



A Comparative Study of Awareness about Voting among B.Ed. & M.Ed. College Students

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Abstract:

As voters we have the right to demand from our elected officials to answer for their behavior. For example, in Thailand one candidate in the Thai's elections was buying votes with Viagra. Vote buying in Thailand has, as reported many times, a common practice during electoral times, normally using cash to purchase votes from the population. This controversy led to outcry from several political figures in Thailand, denouncing the unethical and dangerous practice this particular candidate was undertaking, since this medication is sold only by prescription, thus it was assumed that the pills were purchased taking advantage of the easy ways of accessing this medication through an online pharmacy. At the time this article was written there was no word on the measures taken by the Thai government or its authorities. But it is expected for International organizations to step in the election and have measure on an international level. In this study the researcher wants to know the awareness of Voting from the students of B.Ed. and M.Ed. College. Therefore, the researcher prepared a Questionnaire to collect the data. The sample was selected randomly for data assortment. T-test were applied In favor of analyzed the data. Null Hypothesis created to find out the significant different at 0.01 and 0.05 level of significant.

1. Introduction

Beyond creating a conscience on the importance of voting, we hope to raise awareness to political issues that concerns us all. There is no small issue in politics. That is why it is important for us to be empowered and take action in the best way possible, casting our vote and making our voice heard. It is our right, it is our duty, and it is our responsibility. Many people use the term 'democracy' as shorthand for liberal democracy, which may include elements such as political pluralism; equality before the law; the right to petition elected officials for redress of grievances; due process; civil liberties; human rights; and elements of civil society outside the government. The main importance of democracy is the participation of the people in naming their political representatives. It is empowerment for the people and taking action, become an active member of society. The power of voting is the power of change; it's the power of making a mark in history and voicing your opinions.

2. Objectives

1. To study the level of awareness of B.Ed. and M.Ed. College students about Voting.
2. To compare the level of awareness of male and female students of B.Ed. and M.Ed. College about Voting.

3. Hypothesis

1. There is no significant mean difference in the level of awareness about Voting between all students of B.Ed. and M.Ed.
2. There is no significant mean difference in the level of awareness about Voting between male and female students of B.Ed.
3. There is no significant mean difference in the level of awareness about Voting between male and female students of M.Ed.

4. Method

For this present study Descriptive survey method was used to collect the data.

5. Selection of the Sample

Out of total students of B.Ed. and M.Ed. College 20 male and 20 female students were selected from each faculty randomly. In this way, total 80 students were selected from B.Ed. and M.Ed. College of Shree Sadguru B.Ed. College, Sanand & Lokmanya College of Education (M.Ed.), Ahmedabad.

6. Tool of this study

A Questionnaire was prepared by the researcher to know the awareness of Voting. In this way Questionnaire, there are total 18 items included and out of 18 items; 7 items were negative and other were positive.

7. Statistical Calculation

A Statistical software window MS-Excel was used to analyze the standard parameters like mean, median, standard deviation (S.D.) and t-test were applied for testing the Hypothesis.

8. Data Collection

In the present study, to collect the data of student's awareness about Thalassemia, first to make them understand the objectives of study, then told them to give responses without prejudice by using the given tools. After finishing the accomplishment of measurement, the forms were conforming and back to reward.

9. Data analysis

The researcher gave the Questionnaire to the students to know awareness about Voting. After collecting the data; the researcher has made frequency distribution by using proper scheme to convert response into score. With the help of frequency distribution. The researcher found out that mean and standard deviation. 'T'-value were calculated for testing the hypotheses.

Table: 1 Summary of Data Analysis

Faculty	Variable	N	Mean	SD	C.R.	Sig./N.S.
All	B.Ed.	40	38.90	3.99	3.49	S.
	M.Ed.	40	39.40	10.08		
B.Ed.	Male	20	26.95	5.18	1.86	NS
	Female	20	30.50	9.27		
M.Ed.	Male	20	28.60	5.37	3.47	S
	Female	20	39.25	11.78		

**NS=Not Significant*

10. Hypothesis testing and findings

1. There is a significant difference shown between all the students of B.Ed. and M.Ed. College about awareness of Voting. The mean score is in favour of M.Ed. Students it indicates that, the M.Ed. students is more aware then the M.ED. Students.
2. There is no significant difference shown between male and female students of B.Ed. Students about awareness of Voting.
3. There is a significant difference shown between male and female students of M.Ed. College Students about awareness of Voting. The mean score is in favour of female Students it indicates that, the female students are more aware then the male students.

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