

**The impact of media reporting on suicide;
A mix methodological study of newspaper reporting the suicide and its impact upon
increasing suicide in Sri Lanka.**

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ABSTRACT

The objective of this study is to analyze the relationship between the ratio of suicide and how is suicide reported by media. Media report suicide without considering the effects of direct reporting on the cognitive and behavioral change of human being. Media report suicide in a real life setting, which is highly influential to stimulate the longing for suicide and to impulse for practicing suicide in terms of the guidelines, which can be found in the media reporting of suicide. This impact can be happened to whom severely distressed by either genetic or social disorder.

This study is conducted using local sample of covering all the provinces in Sri Lanka. Case study and textual analysis tools are used for qualitative analysis. And survey method is used for qualitative analysis. It is intended to deeply scrutinize the correlational impact of media upon suicide using case study. And media reporting and its contextual features are highly described using textual analysis with selected samples of suicide reporting in Newspapers. Survey study is for identifying the public and social attitudes and awareness of media reporting of suicide.

Technical terms; suicide, media reporting, cognitive and behavioral change, media effects, correlation.