







Attitudes of Male Convicts and Detainees Toward Violence Against Women and Their Levels of Cognitive Distortions

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Abstract

In this study, the attitudes of male prisoners and detainees in a correctional institution in Ankara toward violence against women and their levels of cognitive distortions about relationships were examined in relation to several demographic variables. The research employed a descriptive design based on the relational survey model. Data were collected using a Demographic Information Form, the Attitude Toward Violence Against Women Scale (ISKEBE), and the Cognitive Distortions About Relationships Scale. In the context of the prevalence of violence, it is noteworthy that 48.4% of participants reported having been subjected to violence by someone with whom they had previously been in a relationship, and 49.8% reported perpetrating violence against a relationship partner, albeit in different forms. The results revealed low but significant negative correlations between male prisoners' and detainees' attitudes toward violence against women and their cognitive distortions about relationships and subscale scores. Furthermore, differences were examined between attitudes toward violence against women and levels of cognitive distortions in relation to demographic variables. The findings demonstrated that mode of marriage and educational status had significant effects on both attitudes toward violence against women and cognitive distortions about relationships.

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