |
| Friendship-Approach      | 3.58         | .68  | 3.63    | .62  | 3.87         | .67  | 3.64    | .70  | .19           | >.05 | 0.07 | 3.58             | .06  | 0.33 |
| Friendship- Avoidance    | 3.80         | .69  | 3.68    | .80  | 3.73         | .81  | 3.77    | .91  | .90           | >.05 | 0.16 | .99              | .32  | 0.04 |
| Social Responsibility    | 4.99         | .56  | 4.89    | .77  | 5.29         | .55  | 4.93    | .77  | .86           | >.05 | 0.14 | 10.97            | .001 | 0.53 |
| Personal Responsibility  | 4.71         | .81  | 4.75    | .68  | 5.05         | .40  | 4.90    | .41  | .06           | >.05 | 0.05 | 2.41             | .12  | 0.37 |
| Competence               | 4.07         | 1.33 | 3.85    | 1.56 | 4.78         | 1.28 | 4.04    | 1.52 | .82           | >.05 | 0.15 | 13.17            | .000 | 0.52 |
| Autonomy                 | 4.17         | 1.25 | 3.84    | 1.24 | 4.32         | 1.34 | 3.92    | 1.35 | 2.42          | >.05 | 0.26 | 1.19             | .27  | 0.29 |
| Relatedness              | 4.37         | 1.22 | 4.60    | 1.53 | 5.47         | 1.04 | 4.81    | 1.37 | .92           | >.05 | 0.16 | 19.79            | .000 | 0.54 |
| Senseless Violence       | 1.53         | .57  | 1.83    | .66  | 1.28         | .38  | 1.68    | .74  | 8.43          | .004 | 0.48 | 9.25             | .003 | 0.68 |
| Self-protection Violence | 2.28         | .91  | 2.66    | 1.00 | 1.89         | .81  | 2.44    | 1.01 | 5.68          | .018 | 0.39 | 4.98             | .02  | 0.60 |
| Global Violence          | 1.83         | .61  | 2.16    | .74  | 1.52         | .49  | 1.98    | .78  | 8.56          | .004 | 0.48 | 9.26             | .003 | 0.70 |

*Nota.* *d* = Cohen's effect size. Experimental *n* = 78, Control *n* = 65.

[F (1,142) = 10.97, *p* = .001, *d* = 0.53], being the increase bigger in the EG. Regarding *competence*, results showed significant differences among groups [F (1,142) = 13.17, *p* = .001, *d* = 0.52], being the increase bigger in the EG. Regarding *relatedness*, results showed significant differences among groups [F (1,142) = 19.79, *p* = .001, *d* = 0.54], being the increase bigger in the EG. Regarding *senseless violence*, results showed significant differences among groups [F (1,142) = 9.25, *p* = .003, *d* = 0.68], being the increase bigger in the EG. Regarding *self-protection violence*, results showed significant differences among groups [F (1,142) = 4.89, *p* = .02, *d* = 0.60], being the in-

crease bigger in the EG. Finally, regarding *global violence*, results showed significant differences among groups [F (1,142) = 9.26, *p* = .003, *d* = 0.70], being the increase bigger in the EG. The MANCOVA did not show significant difference in *friendship-approach* [F (1,142) = 3.58, *p* = .06, *d* = 0.33], *friendship-avoidance* [F (1,142) = .99, *p* = .32, *d* = 0.04], *personal responsibility* [F (1,142) = 2.41, *p* = .12, *d* = 0.37] or *autonomy* [F (1,142) = 1.19, *p* = .27, *d* = 0.33]. Effect size could be considered moderate in *social responsibility* (0.53) *competence* (0.52), *relatedness* (0.54), *senseless violence* (0.68), *self-protection violence* (0.60) and *global violence* (0.70).

### Discussion

The main goal of this study was to assess the effects of two different instructional approaches on secondary education students' attitudes on violence, responsibility, friendship goals and basic psychological needs. Results showed that the group that experienced a hybrid SE+TPSR pedagogical model significantly increased more their attitudes towards violence, their social responsibility, their competence and their relatedness. Results from the present study endorse the efficacy of this hybrid approach because they fully confirm hypothesis number 1 and 2 and partially number 4.

The first hypothesis proposed that the hybrid experimental program (SE+TPSR) will increase more the students' attitudes towards violence and results showed that global violence, senseless violence and self-protection violence increased on both groups, but significantly more on the EG. On the one hand, educational kickboxing has been revealed as a content that does not harm students' attitudes towards violence. Contrary to popular beliefs, it improves them significantly. Its contactless character could be the reason behind the effect. Previous studies have showed that sports such as personal defence, considered non educational by many, also lower students' violence levels (Tejero-González et al., 2011). Therefore, sports con-

sidered "violent" can help adolescents' attitudes towards violence when they are modified to fit educational contexts. Moreover, our results also showed that the improvement (decrease) was significantly higher in the group of students that experienced the hybrid SE+TPSR model (the effect size was larger). Therefore, this instructional approach is even better to improve students' attitudes towards violence. Specific features of this hybrid model such as strategies for peaceful resolution of conflicts could have helped reach these results. They are in line with previous studies which also reduced violent attitudes' levels (Tejero-González et al., 2011), improved the class climate and reduced school violence (Carrasco et al., 2015), promoted individuals' socioemotional development and prevented school violence (Garaigordobil & Martínez-Valderrey, 2014).

The second hypothesis proposed that the experimental program (SE+TPSR) will increase participants responsibility levels, and results have showed that social responsibility increase significantly more in the students that experienced the hybrid model. The fact that one of the (TPSR) was specifically design to develop individuals' personal and social responsibility (Hellison, 2011) could have influenced the increase of one of these values in our students. Previous research works also found an increase in the students' social responsibility

after experiencing intervention programs based on the TPSR model (Caballero, 2015; Escartí et al., 2010; Hastie & Buchanan, 2010). Individuals' aggressiveness, one of the features of violent conducts, has been negatively linked to responsibility (Gutiérrez, Escartí, & Pascual, 2011). Our intervention program (SE+TPSR) produced an improvement (increase) in the participants' social responsibility levels and an improvement (decrease) in their attitudes towards violence. This connexion took place only in the EG. Therefore, it could be said that only the hybrid proposal achieved this success and could be widespread if replicated by other researchers.

The third hypothesis proposed that the intervention program based on the pedagogical models will increase students' friendship goals. Results did not support this hypothesis: none of the friendship goal, approach or avoidance, increased after the intervention program. Previous studies reported positive changes in these variables after a SE or TPSR intervention program (Martinek, Schilling, & Johnson, 2001; Méndez-Giménez, Fernández-Río, & Méndez Alonso, 2015; Wallhead et al., 2013). However, this was not the case in our study.

The last hypothesis proposed that the students in the EG will increase their basic psychological needs. Results showed that this hypothesis was partially fulfilled be-

cause competence and relatedness increased, but autonomy, unexpectedly, did not. Basic elements of SE such as regularly scheduled competitions and the final event where the students tested their learning, and a festive atmosphere on both elements could have helped students increase their autonomy perceptions significantly. Previous studies on SE produced similar results on participants' competence (Cuevas, García-López, & Contreras, 2015; Hastie, Sinelnikov, & Guarino, 2009). Similarly, both models include elements that can promote relations among students such as cooperative learning, affiliation or group meetings, which could have reinforced significantly the relations among students. Previous studies have showed that the relationship among students that had experienced SE (García et al., 2012; Perlman & Goc, 2010) or TPSR (Schilling, 2001; Ward, Parker, Henschel-Pellett, & Pérez, 2012) had improved.

The presents study also holds some limitations. First, the number of participants could be considered limited and they all belong to the same school grade. Future studies should be conducted on larger populations and from different school grades. Second, students from the EG and the CG were enrolled in two different high schools, but with similar characteristics.

Results from the present study showed the goodness of the hybridization of two pedagogical models,

SE+TPSR, to improve adolescents' attitudes towards violence, social responsibility, competence and relatedness. Therefore, it is a pedagogical

approach worth to be imitated by other teachers for the students' benefits, the whole school community and also society.

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