
ABSTRACT

Literature review of group comparison studies regarding the Rorschach in sex offenders

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The Rorschach is one of the most often used personality tests to assess sexual offenders who participate in prison treatment for preventing sexual reoffending. The aim of the present study was to review the Rorschach literature regarding sexual offenders and to provide professionals in the judicial field with useful reference material. A total of 15 studies were selected through a literature search of PsychoINFO that examined a comparison of the Rorschach between a sex offenders group and a comparison group. The results indicated that the Rorschach variables that were often chosen in the 15 studies and contributed significant differences were SumT, Human content, Fd and AG in interpersonal-perception, Fr+rF, 3r+(2)/R and MOR in self-perception, X+% (X-%), WSum6, Afr, Space and DEPI in cognitive and emotional clusters. The four variables in interpersonal perception, MOR and X+% (X-%) showed significant differences both in the studies of sex offenders against children and in the studies of sex offenders against adults. The interpretation of the Rorschach variables in the 15 studies was summarized and future study was discussed.

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