ABSTRACT

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Summary

It was the purpose of this study to explain and understand the phenomenon of rape from the perspective of the offender and to provide a psychological analysis in the light of selected theories existing in the field of psychology.

This study also tried to answer the following specific questions:

1. What was the criminal experience of each offender?
2. What forces them to commit such a crime?
3. Why are there rapist among men?
4. Which psychological theory helps explain the dynamics of behavior behind the act?
5. What are the implications of these findings to the goals of psychology, i.e. predicting controlling behavior?

**Findings**

On the basis of gathered data and collected information resulting from this study, the following were revealed:

1. Each offender possesses different experiences leading to their only similar act, the consummation of rape.

2. The degree of each offender's motivation differ from one another. The rapist are driven and acted on reasons known to him consciously or unconsciously and can anytime engage in rape if he is triggered by the right environmental stimulus.

3. The rapist can be any ordinary, normal, average men driven by different motivation and different needs directed towards self satisfaction.

4. Sigmund Freud's Psychoanalytic Theory was the most appropriate among the theories used to explain the dynamics behind the behavior of rape.

5. The implications of these findings have opened the doors to a new perspective (of who can rape, how can rape be consummated, what are the motives behind the act, and why are there rapists among men)
and how can psychology predict and control the behavior of rape.

**Conclusions**

Based on the careful analysis of data and information gathered, the following were revealed:

1. Rape can happen anytime and anywhere. And that the rapist can be any ordinary, normal, average men.

2. Rapists are driven by different motivations and different needs that demand satisfaction.

3. Sigmund Freud's Psychoanalytic Theory was chose to be the most appropriate theory to explain the dynamics behind the behavior of rape.

4. Rape is a behavior, as stated above that can happen anytime and anywhere. The only clue in predicting rape, is to know what were the causes of the actions and of the events before the behavior was exhibited.

**Recommendations**

Based on the findings and conclusions, the researchers arrived at the following recommendations:

1. An extensive replicate study can be done by future researchers because there are still many
unanswered questions behind the behavior of rape.

2. A more adequate method of data gathering can be used to gain more sufficient information that can be utilized to help explain the behavior of rape.

3. Analysis of the data should be more comprehensive so that it could be greater help to the goals of psychology.