

Attitudes toward Persons with Albinism among a Sample of Barbadian and Trinidadian Nationals

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The paper explores the attitudes toward albinism among a sample of Barbadian and Trinidadian nationals. The sample of 300 nationals of Barbados and Trinidad consisted of 100 males and 200 females in the 10-30 (n=141); 31-50 (n=97); and 50-75 (N=62) age ranges were chosen as a purposive non-random sample. They completed the Attitude and Behaviour Questionnaire towards persons with Albinism (ABAQ). Factor analysis revealed the factor structure of the Attitudes and Behaviours toward Albinism Questionnaire. The factors of misconception, sympathy, and empathy were identified and the data analysed to assess attitudes toward persons with albinism. . There were nine questions on interaction with persons with albinism and a comment section which revealed through interpretational analysis some underlying feelings by the respondents about albinism. The sex and age categories were analysed to determine any significant differences. The finding suggests that there was positive regard for persons with albinism. Recommendations emanating from the research were advanced.

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