Analysis of Social Factors that Affect Drugs Usage

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Today, the usage of drugs has become one of the most prominent social issues in the world. Different social factors lead towards the production and usage of drugs. Moreover, with globalization the increase of the prevalence of drugs can also be seen. Although the whole world tries to take precautions to minimize the usage of drugs still a sustainable solution could not be taken. Therefore in order to solve this problem, the factors which lead to the usage of drugs needed to be recognized correctly. Otherwise, this problem cannot be solved only by rehabilitating the people who use drugs. This research mainly focuses on social factors i.e, person's educational level, family background, job, age and the leisure time of a person per a day, which affect in drug usage and how much these factors affect in drug usage. Data were collected from a sample of randomly chosen 100 drug users in Thalangama rehabilitation center in Colombo and Handessa rehabilitation center in Kandy while non-drug users are selected randomly form Colombo and Kandy district using a self administered questionnaire. Estimated logistic regression (drug users versus non users) results reported that all the social factors were significantly contribute in explaining the odds of being non drug user. Better education reduces the probability of falling into drug addiction while nurturing family background was also a considerable preventive factor. More importantly, being employed was a major factor that reduces the young from drug abuse while age or the leisure time has only a negligible effect. This study suggest that to take effective actions in reducing youth unemployment and raising parent's awareness on triggering nurturing family environment.

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