AN EVALUATION OF THE CAUSES OF VIOLENCE IN NIGERIAN SCHOOLS:
THE CASE OF SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN DELTA STATE

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ABSTRACT

The objective of the study is to identify the causes of violence and evaluate the extent of each cause in senior secondary schools in Delta State. The study became necessary to help teachers, counsellors, Heads of schools, parents and others to guide students and ensure discipline in schools. In achieving this purpose, one research question and one hypothesis guided the study. A sample of 1000 students was randomly selected through proportionate stratified random sampling technique. A 4-point scaled questionnaire with face and construct validity, and a reliability coefficient of 0.81 as a measure of internal consistency was used for data collection. The data collected were analyzed through the use of Mean and Z-test. The Mean was used to analyze the research question while the Z-test was used to test the hypothesis at .05 level of significance. The results identified the causes of violence and the extent in senior secondary school. Some of the causes include: cultism, watching violent TV programme, use of drugs and alcohol, easy access to weapon such as gun, mental and emotional problems, insincerity and lack of leadership by example. Recommendations were made to guide students against violence.

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