

SOCIO ECONOMIC (CONDITIONS) STATUS AND THE
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY IN SRI LANKA .

(A study done in the western province .)

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A Summary

In the introductory chapter as John Dewy says " the felt difficulty" is described. As the questionnaire and the interview techniques were used to measure the independent variables in the study , some effective measures of constructing questionnaires and interview schedules are discussed in this chapter .

In the second chapter , the various findings and theories of leading psychologists , anthropologists , and sociologists such as Cyril Burt , Michael Phillipson , Robert Park , Lynn MacDonal d , T.P.Morris , Betty Spinley , Albert Cohen , D.J.Best , John Barron Mays , Michael Argyle , J.H.Bargot , Harriet C.Wilson , Robert Andry , A.S.Makarenko and others have been discussed .

The third chapter is devoted to discuss the major socio-economic factors , under four main headings , namely ; cultural , material ^{and} economic , motivational and emotional . Under these four areas 25 factors have been selected for measurement . In this chapter , some important tables relevant to the juvenile delinquency problem in Sri Lanka , have been given , which are extracted from the administrative report (1974) of the Commissioner of Probation and Child Care .

In the 4th chapter , the details with regard to the selection of sample of 178 children and how the study was conducted are given . The english version of the questionnaire is also included in this chapter .

The 5th chapter gives the analysis of data and the interpretation of results .

The last chapter has been devoted to discuss the remedial measures that have been taken in Sri Lanka and in other countries in relation to this problem , and some independent suggestions too have been included .

The sinhala version of the questionnaire/interview schedule that was used in the study ; the summary of the answers or the data gathered (in percentages) and the list of references are given in the last part of the work .
