

Independent  
variable



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graph LR; A[Independent variable] --> B[Mediator]; A --> C[Dependent variable]; B --> C;
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The diagram illustrates a mediation model with three rectangular boxes. The first box on the left is labeled 'Independent variable'. An arrow points from its right side to the top of a second box in the center labeled 'Mediator'. Another arrow points from the bottom of the 'Independent variable' box to the left side of a third box on the right labeled 'Dependent variable'. A third arrow points from the right side of the 'Mediator' box to the left side of the 'Dependent variable' box.

Mediator

Dependent  
variable