

**PSYCHOPATHIC TENDENCIES, SOCIAL SUPPORT AND RECIDIVISM IN
JUVENILE DELINQUENTS**



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List of Abbreviations and Symbols

M	Arithmetic mean
SD	Standard deviation
N	Sample size
α	Reliability coefficient
B	Un-standardized coefficient
SE	Standard Error
P	Significance
D	Cohen's measure of sample effect size
K	No. of items
F	Frequency
%	Percentage
N	Sub-sample
R^2	Coefficient of determination
F	Analysis of variance ratio
ΔR^2	R^2 change

r^{it}	Item total correlation
JJSO	Juvenile Justice System Ordinance 2000
CPS	Childhood Psychopathy Scale
MSPSS	Multidimensional Scale of Perceived Social Support

Abstract

The present study investigates the relationship between psychopathic tendencies, social support and recidivism in juvenile's delinquents. It was hypothesized that psychopathic tendencies and social support will predict recidivism in juveniles. and social support will moderate the relationship between psychopathic tendencies and recidivism in juveniles. in the first phase of the study Recidivistic Tendencies Scale (RTC) was constructed and validated along with translation of Childhood Psychopath Scale (CPS) questioner (Khalid, 2013), Multidimensional Scale of Perceived Social Support (Jibeen, 2011) into Urdu . The purposive sample of 100 juveniles including recidivistic and non-recidivistic juveniles with age range of 12-18 years ($M = 16.13$, $SD = 1.86$) was drawn from the District Jail of Lahore. The results of Pearson product moment correlation revealed that psychopathic tendencies were found to be significant positively associated with social support and recidivistic distractor, whereas childhood psychopathy was found to be significantly and negatively correlated with recidivistic facilitator. Multiple hierarchical regression analysis showed that only Childhood Psychopathy was found to be negatively significant predictor of Recidivistic Facilitator. The path analysis revealed that that childhood psychopathy was found to be significant negatively interaction effect with recidivistic facilitator and positively significant interaction effect with recidivistic distractor, whereas social support was not found significant interaction effect with recidivistic facilitator and distractor.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

Juveniles committing delinquent acts is not an infrequent manifestation in their life and most teenagers who commit crimes eventually raise out of such behavior(Stewart, 2008). In the past decade, juvenile's delinquency has turned out to be increasingly the point of convergence of most research keeps on fixating on biological and social components that are connected with criminal association. Routinely published criminological studies for instance, that look at themes encompassing the part that guardians, social support, neighborhoods, companions, and culture play in the etiology of juvenile's delinquency and crime. Interestingly, the impacts of other possibly criminogeni componentized. psychopathic tendencies are typically overlooked(Beaver, Boutwell, Barnes, Vaughn, & DeLisi, 2015).