

FACTORS RELATED TO LOCUS
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ABSTRACT

THE present study was carried out to explore the relationship between various personality factors, demographic variables and Locus of Control. Rotter (1966) has presented evidence that persons who believe that external events (luck, fate or chance) determines the kinds of rewards or reinforcements they receive tend to be more impressionable than those who believe that the reinforcements received are based upon their own efforts. Locus of Control is found predictive of different social behaviours, learning performances and more or less achievement related activities.

The dimension of Personality factors -- beliefs, values, adjustment and socio-economic variables are assumed to be related to Locus of Control.

Tests and Inventories were administered on 203 college students.

The independent hypotheses were framed. The first hypothesis was: Factor Analysis on Tests and Inventories measuring Locus of Control, Personal Values, Interpersonal Values, Personal profile, Personal Inventory, Bureaucratic Orientation, Academic Adjustment, Dogmatism and Behaviour Preferred by Parents, will yield a general factor and this factor will account for the major portion of the common variance.

The results showed that no single factor accounted for a major portion of the common variance.

The second hypothesis was: Differences in the pattern of inter correlations between scores on Locus of Control, Gordon Personal Values, Interpersonal Values, Personal Profile, Personal Inventory, Bureaucratic orientation, Academic Adjustment, Dogmatism, Behaviour Preferred by Parents will be related to the sex of the respondents.

The result shows that sex factor has loading on some factors.

The third hypothesis was: Differences in the pattern of inter-correlations between scores on test of Locus of Control will be related to the certain demographic variables. The results obtained showed that some background variables are related to Locus of Control.

On the basis of the results obtained, recommendation for further work has been made.

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