

**Exploring socio-economic factors of female criminality, a
qualitative study of district jail Gujranwala**

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ABSTRACT

The main purpose of the present research is to explore the socio-economic factors of female criminality in district Jail Gujranwala. The women criminality is changing with the passage of time through industry, technology, communication, transportation, and the effect of mass media. For the present study, thirteen females were selected from target population as a case through convenient sampling technique based on inclusion criteria that their punishment was declared by court. An interview guide was prepared comprising on the themes including socio-demographic characteristics, criminal history, social and economic factors to conduct in-depth interview for the present study. The study findings show that the female committed crime due to economic hurdles, family issues, lust and greed, respect and family worth and love as well. Study suggested that there is dare need to strengthen women's role at family to eliminate women criminality in Pakistan.

Keywords

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INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the study

Pakistani society is a traditional society named as patriarchal in which men are dominant and women's are supposed to be subordinate. These women are dependent on their male family members with reference to their basket needs and status (Campbell, 2002). The agents of socialization are providing information that they are inferior and supposed to be in boundary wall of house (Javdani et al., 2011). The structure of Pakistani society is also providing low-level job to them. These situations are the main hindrance for their development. Women's have their specific needs to be fulfilled on time through different sources (Ali and Shah, 2011). That's why they are trying to fulfill their basket need adopting both positive and negative culturally approved goals and socially approved means (Gottschalk, 2012). Therefore, society establishes different norms to regulate individual's behavior according to the patterns and customs of society which vary from area to area (Sorensen and Davis, 2011).