

The Socially Mute

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The primary focus of the paper was to analyse the difference in the occurrence of shyness between a rural and an urban population, with the hypothesis that the rural population will show higher incidents of shyness. A questionnaire designed to measure chronic shyness was used. The mean and standard deviation, for the two populations was calculated. The inferential statistics used was a t-test for randomised groups. The results obtained show a trend that agrees with the hypothesis. It was also seen that people who have greater exposure to technology show lesser incidents of shyness. Religious minorities tend to show greater incidents of shyness.

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