



An Analysis of Social Attitudes Toward Drug Use Among Youth

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Abstract

Substances which are harmful, addictive to the body when used for a period of time and act on the body's nervous system are called drugs. 275 billion people addicted to drugs by 2019. The research problem of this study was to investigate what are the social attitudes of the modern youth community about drug menace. The main objective of this study was to identify the causes of youth drug use and to control drugs. Here, one hundred people were included under the random sampling method, and the data obtained from the questionnaires, this study was carried out under the quantitative method. The age of 15-18 years was identified as the prime age for drug use. The analysis of the data confirmed that young people mostly resort to drug use out of curiosity and peer pressure. It was identified that the majority of the youth in Sri Lanka are addicted to alcohol and it was also found that political support was reason for the socialization of drugs and the lack of formal implementation of the law and government. This study confirmed that the family has the main responsibility to free the youth community from the menace of drugs. It was also recognized that the law and the state should implement a strong and formal drug prevention program. Revising existing laws and enacting new laws by studying social attitudes about saving the Sri Lankan future generation from the menace of drugs, expanding security system related to airports and seaports, implementing rehabilitation programs under a formal system and follow-up, etc. ideas and suggestions have been presented.

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