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Abstract

The study was carried out to explore the perception of young adults, men and women about child sexual abuse. 8 participants were contacted, who were educated, well informed and willing to talk about the issue. They were interviewed. An interview guide was prepared consist of 12 questions. Through a descriptive content analysis, themes were emerged and these were grouped in three main categories. The findings of present study having evidence with western research as it is stated that sexual offenders against children are inadequate in their social functioning and diverse in their psychopathology.

Key words: Child abuse, Sexual Abuse, Child rights, Crimes against children

Chapter I

Introduction

Sexual abuse or offenses about children has always been existent from primitive times. More than most aspects of human behavior, sexuality has been the focus of great variations in attitudes, both public and private. The widespread prevalence of sexual abuse throughout the history contrasts markedly with so called hatred from such practices by society.