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List of Abbreviations and Symbols

M	Arithmetic mean
SD	Standard deviation
LL	Lower limit
UL	Upper limit
CI	Confidence interval
N	Sample size
α	Reliability coefficient
β	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

Abstract

The present study investigates the relationship between religious fundamentalism, terrorism and dark triad in adults. It was hypothesized that religious fundamentalism is likely to be positively linked with the dark triad and support for acts of terrorism. Further, it was hypothesized that religious fundamentalism is a predictor of support for acts of terrorism. The measures included 160 males (Jail=80, community=80) aged between 18-35 years were taken from PMAS Arid and agricultural university, Rawalpindi and Gujrat Jail. Self report measures were used to assess the variables. Support for Acts (Zora & Sukabdi, 2014), Duke University Religion Index (Koenig & Bussing, 2014), Islamic Fundamentalism Scale (Zora & Sukabsi, 2014), Belief in Establishing Islam Peacefully (Zora and Sukabdi), Dirty Dozen Dark Triad Scale (Jonason & Webster, 2010) and The Psychopathic and Narcissistic Cognitive Distortions Questionnaire (Torres, 2002) were used. The correlation analysis revealed that a significant negative association was observed between establishing Islam peacefully and narcissism. Islamic fundamentalism and Machiavellianism were also negatively, significantly associated.

Chapter I

Introduction

Religious Fundamentalism and terrorism has been often linked with terrorism as well as health problems (Odhiambo, 2014), as a consequence religious fundamentalism has become an unwanted trait as opposed to religiosity which has constantly been linked to social and emotional well-being (Fehring,1997).