

Comparative Evaluation of the Environmental Consciousness Levels of High School Students in Northern Cyprus, Turkey and Azerbaijan

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ABSTRACT This study aimed to evaluate the difference between the environmental consciousness levels of high school students studying in North Cyprus, Turkey and Azerbaijan. Face-to-face interviews were carried out to the informational level of students under the heading “environmental sensitivity”. Sample data of the research is composed of high school students studying between the academic period 2012-2013 in Northern Cyprus, Turkey and Azerbaijan. The formal content analysis method was used for the analyzing of the data collected. The results of the study showed that environmentally conscious individuals always try to stop nature’s unfortunate destiny. One of the best ways to raise this consciousness is to direct the youths toward trustful educational institutions. Results showed that the studied countries failed at being sensitive to environmental issues. The study goes further to describe these environmental problems. Environmental education is essential in these three countries, therefore, a complete educational program starting from preschool and various campaigns should be introduced and implemented.