

# Mapping the field of parent-school relationships: Lessons from the recent literature

*Mapując pole relacji rodzice – szkoła:  
lekcje z przeglądu najnowszej literatury zagadnienia*



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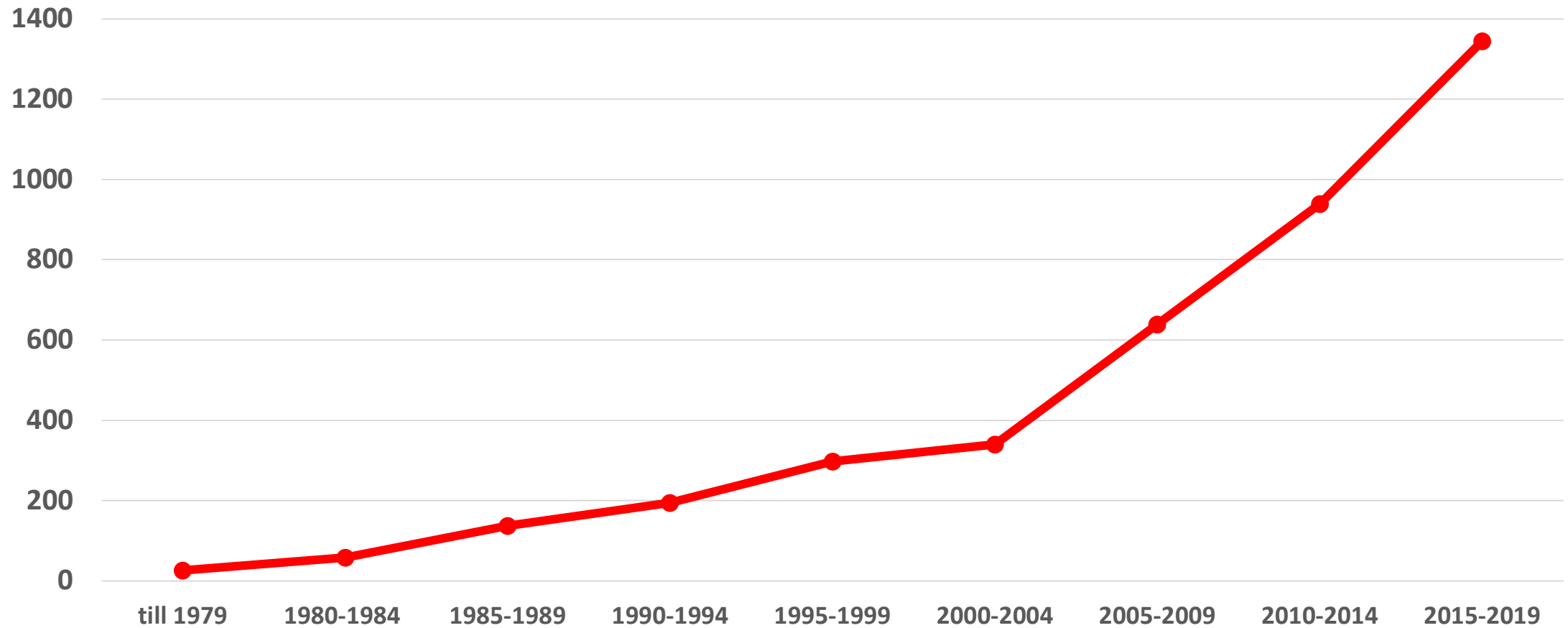
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# Aims

- Our presentation aims to map the field of parent-school relationships *by synthesizing two studies:*
- Addi-Raccah, A., Dusi, P., & Seeberger Tamir, N. (2021). What can we learn about research on parental involvement in school? Bibliometric and thematic analyses of academic journals. *Urban Education*, 00420859211017978.
- Dusi, P., & Addi-Raccah, A. (2022). Time to rethink the teacher-family alliance? Central issues in the “pandemic” literature on home-school cooperation. *Encyclopedia*, 26(63), 7-29.

# Number of peer reviewed articles on Parental Involvement by years

(1968 to 2022; Data based: Web of science, Scopus and Eric)



## Two research questions

1. What are the main topics discussed in the field of parent involvement?

2. Were there any changes in the field of research during Covid-19?

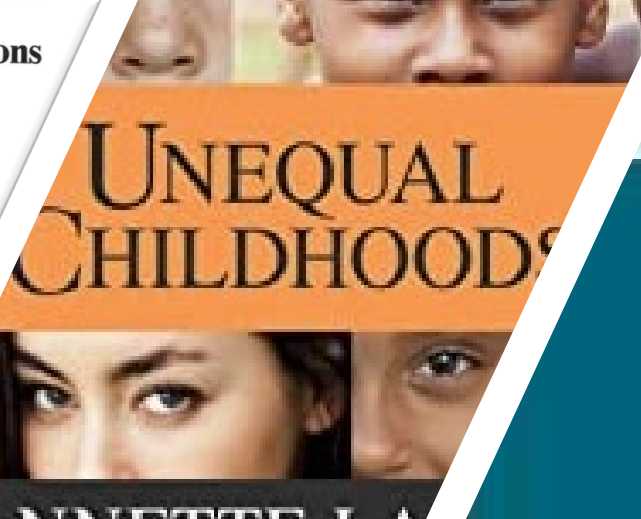


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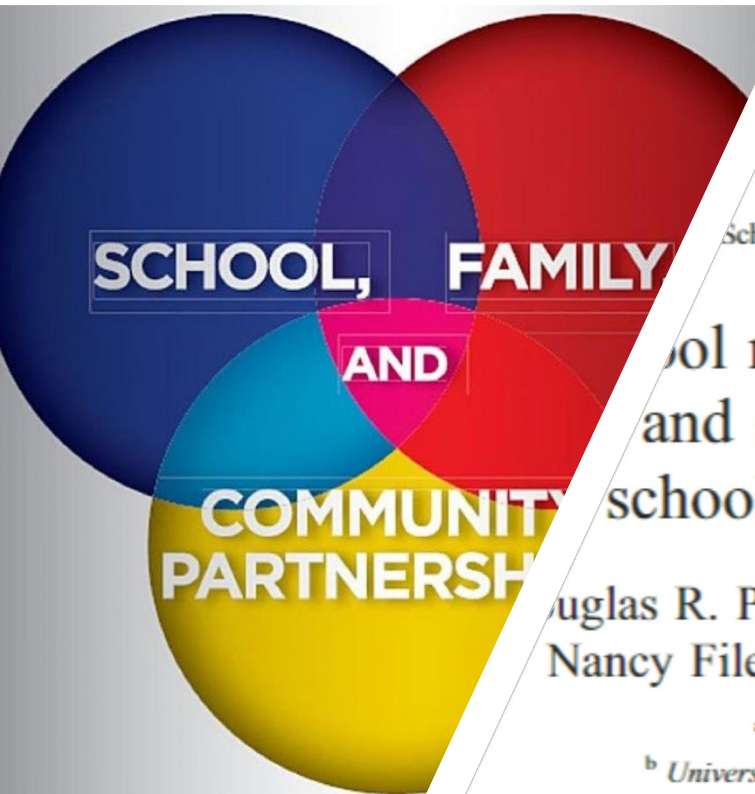
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Grounded in Bandura's (1976, 1986) concept of self-efficacy, this study examined the role of parent self-efficacy as a parent's belief that he or she is capable of exerting a positive influence on children's school outcomes. Parents' sense of efficacy and its relationship to parent involvement were examined in this study. Participants (n = 390) of children in kindergarten through fourth grade from a metropolitan public school district responded to questionnaires assessing parent efficacy and parent involvement in five types of activities: help with homework, educational activities, classroom volunteering, conference participation, and telephone calls with teachers. Teachers (n = 50) from the same schools also participated, responding to questionnaires assessing teacher efficacy, perceptions of parent efficacy, and estimates of parent involvement. Findings revealed small but significant relationships between self-reported parent efficacy and three of the five indicators of parent involvement. Results for teachers revealed significant relationships among teacher efficacy, teacher perceptions of parent efficacy, and teacher reports of parent involvement in four areas. Results are discussed in relation to the patterns of involvement activities reported by parents and implications for research and intervention in parent-school relationships.

Examination of specific parent variables related to children's school performance suggests a primary avenue of exploration in efforts to improve parent-school relations. Some parent efficacy beliefs may be important, and child outcomes are reported in previous work on parenting styles, parent-child linkages between patterns of parenting and patterns of children's social and academic outcomes. For example, the characteristic of authoritative parenting style include consistent reasons and explanations for rules and consequences and discuss alternative points of view. Results of authoritative parents' thinking—and how it is often taken into account by children—tend to develop children's competence through their parenting styles.



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# BIBLIOMETRIC ANALYSIS

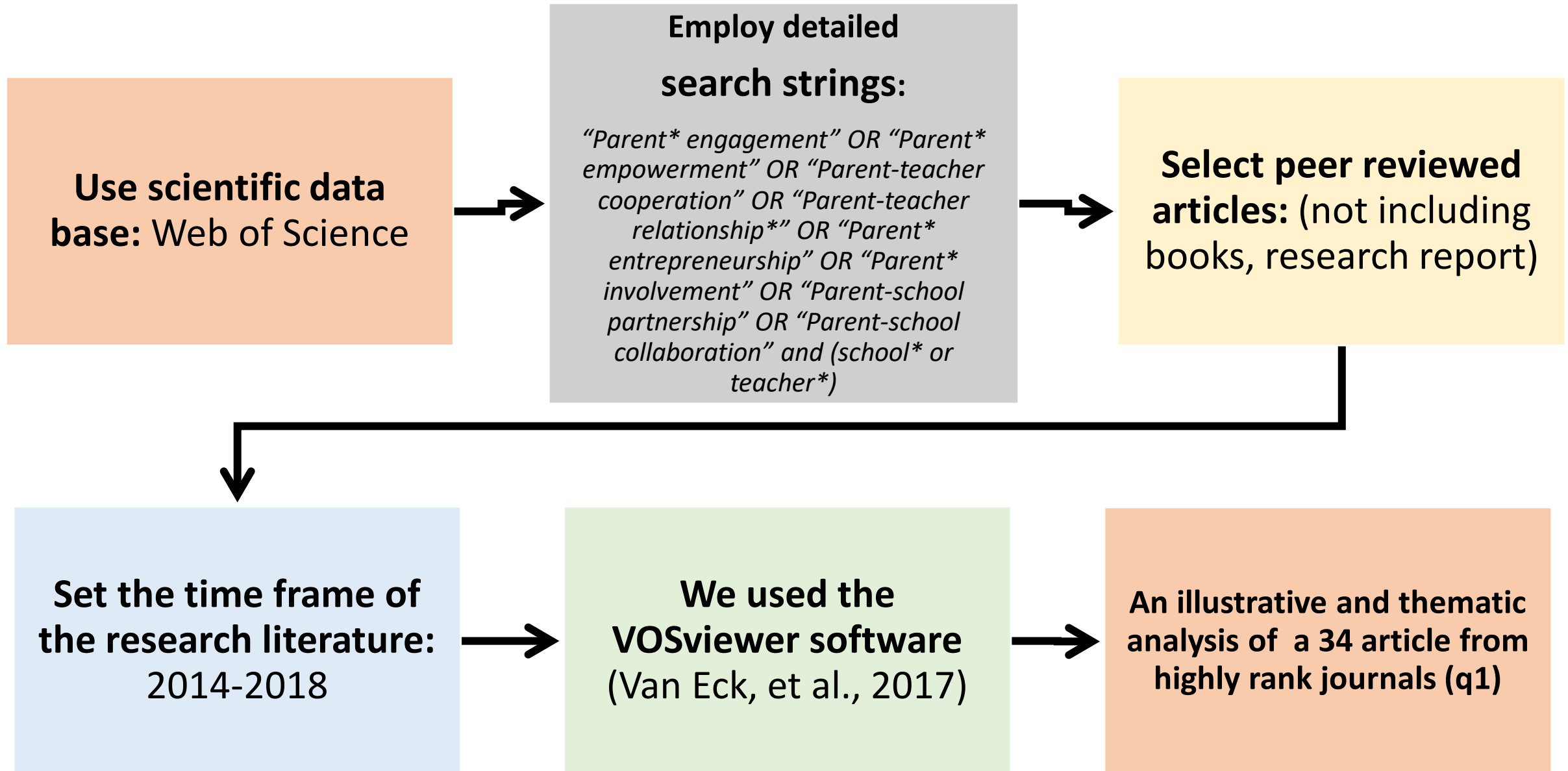
# First research question

- **What are the main topics discussed in the field of parent involvement in academic literature?**

## **DATA**

- Based on 544 articles retrieved from Web of Science
- Year 2014-2018
- *“Parent\* engagement” OR “Parent\* empowerment” OR “Parent-teacher cooperation” OR “Parent-teacher relationship\*” OR “Parent\* entrepreneurship” OR “Parent\* involvement” OR “Parent-school partnership” OR “Parent-school collaboration” and (school\* or teacher\*)*
- Thematic analysis of 34 articles ranked Q1

# Guidelines for conducting co-words analysis







# Second question

- What kind of themes are emerging in literature on the school-family relationship in association with words such as pandemic, or COVID-19 or Corona?

- **Data**

- Based on 286 articles retrieved from three data bases: ERIC, Web of Science and Scopus.
- Years: 2002-2021
- (Parent\* OR Famil\*) and (Teacher\* OR School OR "School Teachers" OR Principal\* OR "School Staff") and (Partnership OR "Parent\* engagement" OR "Family Involvement" OR "Parent\* involvement" OR "Participation" OR "Family-School Interaction" OR "Parent-school cooperation" OR "Parent-school Partnership" OR "Family-school-community relationship" or "Parent\*-teacher\* relation\*" or "Family-school relation\*" or "Parent\*-school\* collaboration\*" or collaboration or cooperation) and (Pandemic OR COVID19 OR COVID-19 or corona\*)
- Thematic analyses of selected articles.



# Recurring and changes topics Pre & Post COVID-19 literature

## Recurring topics

Need to improve communication with parents

Barriers to Parental Involvement & Deficit thinking issues

Inequalities: A central theme in the literature emphasized by COVID-19 studies

## Changes

Literature less USA Centered (34% versus 50%)

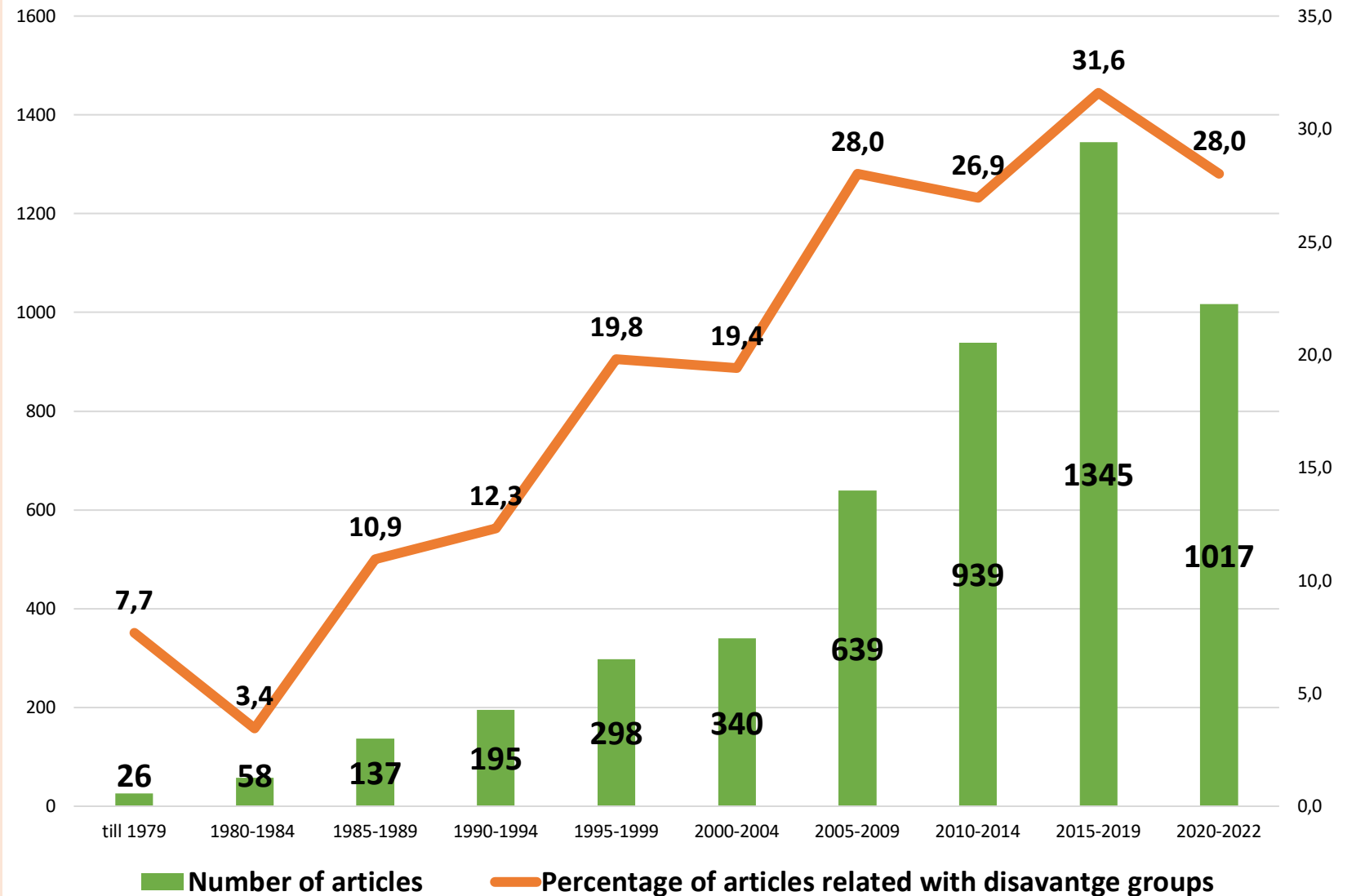
Distance learning & technology issues become central

More Parental Involvement

A new type of barrier appears: the digital divide

**An increasing area  
of research:**

**Low socioeconomic,  
disadvantaged &  
marginalized groups**



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