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## **Parental Child Rearing Styles, Parental Marital Relationship and Students' Attitude towards Cultism in Niger Delta University, Bayelsa State of Nigeria: Counselling Implications**

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**ABSTRACT** This study examined the influence of parental child rearing patterns and parental marital relationships and attitude of university undergraduates to cultism. Five hundred and seventy-two undergraduates from Niger Delta University, Bayelsa-State of Nigeria participated in the study. The findings revealed that there is significant influence of parental child rearing patterns on students' attitude towards cultism. Also, the findings revealed that parental marital relationship has a significant positive relationship with students' attitude towards cultism. Some counseling implications were derived to include: guidance and counseling units in institutions of higher learning should organize conferences and seminars where students can be educated and encouraged to build a high self-esteem, self-control, and positives body image of self as all these can enable the students develop negative attitude towards cultism.