

The relation between contextual and reported threat due to life events: a controlled study.

Abstract:

Following the method of Brown and Harris 30 Kenyan patients suffering from depression and 40 community non-psychiatrically-disturbed controls were studied for contextual and reported threat due to short-term and long-term life events. It was found that the patients did not over-rate threat due to events (in 'search for the meaning') nor did the controls under-rate the threat of life events. Some theoretical issues on the 'contextual threat' of life events are raised.