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STUDY OF PSYCHOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND PSYCHOPATHOLOGY OF SEXUAL DEVIATION AND DYSFUNCTIONS

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ABSTRACT

The aim of the present study to investigate the psychological characteristic and psychopathology of the person suffering from sexual deviation and dysfunctions. For this purpose patients suffering from sexual deviation and dysfunction were taken as a sample 75 psychosexually deviation and 75 psychosexually dysfunctional patients and 75 psychosexually healthy subjects added for comparison normal group having no psychosexual complaints. All subjects were male. Four standardized test M.M.P.I. scale four Psychopathic deviate has been administered all the scales of MPMI are independent from each other. One way analysis of variance was computed to see the difference among three groups.

The result indicated psychosexually deviated group found significantly high on psychopathic deviation and they were found very high on subscale Familial Discord, Authority Problem and on all subscales of Psychopathic Deviate in comparison to dysfunctional subjects. Psychosexually dysfunctional group scored low of psychopathic personality symptomatology and almost equally in comparison to normal group.

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INTRODUCTION

Sex behaviour is diverse and determined complex one's relationship with others, by one's life circumstances, and by culture in which one lives, it is very basic need of person. It had came in sight about sex that till this natural need of a person is fulfilled properly the adjustments of person are perfect and the life of a person remains normal. But when due to some reason or obstacle in satisfaction of his sex life, dysfunctions and deviations occurs in person's sex life and the whole adjustment of the person gets disturbed.

The sex of normal human being is determined at the time of fertilization. Within the broad limit defined by normal variation, individual heredity, environmental influence anatomy and physical development of a person are therefore forecasted at conception. Social and cultural norms affects psychological and sexual development.

Most sexual learning takes place through childhood experiences many times without parent's awareness, but conscience of child's sex does influence parental behaviour. The child's sexual learning also affects the extinction of activity or passivity and the intellectual aesthetic, and athletic interest. A person's sexuality also depending on many personality factors like biological make up and a general sense of persons self. It includes the perception of being male / female and it also reflects developmental experiences with sex throughout life cycle. To give rigid definition of normal sexuality is difficult and is clinically impractical. It is easier to define abnormal sexuality – that is sexual behavior, that is

destructive to one self or others that excludes stimulation of primary sex organs, that is compulsive, sex outside of marriage and various forms of sexual stimulation involving other than the primary sexual organs may still fall within normal limits, depending on the total context. Still our society sexually repressed and fail to accept sex as a normal function and natural need that's why we don't get easily accurate information about the sex behavior. Whatever sexual behavior is acceptable in the societies it depends of cultural factor and this pattern differ from one to another culture.

Personality word originated from Latin root persona, meaning 'Mask' The impression we make on others. Personality can be defined as "The sum total of characteristics that differentiate people, or the stability in a person's behavior across different situations. The impression we make on others or personality psychologists seek to understand the characteristic ways in which people behave.

Dissatisfaction, aggression maladjustment is state which can be caused by physical demands of the body or environmental social and psychological lack of fulfillment of needs may be perceived as stress the result of psychological discomfort or inability or may be due to unfavorable physical social and psychological environment. Dissatisfaction of physical and psychological needs are cause of changed behaviour and stress. Maladjustment are inability to cope with the present situation, circumstances and stress result into negative emotions, anxiety and in security resulting into negative mental health and behavioral problems, misbalance in whole personality.

Maladaptive but not socially disapproved sexual patterns focuses on sexual inadequacy, broadly refer to sexual dysfunctions, such behaviour is relatively common may highly distressing to the individual or the sexual partner as well as detrimental to their personal relationship, but it is considered maladaptive and it is not subject to social disapproval or sanctions. Maladaptive and socially disapproved sexual patterns refers- sexual behaviour placed which are socially disapproved in terms of choice of sexual gratification mode. Alternatively some sexual patterns like variety of sexual behaviour, ranging from sexual activities such as premarital sex, communal sex to homosexuality and other restricted sexual expression in different societies is commonly developed on an individual basis, traditional social norms.

All subject were male the age of all patient's ranged between 20 to 40 years. All were married and belonged to urban area.

Data Collecting Tools

In the present study -To asses the psychopathic personality, tendency of sexually deviated and dysfunctional subjects, Minnesota Multiphase personality Scale four have been used, all scales of MMPI are independent from each other, Hath way S.R., Mckinely J.C. (1983). The Minnesota Multiphase personality inventory manual (Rev. ed.) New York; Psychological Corporation.

Table Psychopathic deviate

Sr. No.	Variables	A - Deviation		B - Dysfunction		C - Normal		Overall F	t ₁ (A : C)	t ₂ (B : C)	t ₃ (A : B)
		Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD				
1.	Familial Discord	4.07	1.02	5.97	0.90	3.57	1.34	121.49	70.37	88.80	18.51
2.	Authority Problem	4.89	1.18	3.21	0.81	3.04	0.73	91.482	1.13	11.20	12.33
3.	Social Imperturbability	3.25	0.67	2.81	0.68	2.66	0.63	17.39	1.50	4.40	5.90
4.	Social Alienation	8.85	1.28	6.37	0.94	6.86	0.91	112.63	2.88	14.58	11.70
5.	Self Alienation	6.05	1.27	8.04	1.13	6.77	1.17	48.11	3.60	9.95	6.35

The sexual inadequacy involved many categories with reference Sexual dysfunctions such as Male Impotence, Male Ejaculatory Incompetence and some female Orgasmic dysfunctions. Male ejaculatory incompetence associated with premature or retarded ejaculation. Male impotence this sexual dysfunction is inability achieve of maintain an erection. The psychosexual deviation covers categories such as Pedophilia, Incest, Sadism, Homosexuality Transvestism and many more. In the present study sexual dysfunctions – Premature ejaculation and Erectile dysfunction has been studied. In sexual deviation the Psychopathology of Pedophilia and the incest subjects has been studied.

This study has considered the evaluation of sex behavior, psychopathological personality characteristics as well as psychosexual behavior deviation and dysfunction in order to better understand the psychosexual problems. Such knowledge may also help us to understand this type of personality and possibly to experience greater communication and understanding in sexual relationship.

Hypothesis

The following assumption were made

The psychosexually deviated and dysfunctional group differ from normal's (Psychopathic Deviate) on familial discord, authority problems, social imperturbability, social alienation and self alienation.

METHODOLOGY

Design of study

1. Psychosexually deviated group
2. Psychosexually dysfunctional
3. Normal group (psychosexually Healthy subjects)

Sample

The present study has been conducted on 75 psychosexually deviated patients 75 psychosexually dysfunctional patients and 75 psychosexually healthy subjects i.e normal subjects.

RESULTS

The aim of present investigation was to investigate psychopathology of personality of psychosexually deviated, dysfunctional and normal subjects. One – way ANOVA was computed to see the difference among three groups.

Showing mean and F rations of variables added to three group psychosexual deviation, psychosexual dysfunction and normal.

From the above table – It can be observed that. All three group significantly different on psychopathic deviate characteristic. The value shows the on this scale deviate group suffer most from familial discord, authority problem, social imperturbability social alienation, self alienation as compare to dysfunction and normal group.

DISCUSSION

The main aim of the present investigation was to study psychopathology of personality, between psychosexually deviated (incest and pedophilia) and psychosexually dysfunctional group (erectile dysfunction and premature ejaculation), and normal healthy group was also added for the purpose of comparison.

On the psychopathic deviation it was revealed that the psychosexually deviated group scored highest in the comparison to normal's and dysfunctional group. This scales measures "Personality characteristics of amoral and a social subgroup of person with psychopathology and personality disorders". It has been also reported by Richard A.Maier (1984) the sexual excitement seems to be related to aggressive aspect of act and this type of pedophile generally has long history of antisocial act. McKinely (1944) reported high score on this scale indicates psychological immaturity, the general social maladjustment that characterizes these individuals leads to dissatisfaction with self and others and often results in strong feeling of social and self alienation. Dalsstrom (1972) reported that high score on this scale indicates poor frustration tolerance, impulsiveness, antisocial attitudes.

The dysfunctional group is scored highest on the familial discord subscale of psychopathic deviate scale. Several studies show that a family relationship disharmonious marriage and interpersonal conflicts play major role between significant relationships. Worbel's (1992) also reported that high score of on this subscale shows feeling of struggle against family control to be significant relationship. Sager (1976) reported that three fourth of all couples complaining of sexual dysfunctions also had marital disharmony. The deviational group scored highest on, authority problem in comparison to normal's and dysfunctional group. According to Nicholos and Green (1995), high score on this subscale reflect a lack of behavioural control of impulsivity either in the form of clear violation of social norms and rules or attitudes that clearly suggest a lower threshold for behaviour that violates rules and brings one into conflict with other especially those in authority.

The Psychosexual deviational group score highest on social alienation subscale of psychopathic deviate. The normal and psychosexual dysfunctional group scored equally. The highest score on this scale indicates strong extraversion tendency but without the need for affection and approval from on social imperturbability reelects a highly aggressive and insufficient sociability consistent with a desire to use interpersonal relationships to manipulate intimidate, exploit. It also reflects a social insensitivity that may constitute part of a narcissistic syndrome.

The psychosexual deviational group differ significantly on social alienation subscale of psychopathic deviate. The normal group and psychosexual dysfunctional group score equally. Nichols and Green (1995), reported that high score on this subscale indicates a pervasive mistrust of others, who are viewed as more depriving that hostile. Consequently, they feel that others are uncaring. Wrobel's (1992), reported high score reflects emotional deprivation.

The psychosexual dysfunctional group score highest on self-alienation and the psychosexual deviational and normal group scored approximately equal. According to Coldwell (1998) & Graham (1999) high score on this subscale indicates feeling of guilt and self-blame, regretful feelings, and feelings of hopelessness and unhappiness so typical of these individuals. It is also closely related to unpleasant emotion such an anxiety, fearfulness, apathy, depression and worry. Several studies supported that feeling of guilt, is very important and major factors in psychosexual dysfunctions. Overall, these high scale scores often associated with personality disorders diagnosis such as passive, aggressive, borderline or antisocial (Money & Smith 1988).

The psychosexually deviated group was found to be temperamentally high on all subscale of psychopathic deviate-group was also found to be high on psychopathic deviate symptomatology measures. According to DSM III various sexual behaviours were closely related to neurotic features. This group was also found to be high on Familial Discord, Authority Problem, Social Imperturbability, social Alienation and Self Alienation. According to the Lazarus & Folkman that (1984) psychological stress is the result of an exchange between the person and the environment in which the person believes that the situation strains or overwhelms his or her coping resources and is endangering his or her well being and dysfunction may occurs.

The psychosexually dysfunctional group was not in any way different temperamentally on Psychopathic Deviate Scale. Several studies shows that a family relationship disharmonious marriage and interpersonal conflicts play major role between significant relationships. The high score on Psychopathic Deviate scale suggested the problem in adjustment it also reflects highly aggressive and socially insufficient.

Verification of Hypothesis

The following assumption were made

The psychosexually deviated and dysfunctional group differ from normal's on familial discord, authority problems, social imperturbability and social alienation self alienation.

Psychosexually deviated group differ from normal's and the dysfunctional group on (Psychopathological symptomatology) Psychopathic Deviate scale.

Therefore the assumption which were made before investigation were substantiated.

Suggestions & Limitations

The study in sex behavior is very rare. Data collection on sex behavior is highly specialized task. On psychosexually deviated only two types of patients were obtained i.e. incest and pedophilia. In the area of psychosexual dysfunction only the patients suffering from erectile dysfunction and premature ejaculation were included in the study. The other types could not be obtained for data collection.

Limitations

Many area of psychosexual problems could not be studied. Since here is a large spectrum of psychosexual disorders, deviations and dysfunctions to conduct study.

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