

Analyzing Socio-Economic Factors Causing Drug Addiction among Youth of Quetta Balochistan

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Abstract

Drug addiction is an alarming social problem all around the world. Drug addiction is a relapsing chronic psychological brain disease that is considered uncontrollable usage of drugs. The socioeconomic and psychological conditions of a person play a crucial role in the increasing and decreasing percentage of drug addicts in society. The main aim of this article is to analyze the socio-economic factors causing drug addiction among the youth of Balochistan. The study is quantitative by nature, while it has been conducted among young drug addicts who are under the treatment phase in four rehabilitation centers of Quetta city such as New Roshni, Insaniat Bachao Tanzeem, Millo Shaheed trust and Balochistan Institute of Behavioural and Psychological Sciences. Furthermore, the result of the study said that 95% of respondents accepted that the bad company of peers is responsible for their drug use. A large number of respondents (85%) said that illiteracy is the major cause behind their drug addiction. The article suggests to the policymakers that strict laws related to drug abuse and drug smuggling should be ensured on priority bases.

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