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# Do Parents Still Matter? The Impact of Parents and Peers on Adolescent Electronic Cigarette Use

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#### **Abstract**

**Purpose:** Adolescent vaping has reached epidemic levels. Identifying factors associated with electronic (e-)cigarette use initiation could inform prevention programming. This study examined whether parental attitudes towards e-cigarettes impacted adolescent e-cigarette use intentions, positive expectancies of use, and actual use when accounting for adolescent attitudes and peer norms. Parents' negative attitudes towards e-cigarettes were expected to reduce teen e-cigarette use intentions. Low e-cigarette use intentions were expected to mediate the association between parental attitudes and teen e-cigarette use. Peer norms were expected to be associated with positive expectancies. Positive expectancies were expected to mediate the association between peer norms and teen e-cigarette use.

**Methods:** A sample of e-cigarette naïve adolescents (n = 176, 14–17 years old, 52% female, 82% Latinx/Hispanic) and their parents were assessed. Parents and adolescents rated harm associated with e-cigarette use. Adolescents reported their perceptions of peer e-cigarette norms, intentions, positive expectancies, and e-cigarette use. Cross-sectional models were estimated for e-cigarette use intentions and positive expectancies. Prospective mediation models (n = 142) characterized pathways to e-cigarette use.

**Results:** Parents' attitudes towards e-cigarettes were associated with weaker intentions. Intentions mediated the association between parental attitudes and e-cigarette use. Adolescents reporting favorable e-cigarette peer norms endorsed more positive expectancies. Positive expectancies did not mediate the association between peer norms and e-cigarette use.

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**Conclusions:** Parents actively shape adolescent e-cigarette use even when accounting for peer norms and adolescent attitudes. Involving parents in prevention programming may help reduce teen vaping. These associations should be examined with a larger and more diverse sample.

#### Keywords

e-cigarettes; adolescents; parents; peers	

## Introduction

Adolescent electronic (e-)cigarette use has reached epidemic levels despite evidence of its health dangers. In 2018, *Monitoring the Future (MTF)* estimated that 21% of 12<sup>th</sup> graders reported past month vaping, nearly double the rate from the previous year. This represented the largest single-year increase for any substance over the four decades of the annual survey. This is alarming because most e-cigarettes contain nicotine, which can have long-term negative impacts on brain development and behavior, including effects on cognition, attention, mood, and increased risk for drug dependence. Vaping also increases the risk of cigarette smoking and has been associated with negative cardiovascular effects, development of respiratory symptoms, and reduced pulmonary immune function. Thus, understanding factors relevant to early stages of e-cigarette use can help inform preventative interventions aimed at reducing e-cigarette use and improving health among adolescents.

Social Learning Theory (SLT)<sup>11</sup> posits that adolescents use cognitive representations shaped by observing influential people's attitudes and behavior to inform decisions on whether to engage in substance use behaviors. That is, if valued social referents hold favorable attitudes towards, or actually use substances, then an adolescent is more likely to mirror these attitudes and behaviors. A key socialization context during adolescence is peers. 12 According to SLT<sup>11</sup>, adolescents do not need to directly observe peers engaging in substance use behavior. Rather, the mere perception that their peer group either approves of (i.e., injunctive norms) or engages in (i.e., descriptive norms) substance use behavior can promote experimentation. 13 In fact, perceived peer approval and use of substances may be particularly influential on early stages of substance use, such as the formation of positive expectancies of use and substance use intentions, when direct peer pressure is rare. 14 Although some have advocated that a parent's influence on substance use behavior becomes negligible as peers' influence becomes more salient during adolescence, <sup>12</sup> others have refuted this perspective as adolescents remain connected to parents for guidance and support. 15,16 Indeed, prior studies have highlighted that both peers 17,18 and parents 19 influence e-cigarette use. Yet, these investigations have been limited to cross-sectional designs, focused on current e-cigarette users, largely only involved self-reports, and considered parental and peer influences in separate models. The goal of the current study was to examine parental and peer influences on early stages of e-cigarette use (i.e., positive expectancies, intentions to use). Possible mechanisms linking socialization effects on actual e-cigarette use were also characterized using prospective data. Parents' perceptions of the harms of e-cigarette use were expected to reduce teens' e-cigarette use intentions. Ecigarette use intentions were expected to mediate the association between parental attitudes and later teen e-cigarette use. Peer norms were expected to be associated with positive

expectancies. Positive expectancies were expected to mediate the association between peer norms and later teen e-cigarette use.

#### **Methods**

## **Study Sample**

Adolescents (N= 264) were enrolled into an ongoing, multi-wave, study investigating ecigarette initiation among at-risk youth. To be eligible, participants had to be freshmen or sophomores at a local area public high school, have no diagnosis of a learning, intellectual, or physical disability making it difficult to complete study procedures, have no diagnosis of a neurological disorder or disorder characterized by psychotic or paranoid symptoms, including severe forms of bipolar disorder, and be able to speak and understand English. Additionally, given that the larger study's primary objective was to identify adolescents that were slightly more at-risk for engaging in substance use during the course of high school, adolescents had to endorse at least one of the following risk factors: a high score on impulsivity (>10) and/or sensation seeking (>14)<sup>20</sup>, endorse that a friend or sibling had tried a substance, or endorse intentions to use cigarettes and/or e-cigarettes. Yet, only 2.6% of participants that were screened did not meet a high-risk criterion, suggesting that this sample is likely representative of regional high school students.

For the cross-sectional models, the goal was to predict e-cigarette use intentions at time 1. Some data suggests that etiological processes are different for initiation, maintenance, and escalation of substance use.  $^{21}$  Accordingly, adolescents reporting lifetime e-cigarette use at time 1 were removed so that intentions to initiate could be unambiguously examined. This strategy has been used in previous research.  $^{22}$  Thus, 176 adolescents ( $M_{\rm age} = 14.88$ , SD = 0.66) were included in cross-sectional models. The subsample was predominately female (52%), White (84%), and Latinx/Hispanic (82%), and did not differ demographically from the full sample. For the prospective mediation models, participants with available time 2 (approximately 15 months after time 1) data were examined, including those reporting lifetime e-cigarette use at time 1. Participants (n = 142;  $M_{\rm age} = 14.99$ , SD = 0.72) were predominately female (62%), White (87%), and Latinx/Hispanic (82%). A higher percentage of females ( $\chi^2$  [1, N = 264] = 15.46, p < .001) completed their time 2 assessment at the time of this study.

## **Procedures**

Adolescents provided contact information for their parents during recruitment events. Parents were then contacted and provided with study information. Eligibility screens with adolescents and a parent were completed by phone. During study visits, staff obtained informed consent and assent from parents and adolescents, respectively. Adolescents and parents completed questionnaires on tablets separately in private testing rooms through REDCap.<sup>23</sup> Families were compensated up to \$75 for survey completion. The institutional review board at Florida International University approved the study.

#### **Measures**

**Peer Norms.**—At time 1, adolescents responded to items adapted from  $MTF^2$  that reflect perceived peer approval and peer use of e-cigarettes. Items included, "how much do your three closest friends approve/disapprove of vaping/use of e-cigarettes?" (1 = "strongly disapprove" to 7 = "strongly approve") and "how often do your three closest friends vape/use e-cigarettes?" (1 = "never" to 7 = "daily"). These items were standardized and then averaged.

**Perceived Harm of E-Cigarettes.**—At time 1, parents and adolescents rated perceived harm of e-cigarette use ("In your opinion, how much do people harm themselves when they use e-cigarettes?"). Response options ranged from 0 = "No harm" to 3 = "A lot of harm." This item was adapted from MTF.<sup>2</sup>

Positive E-Cigarette Use Expectancies.—The Electronic Cigarettes Attitudes Survey (ECAS<sup>24</sup>) was used to assess e-cigarette expectancies at time 1. Of particular interest, were three items that focused on flavoring ("the fruit and candy flavors available with e-cigarettes/ ENDS is particularly appealing to kids my age"), social benefits ("smoking e-cigarettes/ ENDS is cool and might make me more popular"), and individuality ("e-cigarettes/ENDs allows people to show their individuality and personality by customizing their product [e.g., vape pen]") expectancies as prior work indicates that these are among the most salient reasons adolescents endorse for initiating e-cigarette use. <sup>17</sup> Expectancy items were examined separately in order to identify possible nuances consistent with prior work. <sup>25</sup> Items were rated from 1 = "strongly disagree" to 5 = "strongly agree."

**Intentions to Use.**—At time 1, adolescents reported on the likelihood that they would use e-cigarettes within the next five years (1 = "I definitely will") not" to 5 = "I definitely will").

**E-Cigarette Use.**—At time 1, adolescents reported on lifetime e-cigarette use (yes/no). At time 2, adolescents reported e-cigarette use since the time 1 assessment (yes/no). Items assessing e-cigarette use were adapted from the Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health Study. <sup>26</sup>

**Demographic Information.**—Given prior work that e-cigarette use differs across demographic characteristics<sup>2</sup>, age, biological sex, and race were included as covariates across models.

#### **Statistical Analysis**

All study variables were normally distributed. Descriptive statistics and correlations were calculated for all variables. Ordinary least squares (OLS) regression was used to estimate the cross-sectional models using SAS v9.4.<sup>27</sup> The unique effects of parental perceived harm of e-cigarettes, adolescent perceived harm of e-cigarettes, and peer norms on the three positive e-cigarette use expectancies and e-cigarette use intentions were analyzed in four separate models. Squared semipartial correlations ( $sr^2$ ) are presented to provide effect size estimates. Next, prospective path models in Mplus v7.4<sup>28</sup> were used to estimate the unique effects of parental perceived harm of e-cigarettes (time 1), adolescent perceived harm of e-cigarettes

(time 1), peer norms (time 1), and lifetime e-cigarette use (time 1) on later (time 2) e-cigarette use via positive expectancies and intentions as mediators. Given the strong association between intentions and the three positive expectancy items (range of rs = 0.11-0.45), four separate models were estimated to minimize multicollinearity issues. All path models were just-identified. One advantage of a prospective design is that it establishes temporal precedence between the mediator and outcome, a key criterion for establishing mediation. <sup>29</sup> Mediated effects were estimated by calculating bias-corrected bootstrap confidence intervals (BBCIs), which represent robust estimators of indirect effects. <sup>30</sup>

## Results

Table 1 provides the descriptive statistics for all cross-sectional study variables among the subsample of e-cigarette use naïve adolescents. Noteworthy, although peer norms were not associated with adolescent perceived harm of e-cigarettes or intentions to use, peer norms were associated with two of the three positive e-cigarette use expectancies. Although parental perceived harm of e-cigarettes was not associated with adolescent perceived harm, both perceptions were negatively associated with e-cigarette use intentions. Only perceptions of e-cigarettes as showing one's individuality were significantly associated with use intentions.

## Cross-Sectional E-Cigarette Use Expectancy Models

Cross-sectional models for positive e-cigarette use expectancies are presented in Table 2. The first model accounted for approximately 8% of the variance in perceptions of e-cigarette flavoring as appealing. Neither demographic characteristics nor perceived harm ratings were associated with perceptions of e-cigarette flavoring as appealing. Yet, as expected, peer norms were positively associated with perceptions of e-cigarette flavoring as appealing.

The second model accounted for approximately 4% of the variance in perceptions of ecigarettes as being cool. Again, neither demographic characteristics nor perceived harm ratings were associated with perceptions of e-cigarettes as being cool. Yet, as expected, peer norms were positively associated with adolescent perceptions of e-cigarettes as being cool.

The third model accounted for approximately 7% of the variance in perceptions of ecigarettes as showing one's individuality. Neither demographic characteristics nor perceived harm were associated with perceptions of e-cigarettes as showing one's individuality. Yet, as expected, peer norms were positively associated with adolescent perceptions of e-cigarettes as showing one's individuality.

#### Positive Expectancies (Time 1) and Actual E-cigarette Use (Time 2)

Prospective associations examining the role of positive e-cigarette use expectancies (time 1) as possible mediators between peer norms (time 1) on e-cigarette use (time 2) accounted for approximately 17%–23% of the variance in e-cigarette use across models. In the model examining perceptions of e-cigarette flavoring as appealing as the mediator, there was support for the role of peer norms on e-cigarette use expectancies (estimate = 0.418, p < 0.001). However, perceptions of e-cigarette flavoring as appealing did not predict later e-cigarette use. In the model examining perceptions of e-cigarettes as being cool as the

mediator, there was no support for the role of peer norms on e-cigarette use expectancies. However, perceptions of e-cigarettes as being cool did predict later e-cigarette use (estimate = 0.278, p = 0.006). Lastly, in the model examining perceptions of e-cigarettes as showing one's individuality as the mediator, there was support for the role of peer norms on e-cigarette use expectancies (estimate = 0.198, p = 0.041). However, perceptions of e-cigarettes as showing one's individuality did not predict later e-cigarette use. Taken together, there was no support for expectancies as a mediator between peer norms on later e-cigarette use.

#### **Cross-Sectional E-Cigarette Use Intention Models**

The model accounted for approximately 21% of the variance in e-cigarette use intentions. Neither demographic characteristics nor peer norms were significantly associated with e-cigarette use intentions (Table 3). Yet, as expected, parental and adolescent perceived harm of e-cigarettes were negatively associated with e-cigarette use intentions.

#### Use Intentions (Time 1) and Actual E-cigarette Use (Time 2)

Prospective associations examining the role of e-cigarette use intentions as a possible mediator between parental perceived harm on e-cigarette use accounted for approximately 40% of the variance in intentions to use e-cigarettes at time 1 and 20% of the variance in actual e-cigarette use at time 2 (Figure 1). Specifically, parental perceived harm of e-cigarettes predicted lower e-cigarette use intentions and, in turn, lower e-cigarette use intentions predicted lower rates of actual e-cigarette use. Moreover, as expected, there was support for the role of e-cigarette use intentions as a mediator in the association between parental perceived harm on actual adolescent e-cigarette use (estimate = -0.087, 95% BCCI [-0.233 - -0.007]). Peer norms also predicted e-cigarette use intentions, but there was weak support for the role of e-cigarette use intentions as a mediator in the association between peer norms on actual e-cigarette use (estimate = 0.024, bias-corrected bootstrap 95% confidence interval [0.000 - 0.083]. These results offer support for the role that parents have on an adolescent's decision to engage in e-cigarette use despite perceived peer norms and an adolescent's own attitudes towards use.

## **Discussion**

The introduction and rapid escalation of e-cigarette use has resulted in a new nicotine product landscape. There is concern that adolescents may initiate e-cigarettes without having a clear understanding of negative health effects, such as increased risk for combustible cigarette use and nicotine dependence. Perhaps the most effective way to counter the negative sequalae of e-cigarette use is to prevent initiation altogether. The objective of this study was to identify whether parental attitudes continue to have an impact on the early stages of e-cigarette use above and beyond adolescent attitudes and perceived peer norms. Limitations of prior work include reliance on adolescent-reports of parental attitudes, cross-sectional designs, and a sole focus on lifetime e-cigarette use. It is possible that perceived parental attitudes could be influenced by either the adolescent's own attitudes or their own substance use behavior. The current study addressed these limitations by: 1) considering parent-reports of e-cigarette attitudes, 2) examining prospective effects on actual e-cigarette

use, 3) delineating mechanisms linking parent and peer socialization effects on subsequent e-cigarette use, and 4) characterizing the influence of parental attitudes on adolescent use while accounting for adolescent attitudes and perceived peer norms.

Theoretical and empirical work have demonstrated that social contexts play a critical function in shaping substance use initiation. 11,12 Peers are an especially salient influence in an adolescent's social ecology and impact decisions to engage in substance use. However, less is known about social influences that impact e-cigarette attitudes and use. Preliminary work indicates that peer influence often operates indirectly to promote e-cigarette use. For example, the mere belief that peers either approve of or use e-cigarettes (i.e., perceived peer norms) can lead to e-cigarette use among college students.<sup>31</sup> Peers also impact the formation of positive e-cigarette use expectancies, which typically precede use. <sup>17</sup> Namely, prior work indicates that flavoring, social benefits, and individuality expectancies are widely reported retrospectively as reasons for initiating use among active e-cigarette users. <sup>32</sup> Our study demonstrates that peer norms are associated with positive expectancies among e-cigarette naïve adolescents. Yet, a key finding is that positive expectancies did not mediate the association between peer norms and later e-cigarette use. This indicates that peer norms likely contribute to positive expectancies adolescents develop about e-cigarettes, but this may not suffice to influence actual e-cigarette use. That is, parental influence may ultimately buffer the effect of peer norms and positive expectancies on a teen's decision to engage in ecigarette use.

Although peers are primary influencers, parents continue to provide guidance and support to adolescents <sup>15,16</sup>, especially when making life decisions, such as initiating e-cigarette use. Few studies have examined the role of parents on early stages of adolescent e-cigarette use. A notable exception demonstrated that adolescents who perceived that their parents felt less negatively about e-cigarette use were more likely to use e-cigarettes. <sup>19</sup> The current study advances the literature by demonstrating that parents' perceptions of the harms of e-cigarette use not only influence adolescent e-cigarette use intentions (when controlling for adolescent attitudes and perceived peer norms), but also predict lower rates of e-cigarette use via e-cigarette use intentions. Interestingly, the effects of lifetime e-cigarette use did not predict later e-cigarette use. Potential explanations could be that some adolescents may have only experimented at time 1, some adolescents may have quit during the course of the study, or that intentions had a stronger impact on subsequent e-cigarette use. These findings support a critical role of parents as important socialization figures to target for e-cigarette prevention programming.

Estimates indicate that less than half of middle and high school parents are able to correctly identify popular e-cigarette products, including JUULs.<sup>33</sup> Parents rely heavily on schools and health professionals to educate them about emerging health issues, such as e-cigarettes. <sup>34,35</sup> Yet, most parents report receiving little communication about e-cigarettes from their child's school<sup>18</sup> and a majority of healthcare providers indicate feeling uncomfortable talking to adolescent patients and their parents about e-cigarettes.<sup>35</sup> A key barrier that parents report in terms of having conversations with their children about e-cigarettes is a lack of knowledge about these products and the risks associated with their usage.<sup>33</sup> Moreover, although most parents acknowledge that adolescent e-cigarette use is a public

health concern, a large majority indicate that their adolescent child is not at risk for initiating use.<sup>33</sup> The current study indicates that parents still play an active role in influencing early stages of e-cigarette use among their adolescent children. Thus, promoting effective and frequent parental communication with youth regarding the harms, regulations, and marketing of e-cigarettes could have utility in shaping adolescent attitudes, and ultimately reducing e-cigarette use initiation. Prior work has demonstrated that school-based e-cigarette education programs, such as the Stanford Tobacco Prevention Toolkit, that consist of youth-, parent-, and teacher-modules, significantly increased the perceived harmfulness and addictiveness of e-cigarettes among youth and reduced e-cigarette use intentions.<sup>36</sup> Similarly, some states explicitly targeting parents in anti-e-cigarette advertisements have demonstrated success in reducing e-cigarette use among youth.<sup>37</sup> Namely, advertisements encouraging parents to have conversations with their children about e-cigarettes may also prevent e-cigarette use onset.<sup>38</sup> Despite these efforts, additional work is needed to explore potential pathways linking the association between parental perception of e-cigarette harm and its impact on adolescent e-cigarette use outside of use intentions. For example, parents who perceive that e-cigarettes are harmful may engage in increased parental monitoring to ensure that their child is not engaging in e-cigarette use. Similarly, parents who use ecigarettes may limit their own use if they believe that these products may be detrimental to their health, which may ultimately reduce the use of e-cigarettes among their children. Additional work is needed to identify specific treatment targets to inform existing programming.

#### Limitations

The sample was comprised of high school freshmen and sophomores. Thus, findings may not generalize to older adolescents where substance use is more normative and a developmental period when parents have a weaker influence. Similarly, future work should examine whether findings are consistent among middle school youth as parents are likely to have a stronger impact on during this developmental period where e-cigarette use is starting to gain popularity. Our sample was comprised largely of adolescents identifying as Latinx/Hispanic. Prior work indicates that Latinx/Hispanic youth may be at increased risk for using e-cigarettes, <sup>39</sup> yet this demographic group is also more strongly influenced by positive parenting practices targeting youth substance use. <sup>40</sup> Future studies should replicate this work with a more diverse sample. Only adolescent-reports of perceived peer norms were assessed. Although parent-report of attitudes were assessed, actual conversations were not assessed. Thus, parents could have held these beliefs without conveying them to their children. Lastly, the sample size was relatively small and prospective effects represent preliminary data. Future work should attempt to replicate these findings in a larger sample.

## Conclusion

Rates of adolescent e-cigarette use have reached epidemic proportions. Parents can play an important role in shaping adolescent e-cigarette use behavior. Thus, increasing parental engagement in prevention programming through psychoeducation, as well as encouraging parents to have conversations with adolescents about e-cigarette use could help mitigate this public health crisis.

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#### Abbreviations:

**e-cigarettes** Electronic cigarettes

MTF Monitoring the Future

**SLT** Social Learning Theory

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## **Implications and Contributions**

Findings indicate that parental electronic (e-)cigarette attitudes have a stronger impact on minimizing adolescent intentions to initiate e-cigarette use, and in turn, actual use than peer norms. Involving parents in prevention programming, especially as it relates to increasing effective communication with youth on e-cigarette use harms, could have utility.

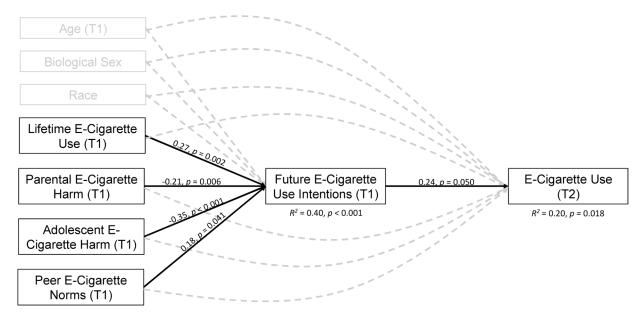


Figure 1. Prospective Model for E-Cigarette Use.

Values represent standardized path coefficients. Solid lines represent significant paths (p < .05). Dashed lines represent non-significant paths (p > .05). Covariances between exogenous variables (i.e., Time 1 lifetime e-cigarette use, parental e-cigarette harm, adolescent e-cigarette harm, peer e-cigarette norms, age, biological sex, and race) were estimated but not depicted to simplify visual presentation. The model is just-identified. T1 = Time 1 (i.e., baseline). T2 = Time 2 (i.e., approximately 15 months following baseline assessment).

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Table 1.

Means, standard deviations, and correlations of study variables

	Mean	$\mathbf{SD}$				Corr	Correlations				
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1. Biological Sex <sup>a</sup>	0.48	0.50									
2. Age	14.88	0.66 -0.01	-0.01								
3. Race <sup>b</sup>	0.15	0.36	0.16	-0.06							
4. Parental Perceived Harm	3.70	0.52	0.01	0.09	-0.12						
5. Adolescent Perceived Harm	3.13	0.88	-0.07	-0.05	-0.03	-0.01					
6. Peer Norms	2.33	1.58	-0.03	90.0	-0.07	0.10	-0.10				
7. E-Cigarette Use Intentions	1.53	0.85	-0.12	0.03	-0.02	-0.21	-0.37	0.00			
8. Expectancy: Appealing Flavors	4.03	0.88	-0.07	-0.06	-0.05	0.09	-0.09	0.25	0.08		
9. Expectancy: E-Cigarettes Cool	1.74	1.06	0.04	0.03	0.07	-0.02	-0.07	0.15	0.12	0.12	
10. Expectancy: Individuality	2.25	1.20	0.12	-0.05	0.13	-0.07	-0.07 -0.01 <b>0.16 0.15</b>	0.16	0.15	0.14	0.44

Abbreviation: SD, standard deviation

 $^{a}$ Biological sex, 0 =female, 1 =male

 $b_{\hbox{Race, }0=\hbox{White, }1=\hbox{non-White}}$ 

Bold values = significant Pearson correlations (p< .05)

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Table 2.

Cross-sectional Regression Models for Positive E-Cigarette Use Expectancies

	Expectan	cy: App	Expectancy: Appealing Flavors	vors	Expectan	cy: E-C	Expectancy: E-Cigarettes Cool	]00J	Expect	ancy: I	Expectancy: Individuality	y
	Coefficient SE p-value sr <sup>2</sup>	SE	p-value	sr <sup>2</sup>	Coefficient SE p-value sr <sup>2</sup>	SE	p-value	$sr^2$	Coefficient SE p-value	SE	p-value	$sr^2$
Intercept	5.34	1.54	< 0.001		1.17	1.87	0.529		3.44	2.11	0.105	
Biological Sex <sup>a</sup>	-0.13	0.13	0.345	0.005	0.09	0.16	0.580	0.002	0.25	0.18	0.163	0.011
Age	-0.12	0.10	0.244	0.007	0.03	0.12	0.795	0.000	-0.07	0.14	0.592	0.002
Race	-0.06	0.18	0.746	0.001	0.24	0.22	0.284	0.007	0.39	0.25	0.126	0.013
Parental Harm	0.11	0.13	0.375	0.004	-0.02	0.16	0.921	0.000	-0.19	0.18	0.287	0.006
Teen Harm	-0.08	0.07	0.279	0.006	-0.06	0.09	0.535	0.002	0.02	0.10	0.816	0.000
Peer Norms	0.13	0.04	0.002	0.054	0.10	0.05	0.042	0.024	0.14	90.0	0.015	0.034

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Biological sex, 0 = female, 1 = male

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bRace, 0 =White, 1 =non-White

Bold values = significant coefficients (p < .05)

Table 3.

Cross-Sectional Regression Model for Future E-Cigarette Use Intentions

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	E-Ciş	garette	Intentions	
	Coefficient	SE	<i>p</i> -value	$sr^2$
Intercept	3.61	1.37	0.009	
Biological Sex <sup>a</sup>	-0.22	0.12	0.062	0.017
Age	0.02	0.09	0.793	0.000
$Race^{b}$	-0.07	0.16	0.686	0.001
Parental Harm	-0.34	0.11	0.003	0.043
Adolescent Harm	-0.36	0.07	< .001	0.140
Peer Norms	0.04	0.04	0.315	0.005

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Biological sex, 0 = female, 1 = male

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