

# Is the World Wide Web a World Wide Concern?

*The impact of families and societies on adolescents' risky online behavior*

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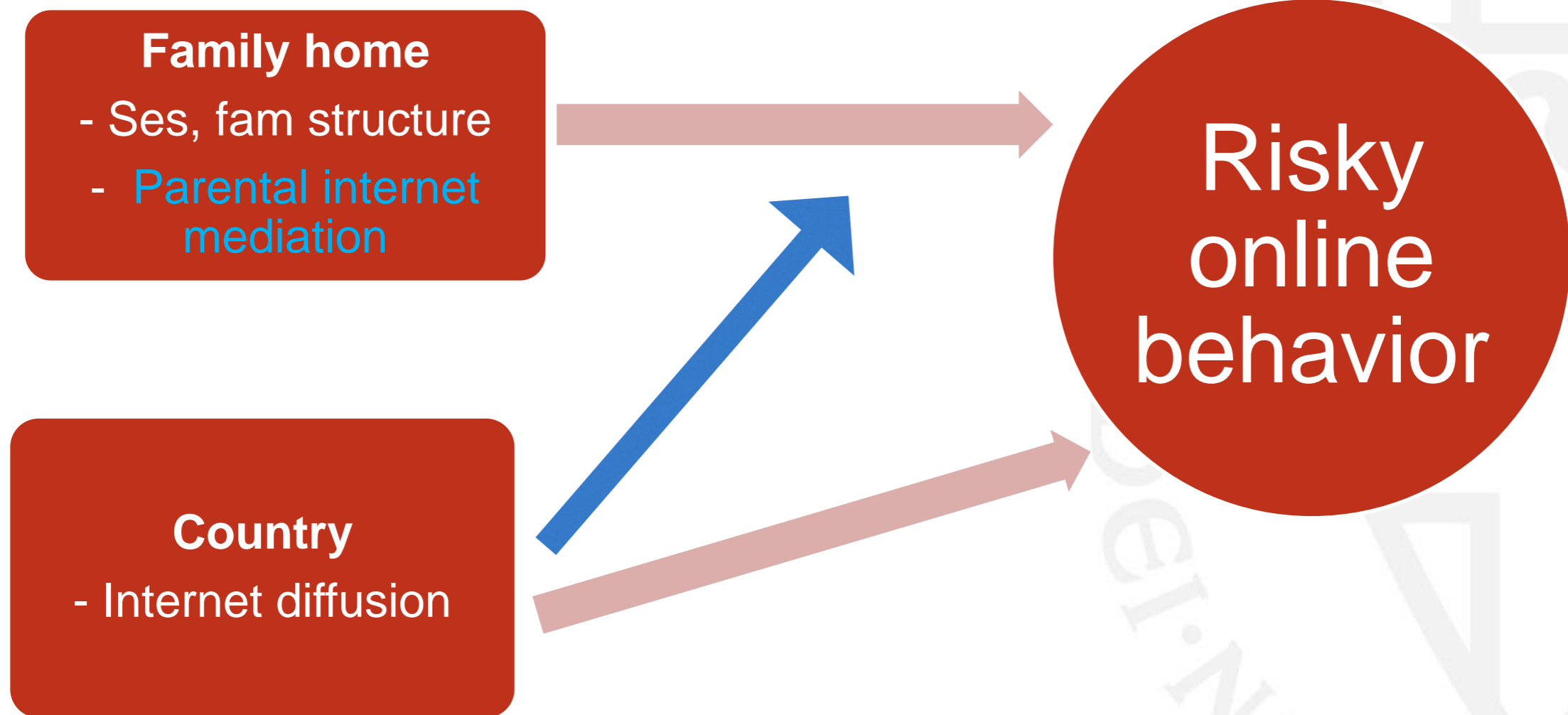
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## Research Questions

The general research question (RQ) underlying the study is twofold:

- (i) Do differences in adolescents' risky online behavior stem from differences in family characteristics, parental internet mediation and the prevalence of internet use in a country?
- (ii) Is the effect of parental internet mediation on children's risky online behavior dependent on how widespread internet use is in a country?

## Theoretical framework



## Conclusions

- **First**, adolescent children from lower educated and single-parent households engage more in risky online behavior than children from more 'advantageous' households.
- **Second**, internet mediation seems to be an effective tool for parents to influence their adolescents' risky online behavior. Parents' active involvement in their children's internet use prevents or at least reduces adolescents' risky online behavior. Rules restricting internet use are especially effective in reducing children's risky online behavior.
- **Third**, in countries where internet use is widespread, adolescents are not significantly more likely to participate in risky online behavior than in countries where internet use is less prevalent .
- **Fourth**, the findings of this study suggest that the spread of internet use alters the impact of some parental mediation styles (effect of active mediation decreases, positive relation with monitoring increases)

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