

Deviant behavior related to the mobile phone usage

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Mobile Phone has become the most influential instrument within the last decade in the interpersonal communication, not also as a communicative object but also as a multi purposive device which provides entertainment, security, and financial utilities ect. Deviance is everywhere and mobile phone usage could not depart from deviance. Some are using there mobile phones in an unexpected manner violating the certain widely shared expectations or rules in the society. In this paper we examine the patterns of deviate usage of mobile phones and intervention of new technological devises and their impact on the social and moral values. The practice of such behaviors challenge the existing rules and norms, which governs the well functioning of the society. It discusses the emergence of new values and norms for the rapid changing of human behavior with the new technological devices. This research mainly based on the data collected by a questionnaire from three hundred respondents in Colombo, Galle and Gampaha districts in Sri Lanka and interviewing six mobile phone repairers in the three districts respectively. It is also enhanced with an analysis of selected newspaper articles articulate deviant mobile phone usage with special attention to the moral entrepreneurs involvement. Research paper concludes with a discussion of requirements of newly constructed norms for the emerging social problem.

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