

Forensic Evaluation of the Vulnerability towards Becoming a Criminal in Juveniles.

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Abstract: India is a country with great number of youngsters. Youth is seen as the future of any country but recent trends are showing a tremendous increase in crime rates committed by the youngsters. Many research and survey studies concluded about the factors or situation that forced those juveniles to commit a crime. But the use of profiling tool to figure out the reasons or current situation which can turn an innocent into a criminal is limited. As there is a hit of puberty many hormonal, situational challenges are faced by the youngsters. In such condition proper family support and parental supervision is required to keep a check on their mental status and to observe any undesirable change in their behavior. If at correct time such youngsters get the support, care and guidance, the crime committed by juveniles will decrease. So in order to prevent the youngsters to become a criminal study was conducted to determine the mental condition in different situation and their reaction.

INTRODUCTION

Forensic science is a multidisciplinary branch; forensic psychology is one such branch which is used in criminal profiling to study the psychology of a criminal, to access his modus operandi and situations which turned him into a criminal. No one is born criminal; there is some or other reason that turned him into a criminal. It can be the disturbed childhood, disputed families, and ruined personal relationships plays an important role in becoming criminal. Sometimes mental disturbances that we call psycho plays a major role in criminal behavior. Some famous cases like Nithari Case throw a light on the aspect of mental disturbance and some unrealistic behavior providing satisfaction by killing children and there after eating them up.

In recent years the graph of crime committed by juveniles is also rising tremendously. It is a matter of concern that the future of the nation, which is the youth is on the wrong path. Cases like Nirbhaya Case gives a reality check that shows how cruel the young generation is and their involvement in such heinous crimes has forced the government to make an amendment in Juvenile Justice Law which will now try juveniles below 16 years of age as an adult if involved in a heinous crime.

The million dollar question is why such pattern of rise in crime by juveniles is observed. The nuclear families, working parents, unrestricted access to internet, uncensored adult content through series, movies, peer pressure, socio economic status difference among friends, dispute among parents, frustration due to comparison, body shaming, career pressure, academic pressure are some factors that may force a person to commit a crime.

Factors responsible for juvenile delinquency:

2.1 Biological factors: when the child turn into a teenager the spurt in the hormones make them aggressive, short tempered, new fantasies take birth in them. At this time they are very vulnerable in getting attracted to activities which may lead to unwanted consequences. Parents need to take care of their activities and should understand their emotional outbursts.

2.2 Socio economic factors: this society is mainly working on the concept of show off and sadly our youngsters are also affected with this disease of show off culture. This creates a pressure on the parents who are from less strong economic background and cannot afford the

demands of their children. This creates a impression of hatred in the minds of the youngster and they get ready to go to any limit to fulfill their dreams or requirements.

2.3 Family backgrounds: children learn what they see in their house. Drunken father beating their mother, abusing family members creates a negative impact on the children of that family. Disputed parental relation or working parents not giving time to them and has no check or supervision on their children life.

2.4 Media and Internet: for every question there is only one answer, Google it. The unrestricted access can create a problem. Parents should keep a check on what their children are watching on internet and how they are using it. Many times youngsters get influenced by the media and get trapped in certain unwanted situation which sometimes may lead to criminal activities.

2.5 Friends and companions: these days' children are more open to their friends as they believe that their friends understand them better than their parents. Sometimes under the influence or pressure of their friends they commit activities without thinking about the consequences.

2.6 Career related pressure: everyone wants to be at top or every parent wants to see their children to be successful. But sometimes these expectations may create pressure or negative impact on the child it may lead to activities which is not acceptable by the society.

2.7 Society and other factors: whatever you give it will come back to you. We live in a society where partiality, discrimination on various bases is very common; judging others without knowing the whole situation and showing hatred or unfair behavior creates a negative mental impact especially on children. This injustice made the victims rebellious which turns them into criminals.

2.8 Aggression: short temperedness restricts from differentiating between wrong and right. Actions taken in rage may lead to unwanted situations. Parents and teachers should teach their children or wards to be patient, tell them to forgive if someone did wrong, and remove the expression of revenge from their mind. Now day's youngsters are more inclined towards teaching a lesson to the person who did wrong to them. These expressions of anger, ego is dangerous and leads to the criminal activities.

2.9 Fantasies: in each age group we can encounter fantasies but major age group of concern is below 18 years where these fantasies drive the youngsters to commit a crime. In this age they are keen to try out their fantasies or dreams without giving many thoughts about the consequences. In this study it was observed that fantasy came out to be one of the causes for the crime against females.

2.10 Drugs and Alcoholism: today's generation feel that drug abuse or alcohol consumption is an easy door way to escape from all the problems. On the study it was found that youngster who starts drinking is either due to frustration or for the fun on getting influenced by the friends. All these mind depressing substances push them on the path of crime. Crime can vary from drink and drive to sexual abuse.

CONCLUSION

Studies show that although children trust their parents and prefer to share problem but still the bond is not as strong as they share with their friends or siblings or cousins. Children still hesitate in sharing their secrets with their parents. Small percent of children feel that their parents are not giving them time is the matter of concern as such children may feel left out or can be guided in a wrong direction in the absence of proper parental supervision. There is gap between the generations which is seen when the question arises to do something objectionable to their parents. The teenage instinct of doing something new or fancy without thinking about its results may create a trouble for them which in certain cases may lead to

crimes. Although parents are sharing a good relation with their children but still there is a need to understand their kids at their level at their mental condition.

Analyzing about the relation with the friends and siblings, it is observed that teenagers are more comfortable in sharing problems and secret with their friends. It was surprising to see the good amount of distrust among teenagers on their friends. With the feeling of teaching a lesson to their friend if they do something wrong to them is also a matter of concern as such jealous oriented or revenge oriented thinking may lead to delinquent behavior.

It is relievable to see that youth is aware about the negative impact of internet; hence it becomes important to regulate the internet privacy and content access to the children as it is seen as the main culprit for crimes against women or any other delinquent behavior observed in children. No doubt internet influences the youth to a great extend so it is not wrong to say that internet is Anger management is what teenagers are required to learn. Our area of concern is that percentage of children those who are showing such anti social or rebellious behavior through their action no matter if they are in small in number.

Another area to work upon is the nature of comparison or materialistic approach. Sometimes this hunger forces the child to commit a crime in order to fulfill his desire. Case study shows that juveniles commit a murder or kidnapping even for meager amount or materialistic thing. Parents must keep a check on their children demands their reaction on denying the demand as well as they should try to find the cause of such unrealistic demands.

Today parents are concerned about their children well being both physically and mentally, but still there are many parents who are not sparing time for their kids, not supervising the lives of their children, not keeping a check what their children are surfing, with whom they are roaming, there is a relation of distrust among them. All these factors become one or another triggering factor for a child to commit a crime. We still have to work a lot in order to make this society safe for our children.

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