



The Future of Everything: Is there really a science of prediction?

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I. Abstract

Believe it or not, a large majority of Americans are believers in the paranormal. Even in the educated society the United States holds today, the number still continues to grow. The correct question is to why be it as educated the American society becomes, the numbers still increase? There are two split decisions from psychologists of today. Some psychologists conclude that the phenomenon of the paranormal is due to emotional along with psychological issues. But on that note, some believe it is morally due to the media Americans view around the nation. Their matter at hand is whether there is a relationship between paranormal beliefs and the media.

This paper explains the truth behind the increase of watching horror genre media and the effects of it upon the paranormal effects of Americans today. Replicating the words of Sparks, Nelson and Campbell (1997), this study was also a random sample survey. The results of this survey show that paranormal beliefs are indeed prevalent in the population are that they are related to television exposure to programs that specifically depict the paranormal phenomena. Just like the findings from Sparks, Nelson, and Cambel, this study found that in regards to the relationship between television viewing and paranormal beliefs held an empirical relationship. Thus, the relationship between the exposure of TV and paranormal beliefs were not as strong as the relationship between paranormal beliefs and emotional and psychological issues in a person.