

ABSTRACT

This study examined the impact of machiavellianism, narcissism, psychopathy (also known as the Dark Triad Traits of personality) and relationship satisfaction among intimate partners. The objectives of the study were to explore the relationship among machiavellianism, narcissism, psychopathy and relationship satisfaction and to find their effect on spouses, both husband and wife. Another objective was to explore the effect of education and gender in terms of machiavellianism, narcissism, psychopathy and relationship satisfaction. Correlational research design was used. Data was collected from 100 spouses including 50 couples. Demographic form, the dark triad of personality (D3-Short) and The Couples Satisfaction Index (CSI) were administered for the data collection and to measure the constructs SPSS was used. Findings of the study indicated significant positive relationship among machiavellianism, narcissism and psychopathy but there was no significant relationship between these three personality traits and Relationship Satisfaction. There was no significant effect of gender on Machiavellianism, Narcissism, Psychopathy and Relationship Satisfaction among spouses. Results also revealed that there was a slightly significant impact of education of spouses on Psychopathy. The findings revealed that less education promotes the negative traits in intimate partners. This study can provide a new opening in the area of intimate partner relationship.

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