



Delinquent behavior among youth: a gender difference

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Abstract

The purpose of the present study was delinquent behavior among the male and female youths having different economic status. For this purpose youths studying in various schools of haryana, have been selected in the sample. In total 120 youths were selected randomly. Achenbach's Child Behaviors Check List And Personal Data Sheet were used to collect needed data 't' test was used to analysis of the data. Results revealed significant difference in the delinquent behavior of boys and girls belonging to higher and medium economic class. However no such difference was observed between girls and boys having low economic status.

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A mother is highly responsible in the growth and development of the child's character, but there exists many factors which also affects in the personality development of a child, in which wholesome atmosphere of the family, several economical categories, school, friends, social atmosphere, number of births etc. As per the Indian Psychology, character of a child starts developing when the baby is in the fetus of the mother. To much extent, the thoughts and decisions of the parents make an impression on the shape-less baby. As per the opinion of ancient sage 'MANU', a family itself is the most important factor among the social group that helps in growth and development of a human man. The family base that is farmed by the mother, father and the child is the first school of a child for the development of it's social culture. Knowingly or unknowingly, by their own thoughts and conducts, the parents are responsible for their growth and development of their own child. In its beginning stage, a child always learns and grabs from the good and bad action of their parents, and during its initial stage, a child does not have the strength to think, decide and react towards their actions. The way a child develops its character and personality while growing, is mostly base on its family.

Many problems and restrictions created and started in the childhood always up to youth stage. Even though at the initial stage, the attention of psychologists was never drawn towards this direction. During last years, the psychologists are prepared to work in the direction of youth and several studies and research work are also being started to find out, mainly several problems taking places during youth stage, and reasons for their existing anti-social attitude. The tremendous changes take place on their physical and mental during this youth stage always bring storm in their life creating many problems and complications. It becomes very difficult for them to understand the internal and external physical changes and accordingly the family and social standard, rules and regulations, traditions, and such complicated situations adversely affects the personal growth and development of a youth. As a result of which, delinquent behaviour is seen among many youths. Today, the crime is expanding its wing and boundaries to unbelievable limits, and mainly, such criminal attitude and delinquent behaviour is observed among the youths. Thus, to find out which factors are