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**Lithuanians' Attitudes Toward Internet Infidelity and Its Correlates**

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**ABSTRACT**

This quantitative study sought to explore Lithuanians perceptions toward Internet infidelity and investigate whether interpersonal and intrapersonal factors were associated with the attitudes toward online affairs. This study was exploratory in nature in order to draw public and researchers' attention to the understudied Internet infidelity phenomenon in Lithuania. A sample of 251 participants completed measures of attitudes toward Internet infidelity, religiosity and self-differentiation. Data were analyzed using descriptive and inferential statistics.

The findings of this study indicated Lithuanians' tendency to engage in different online behaviors. The exploration of the attitudes toward potentially unfaithful online activities suggested that Lithuanians consider Internet infidelity to be a serious form of betrayal. Attitudes toward Internet infidelity were related to several factors in this study, namely, gender, religiosity, prior infidelity, and the level-of self differentiation. The findings indicated that age and online relationship experiences were not related to the attitudes toward Internet infidelity.

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**Biographical Information**

Alge Suliakaite was born in Lithuania, and resided in Lithuania until 2004. She gained her Bachelor's and Master's degree at Vytautas Magnus University in Lithuania. In 2004 she came to the United States in pursuit of the doctoral degree in the Family Therapy program at Texas Woman's University.