



Social support and its relationship to deviant behavior among juvenile delinquents in Jordan

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Abstract

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The current study aimed to verify the level of social support and its relationship to deviant behavior among delinquent juveniles in Jordan. To achieve the objectives of the study, a survey sample of juveniles was selected in the governorates of the capital, Amman, Zarqa, and Irbid, numbering (285) juveniles. Two scales were developed: the social support scale, and the deviant behavior scale, and checking their psychometric characteristics of validity and stability. The results revealed that there is a medium level of social support, and a high level of deviant behavior among juvenile delinquents. The results also indicated that there is an inverse correlation between social support and deviant behavior.

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