

## Study of Personality, Fear of Negative Evaluation and Life-Orientation in Convicts and Under-Trials

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**Abstract :** Human beings are social animals. The scenario is changing and people become angry towards petty things and this may lead to committing a crime. Objective: The aim of the present research is: 1. To find out the difference between convicts and under-trials on different dimensions of Personality, Fear of Negative Evaluation (FNE) and Life-orientation; 2. To find out the difference between male and female jail inmates on different dimensions of Personality, Fear of Negative Evaluation (FNE) and Life-orientation; 3. To find out the relationship between different dimensions of Personality, Fear of Negative Evaluation (FNE) and Life-orientation in convicts and under-trials; 4. To find out the relationship between different dimensions of Personality, Fear of Negative Evaluation (FNE) and Life-orientation in male and female jail inmates. Method: The study was conducted on 100 participants (consisting of 50 convicts- 25 males and 25 females, and 50 under-trials- 25 males and 25 females); age range was 20-60 years. The NEO Five-Factor Inventory-3 by McCrae, Costa (2010), Brief Fear of Negative Evaluation scale- II by Leary (1983) and Life Orientation Test-R by Scheier et al. (1994) was used and purposive sampling technique was done for data collection. The t-test was applied to find out the comparison and Pearson correlation was applied to determine the relationship between personality, FNE and life-orientation in both the groups. Results: There is a significant difference in the dimension of personality that is neuroticism and life-orientation in convicts and under-trials and also, in the dimensions of personality such as neuroticism, extraversion, openness to experience and agreeableness, and FNE in male and female jail inmates. In convicts the dimension of personality, agreeableness shows significant positive correlation with life-orientation ( $r = 0.430^{**}$ ) whereas, in under-trials the dimension of personality, agreeableness shows significant positive correlation with FNE ( $r = 0.315^{*}$ ) and another dimension of personality, extraversion shows significant negative correlation with life-orientation ( $r = -0.409^{**}$ ). In male jail inmates, the dimension of personality, agreeableness shows significant positive correlation with FNE ( $r = 0.474^{**}$ ) whereas in female jail inmates, the dimension of personality, openness to experience shows significant negative correlation with FNE ( $r = -0.356^{*}$ ) and significant positive correlation of neuroticism with life-orientation ( $r = 0.292^{*}$ ). Conclusion: It was found that under-trials are neurotic and life-oriented than convicts, and female jail inmates are also neurotic and exhibit fear of negative evaluation whereas male jail inmates are extravert and agreeable.

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