

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PREJUDICES AND CONFLICTS

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To have conflicts in a society is considered to be a natural and irreversible phenomenon. Man will have to undergo different conflict situations in different occasions. For those conflicts, there are various reasons which can be categorized into physical as well as psychological. Psychological base is formed by human attitudes and their different personalities, prejudices, perceptions, emotional intelligence and so on. Prejudices are an unfavorable opinion or feeling formed beforehand or without knowledge, thought, or reason. These prejudices can be found in the surrounding environment where the people live but thereafter it becomes a necessary human structure. For each and every conflict, there is a psychological element and prejudices. To examine how these prejudices can have an effect on conflicts has been the importance this study.

The objective of this research is to understand the relationship between prejudices and conflicts. Thirty undergraduates of University of Kelaniya were taken as the sample of this study. Simple random method was used as sampling technique. Both primary and secondary data have been used for this research where as questionnaires and interviews were referred to primary data collection method. In addition, books, web sites, online magazines were taken as secondary data. Data analysis has been done both as quantitatively and qualitatively. Research findings proved that the prejudices can have a direct impact on the beginning and spread of a conflict in a society.