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Study of Dominant Identity Style and Its Association with Commitment in Female Prisoners According to the Type of the Crime

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Objective: Experience has shown that by the acquisition of a healthy and successful identity, the likelihood of violent and immature behavior in different situations will be reduced and appropriate solutions will be used to face problems. In this study, the identity style of each criminal will be examined in relation to her commitment.

Methods: The study is a cross-sectional type. 200 female prisoners of financial crimes, licentiousness, murder and participation in murder, robbery and drug addiction and drug transfer (each n=40) were selected by sampling quotas-randomized and Berzunsky identity style questionnaire.

Results: The identity style of murderers and participants in the murder was normative. Identity style of immoral criminals was Informational, while the identity style of the other groups was confused. Commitment of both normative and informational identity styles was significantly correlated.

Conclusions: In general it can be suggested that the level of commitment, decision-making and problem-solving styles of the prisoners are correlated with their identity styles. Therefore, it can be suggested that the obtained results of this study can be used in the educational and reform programs of the prisons as well as during the interrogation process.

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