

Abstract

It is a comparative research to study rejection sensitivity, forgiveness tendency and anger expression among school children. Purposely, differences between school systems and gender were examined. The sample was comprised of 800 school children. The sample was drawn from grades 8th, 9th and 10th grade. The sample was collected from private and government school systems of Lahore city. Child Rejection Sensitivity Questionnaire (CRSQ), Heartland Forgiveness Scale (HFS) and Child Anger Expression Scale (CAES) were used to measure Anxious Expectation of Rejection, Angry Expectation of Rejection, Tendency to forgive, and Expression of Anger among School Children. Results revealed that feelings of rejection and internalized anger were higher in government school whereas angry expectation of rejection, forgiveness tendency and externalized anger had higher levels in private school. Furthermore anxious expectation of rejection, hostility and violence prevailed equally in both school systems. Gender differences showed that in private school, girls were more forgiving and greater in internalizing anger whereas boys were more hostile and violent. In government school, boys were highly forgiving and express anger more externally than girls. However, girls from both school systems anxious expect rejection more than boys. There is significant correlation present between rejection sensitivity, forgiveness and anger expression of school children. Regression analysis also revealed that rejection sensitivity and forgiveness are the significant predictors of anger expression.

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