

Youths' Violence: An Attempt for Interpretation

A field study

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Abstract

The current research aims at exploring the phenomenon of violence among youths, university students in particular, in an attempt to identify the reasons and factors drive to violence. The research poses the following questions: (1) what are the features and kinds of violence among university students? (2) what is the interpretation of violence committed by youths? (3) what are the reasons for youths violence? (4) what is the effect of social changes (globalization in particular) on violence among youths? And (5) How can we reduce this phenomenon? The research is exploratory interpretative, employs systematic data and raw data extracted from field investigation conducted in Mansoura university on 3rd and 4th sociology department students (faculty of arts) selected in a deliberate manner consistent with the nature of the research population ,which is harmonized to some extent, and represented 10 percent of the main community (104 students in the 3rd and 4th classes). The field study was conducted in October and November 2004. Later on, there were group interviews with a number of male and female students who belong to the families of the student activity section, in an open dialogue, to recognize their views, their vision, their experience and expertise through informal meetings. The researcher also interviewed the dean, Some members of the teaching fellows, head of legal affairs in the College, and the commander of university security, during which they spoke about their experiences during the investigation process with the students involved in violence affairs. Moreover, a questionnaire was introduced to the sociology department students. The results suggested that moral violence was the most familiar form of moral violence against

young people in academic life, that making friendships with bad people and smoking were of the most important causes of violence among young people and that most of the violence affairs were committed by individuals who did not find suitable jobs.

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