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Abstract

Material possession attachment is a relationship between a specific or group of individuals and a particular object in which they have been psychologically appropriated, de commodified, and singularized through person-object interaction. Other scholars contend that these objects continue to be psychologically significant, at least only through adolescent years and dwindle with age. The study employed Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis (IPA) to develop a better understanding of material possession attachment of elderly inmates. To achieve the objectives of the study, we used purposive sampling in choosing three (3) respondents. We found out that elderly inmates see their attachment object as a personalized particular object that is an extension of self. On the other hand, the functions of attachment object that act upon with the elderly inmates' life have been observed as well. The result showed that the attachment object serves as effective facilitators of elderly inmates' life adaptation. The findings of the study were similar to the characteristics that delineate material possession attachment. Therefore, it is proven that even in old age, material possession attachments are still experienced by an individual.

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