

## **Educational Compulsion: its repercussions on children in Balochistan**

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### **Abstract**

*The research study conducted in the province of Balochistan shows that the punishment to child both at home and school, inadequate guidance proving as educational compulsion, mainly came out to be the major reasons of the children to runaway from homes. The paper presents the responses and comments of the parents/ guardian of the runaway children who play a key role in their brought up and education. By comparing the concerns of the parents with the narrations of the children we would be in a position to analyze the situation and trace the missing links for improvement of the issue concerned. The result displays that highest number of runaway cases took place due to the punishment both at home and school and the next highest due to educational compulsion. Educational compulsion expressed by 24% children was responded to be an important reason causing the runaway. While punishment at school mentioned by 19 % children was another important reason for runaway cases. Both the punishment at school and educational compulsion when combined account for 44 %, emerging as the main reason for the runaway of the children. The majority of the parents pinpointed that their constant punishment and harsh attitude towards the child substantiated as a key mistake proving to be the immediate cause for the incident. The lessons learnt are; Good and effective supervision is needed, child must not be punished persistently, the genuine demands of the child be met, better education to the child must be provided, serious guidance be provided to child in education and other off school activities.*