

A study on the influence of Electronic Media towards criminal behavior within the process of crime reporting (with reference to welikada prison)

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Presently a grave tendency of crimes being increased day by day in the country has been observed from the recent past. Although penitentiaries, social sanctification institutes, police service for securing public peace are available and regular discourses are being endured within the society regarding punishment, continuous heightening of crimes could be observed in the society as an unvarying routine. Communication media remains at a foremost stand among other information transmuted systems. Out of them mass media institutions play a distinct role in the process of information dissemination. Despite the fact that the war which existed over a period of thirty years has come to an end, it could be observed that crimes are intensely, escalating continually. Accordingly, this study was conducted with reference to Welikada prison in order to ascertain the extent of influence generated by electronic media regarding criminal conduct within the process of reporting of crimes.

The study problem is to ascertain as to how the reporting of crimes by electronic media will influence the criminal conduct. Criminal conduct that emerges in individuals causes backwardness of the society. The main objective of this study is to identify whether crime reporting by electronic media has had any impact on creating backwardness in the conduct of the modern society. It could be concluded that crime reporting by electronic media has caused an impact on the conduct of society.

Primary data were collected through questionnaires from 60 data contributors. Qualitative data were studied under case study. Finally it could be concluded that Electronic media had caused an impact on the society by reporting news regarding crimes. In this main finding regarding electronic media influence the increase in rape and robbery carried out, electronic media programs have increased the number of criminals operating in Colombo, in addition also impact of print media.

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