

STRATEGIES USED BY TEACHERS IN INDIA THAT CREATE DEEP FEAR OF FAILURE IN STUDENTS

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INTRODUCTION

Fear of failure refers to being motivated to avoid a negative possibility, to avoid from a failure. Although fear of failure can bring achievements especially for good performers, it can also cause people not to demonstrate their full potential on a given subject. Fear of failure can arise from dwelling on past negative experiences additionally, fear of failure is related to negative affective outcomes, like test anxiety and use of maladaptive cognitive strategies.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

DIMENSIONS OF FEAR OF FAILURE (PFAI). The PFAI was designed by Conroy (2002) as a useful tool to access why individual fears failure. The participants were asked to give their response to items in PFAI.

The Research Problem

What do VIU students from India report as the teacher-generated conditions that they experienced in high school that appeared to be part of strategy to create deep fear of failure; as examined across gender?

The statement of the problem.

India has one of the highest rates of suicides among people aged between 15 and 28. Reasons are myriad but failure in examination, unemployment, and depression are some the reasons why people put their life at risk. The fear factor is the reason why students suffer from anxiety, depression, and the following consequences. The fear of failure sometimes comes from the school, who go to extreme levels to push students into getting better grades. The performance of a student's 12th grade determines the choice of college or university he/she will get admission in. Students from science stream goes into further stress by giving entrance exams for different universities and colleges. The competition is fierce!!



The Performance Failure Appraisal Inventory (Short-Form) - Response Scale

-2 (Do not believe at all)

0 (Believe 50% of the time)

+2 (Believe 100% of the time)

- _____ 1. When I am failing, I am afraid that I might not have enough talent.
- _____ 2. When I am failing, it upsets my "plan" for the future.
- _____ 3. When I am not succeeding, people are less interested in me.
- _____ 4. When I am failing, important others are disappointed.
- _____ 5. When I am failing, I worry about what others think about me