

**Child violence occurring due to watching cartoons.**D. H. Bopitiya<sup>1</sup>**ABSTRACT**

Child violence have been occurring over decades in Sri Lanka, though it has not been able to make an influence to the society as child abusing. Therefore the purpose of this study was to find that, 'do watching cartoons make children more violent', considering urban area children. The data was obtained from a sample of 50 selected using convenience sampling, from Nadimala Grama Sewa Division of Dehiwala-Galkissa urban area, conducted through a questionnaire and interview. Descriptive statistics including mean and correlation, and inferential statistics including Chi square test were used to analyze the data, using SPSS and MS Excel. The Chi-square test run for 'the preference of children towards the scene of the cartoon program' and 'the nature of the child' showed that, the variables are dependent. The dependency of the variables, 'nature of the imitating characters' and 'nature of the child' was proved by the Chi-square test, which means the children who prefer violent characters show the violence in their real life. Therefore it can be concluded that, the data elucidate watching cartoon characters have been made children more violent, among urban area children.

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