

Peer Victimization in Campus Secret Cults: Response from Nigerian University Undergraduates

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ABSTRACT This investigation examined the possible individual behavioural patterns, and the behavioural and social risks as they relate to victimization by cult members in order for the victims to obtain membership. Ninety-two (92) students of Ambrose Alli University (both renounced and current members of campus secret cults) participated in the study. Four hypotheses were tested. Results indicated that students who perceived being harassed by their lecturers easily fall prey to victimization by cult members. Results also show that there was no significant difference between males and females in acquiring membership of a cult through bullying and victimization. Friends were found to be vessels through which victimization is visited on unsuspecting students. Undergraduates who externalize their problems, prone to anxiety, depression, and have low self-esteem were found to easily fall prey to victimization by cult groups.