

Thesis Title A Study of the Personality of Prisoners Who
 Committed Murder and Assault in the Women's
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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this survey study was to find out the personality, related factors on the personality and the cause of commission of 102 prisoners who committed murder and assault, inmates of the Women's Correctional Institution, Bangkok. The samples were selected by purposive random sampling method. The data was collected by using Sixteen Personality Factors (16 PF) Form A (which was translated into Thai by Prapa Cheupakdee) in order to find out prisoners' personality. The data analysis used Percentage, Mean, Standard Deviation, T-test and One Way Analysis of Variance. The results of this study revealed as follow :-

1. The personality of prisoners were outgoing; they usually had low intelligence, were emotional, humble, sober, expedient, shy, suspicious, practical, not forthright, apprehensive, self-sufficient, casual and tense.

2. There were five factors which were statistically significant at 0.05 level related to prisoners' personality; those factors were relationship between mother and father, relationship between prisoner and parents, parents' marital status, father's level of education and prisoner's nanny. The other factors, which were relationship between prisoner and siblings, number of siblings, birth order and father's occupation were not found to have any significance related to prisoners' personality. The personality of prisoners whose parents loved together was between conservative and experimenting. The personality of prisoners whose parents frequently had arguments was conservative. The personality of prisoners who were not close to parents was conservative. The personality of prisoners who were close to their mothers was experimenting. The personality of prisoners whose fathers or mothers were dead was experimenting. The personality of prisoners whose parents lived together was between conservative and experimenting. The personality of prisoners whose parents had low education were between toughminded and tender-minded, and controlled, too. The personality of prisoners whose parents had high education were toughminded and casual. The personality of prisoners whom taken care by parents was higher intelligent than the personality of prisoners whom not taken care by parents. The personaltiy of prisoners whom taken care by parents was placid. The personality of prisoners whom not taken care by parents was apprehensive.

3. Considering the cause of murder and assault, it was found that the reason why all prisoners killed or injured their husbands was jealousy and the reasons given by the majority of prisoners who murdered or assaulted other persons, not their husbands, were to be insulted and protecting their dignity.

Recommendation

Further study should be conducted by means of psychological tests to find out the influence of psychological factors on prisoner's personality and cause of murder and assault.