

Abstract

The aim of present study was to investigate the predictive relationship of dark triad traits (Machiavellianism, psychopathy and narcissism) with impulsivity and aggression in school children. For this purpose cross sectional research design was used to study the variables of dark triad, impulsivity and aggression in school children. A purposive sample of 400 school children (200 boys, 200 girls) with an age range of 14-16 years ($M=14.73$, $SD=.86$) of grades 8th, 9th and 10th ($M= 2.23$, $SD= .79$) was taken from government and private schools. The measures used in study were Barratt Impulsiveness Scale (BIS-11) (Stanford et al., 2009), Dark Triad of Personality (D3- Short) (Jones & Paulhus, 2014) and Aggression Questionnaire (AQ) (Buss & Perry, 1992). For data analysis descriptive statistics, Pearson Moment Correlation, Multiple Regression (stepwise) and Independent Sample t-test were used. Results of correlation analysis revealed positive significant relationship of dark triad traits with impulsivity and aggression it also revealed the relationship between impulsivity and aggression. Moreover, prediction analysis showed that dark triad and gender were significant predictors of impulsivity and aggression in school children. Furthermore, results of independent sample t-test highlighted gender differences in prevalence of dark triad traits as boys had high levels of dark triad traits which leads to high levels of aggression and impulsivity in them than girls. The study has implications in educational and school settings.

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