

IMPACT OF ALTRUISM AND FORGIVENESS ON EMPATHY AMONG POLICE PERSONNEL

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study was to examine the impact of altruism and forgiveness on empathy among police personnel. 150 female police personnel (age range 30-45 years) were administered Toronto Empathy Questionnaire (Spreng, McKinnon, Mar & Levine, 2009), Self-report altruism scale (Rushton, Chrisjohn, Fekken, 1981) and Heartland forgiveness scale (Thompson, Snyder & Hoffman, 2005). Correlational analysis and regression analysis was applied. Results indicated that empathy is positively related to altruism and forgiveness. Results revealed that altruism and forgiveness turned out to be relevant and were retained as predictors of empathy among police personnel.

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