Bullying in Schools: International Variations

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ABSTRACT Although bullying has long been in existence among children, it has only begun to be systematically evaluated in the past ten years. Olweus, a pioneer in the field of bullying research, examined the topic among Scandinavian children. Now research is being conducted in many cultures and countries and the results are surprisingly similar. This study sought to examine the literature across cultures with regard to the prevalence of bullying, the characteristics of both the victim and the bully, and the disclosure by children of bullying behavior. Finally, successful prevention efforts will be discussed.

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