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elders' Crime-phobia in Saudi Society
a field study applied on a sample of elders
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Thesis Abstract

Crime has become the most important problem facing modern society. Recent years have witnessed clear concern with crime which reflects on individuals and influences their feeling of security making them under continued anxiousness and fear. As crime-phobia is considered a new issue in crime literature, This study discusses the general level of crime phobia for elders in Saudi Society. The study aims to identify specific elders' crime-phobia in Saudi society (such as car robbery crimes, house intrusion crimes, murder, physical assault, sexual assault, pick pockets, property robbery, house intrusion on presence..etc.). The study discusses effect of direct experience with crime on elders' crime-phobia in addition to indirect effect.

It also discusses level of elders' crime phobia in accordance with different social, economic and morphological characteristics such as (gender, social status, place of level, male and female dependents, children, monthly income, existence of house maids, type of residence, since when does he reside, illnesses he suffers etc.

The thesis results can be summarized in the fact that elders with crime phobia are always suffering from loneliness. They feel helpless to defend themselves against dangerous crimes.

The researcher came out with several recommendations that: elders need to be defended through inspection of their status and through guidance of how to defend themselves from criminal acts that they may encounter.

In conclusion, the researcher recommends that more researches should be carried out concentrating on solutions to elders' crime-phobia.