SCHOOL VIOLENCE AND ITS RELATION TO JUVENILE DELINQUENCY IN MOROCCO: FIELD WORK

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Abstract_ This study aims to investigate the relationship between school violence and juvenile delinquency, taking a sample of inmates in a Moroccan center for child protection as a case study. This research employs a descriptive and analytical method in an attempt to describe and analyze the various aspects of school violence and its relationship with juvenile delinquency.

Twenty inmates in the center have participated in this study. Data has been collected through interviews, the collection of inmates’ personal, familial and social detailed information as well as the successive examination of their files in the center.

The results have shown that there is a close relationship between school violence and juvenile delinquency. Most of the juvenile delinquents in the center were exposed at schools to physical or psychological violence. School violence, then, has left psychological, physical and mental negative effects on its victims.

Key words: school violence, juvenile delinquents, delinquency, school.