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Abstract

Rape is defined as an unlawful sexual activity carried out forcibly without the consent of the victim. Nowadays in a rape incident the question of who is to blame has been in debate. Past researches have always consulted the judgment of adults whereas in fact, more victims come from the adolescents. The purpose of this study is to determine how adolescents perceive and to whom they attribute responsibility according to the behavior and attractiveness of the victim in a hypothetical rape situation. A total of 200 Senior High School students completed the perceived attributed responsibility scale (PARS) to assess the degree on how they attribute responsibility based on their perception. The results showed that provocative victims are in the probability of being blamed than non-provocative victims, $F(1, 196) = 268.39, p < .01, \eta^2 = .58$ (moderate effect size). The likelihood of attributing responsibility was significant to attractive victims than unattractive victims, $F(1, 196) = 13.09, p < .01, \eta^2 = .06$ (small effect size); however, no significant interaction of effects were found between Provocativeness and Attractiveness. The results suggested that victims are in the possibility of being blamed (possibility or having the tendency of being raped) for the crime if Provocative behavior or Attractiveness is seen based on the little population of two hundred Adolescent participants.