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Abstract

Aggressive personality motivates aggressive thoughts that may result in aggressive actions and in the end to an aggressive adult personality during maturation. Furthermore aggressive behavior may lead to criminal behavior. The family environment also involves the circumstances and social climate conditions within families. The aim of conducting present study was to explore personality characteristics of young criminals. Further present study also examined the impact of family environment on aggressive behavior among young criminals. This study was an effort to explore that how family environment have a significant effect on aggressive behavior further what type of personality characteristics young criminals have and how their personality have environment on their aggressive behavior. The findings from this study help to understand the significant factors impacting an aggressive behavior among young criminals. By identifying these issues we will be able to prepare management strategies that have significant influence on aggressive behavior of young criminals. Hypothesis of the present study was that 1) Personality characteristics are significantly related to aggressive behavior among young criminals. 2) Family environment is significantly related to personality characteristics among criminals. 3) Family environment is significantly related to aggressive behavior among young criminals. The participants of study comprised of 95 male young adults, exposed to crime from at least five years, ages across 14 - 29 years. Sample was recruited from central jail of Lahore through systematic random sampling technique. The measurement tools used for assessment of personality characteristics , family environment and aggressive behavior of young criminals were Neo Five personality inventory (Costa & McCrae 1990) translated version by Ahmad Khan, Family Environment Scale (*Moos. B & Moos. R 1994*) translated version by Irfan (2014) and The aggression Questionnaire (Buss and Perry 1992) translated version by Malik

(2014). Analysis revealed significant positive correlation between physical aggression and agreeableness, conscientiousness, openness to experiences. Hostility was observed positively correlated to agreeableness and openness to experience. Anger was seen positively correlated to agreeableness, openness to experiences. Overall score on aggression was positively correlated to agreeableness, conscientiousness and openness to experiences and negatively correlated to extroversion. Score on extroversion indicated negative correlation to physical aggression and anger. Outcome showed evidence of significant positive correlation between agreeableness and relationship dimension, personal growth dimension, system maintenance dimension. Overall score on family environment shows positive correlation with agreeableness and openness to experiences and negative correlation with extroversion. Extroversion was put on view as negatively correlated with relationship dimension and personal growth dimension

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Informed Consent Form

The purpose of the present study is to identify the personality characteristics, family environment and aggressive behavior. This study does not have any negative effects. Present study does not contain any sort of mental, physical or emotional harm. No answer is right or wrong here. All the information taken from you will be kept confidential and will be used only for educational purposes. If you have any related question like that, you can ask without any hesitation. If you are willing to be a part of this study you have to answer the most appropriate statement. You are free to take part in the research or reject the participation. You can also leave, if you feel uncomfortable.