

## ABSTRACT

This study was aimed to explore the impact of media reporting of sexual abuse on social life of adolescents. The study was conducted on N= 6 participants including n= 3 male and n= 3 female participants from government and private schools of Lahore. The age range of the participants was between 13- 16 years. Purposive sampling was used. Screening of the participants was done by including relevant question in the demographic form. Data was collected by conducting semi- structured interviews with the participants. Thematic Analysis was used to analyze the data. Results of the study revealed that five major themes emerged as a result of impact of media reporting on sexual abuse on the social life of adolescents. These major themes were: Media usage, Initial impact of news regarding sexual abuse, Familial reaction on sexual abuse news, Impact of news regarding sexual abuse on social life and Coping strategies. Limitations of the study included its inability to generalize the results and the effects caused by Covid- 19 pandemic.