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## MALAYSIAN ADOLESCENTS' MORAL AWARENESS AND CULTURAL CONFORMITY: SOME IMPLICATIONS FOR TODAY'S EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT

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### Abstract

It has been reported in printed and electronic media that moral decadency among Malaysian adolescents is on the rise. 2 Such decadency is attributed by a host of "nature versus nurture" debatable factors. This study aims at describing the moral awareness and cultural conformity of Malaysian adolescents. A questionnaire was administered on 200 respondents. Preliminary findings indicated that the respondents' conformed positively to their cultural expectations (M= 3.92; SD= .92) and have positive moral awareness is (M = 4.40; SD = .85). These findings were perceived instrumental to the current classroom managements, school counseling services and choice of parenting styles in Malaysia.

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