

MEDIA AND TEENAGE DELINQUENCY: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY ENQUIRY

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ABSTRACT

This paper discusses the rising incidences of teenage delinquency in India in the recent years. It explores the factors contributing to the gradual surge in teenage delinquency in India of late more particularly the impact of explicit and unrestrained media content which technological advances have facilitated. Media and crime is not only an ongoing debate for years, it's a social concern which has not found a convincing answer yet despite several attempts of empirical research by sociologists, psychologists and media researchers. However, since most of the empirical researches are done within the framework of a particular discipline, this paper underscores the need to make an interdisciplinary enquiry to measure the extent and nature of the impact of explicit and unrestrained media content on the delinquent behaviour of the teenagers.

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