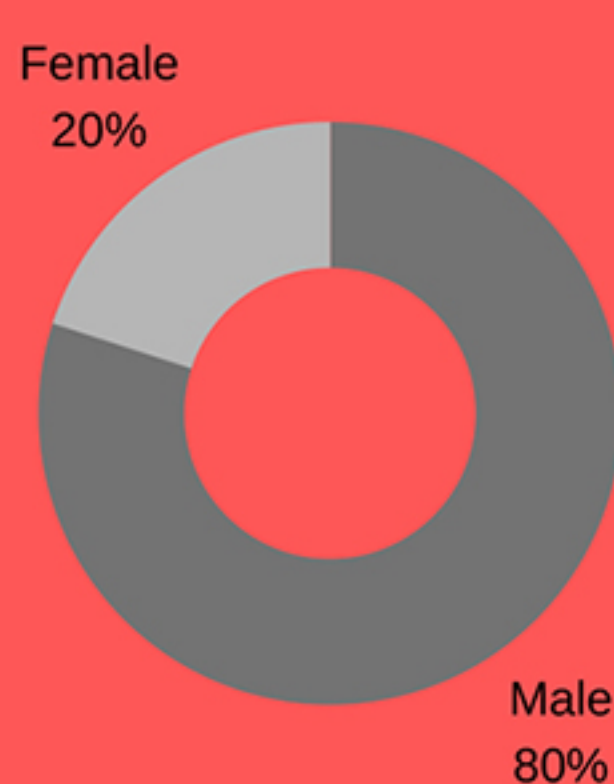


ARE SERIAL PERPETRATORS ACTUALLY PSYCHOPATHIC?



80% of US psychopaths are males.

Psychopathy is a mental illness or disorder that includes personality traits including selfishness, aggression, impulsivity, lack of remorse, and lack of empathy.



Approximately 1% of the general public are psychopaths

RESEARCH STUDY

There were 57 incarcerated participants from age 32 to 79 of a variety of ethnic backgrounds. Each participants had a past of murdering two or more people.



A survey method study was conducted on incarcerated serial murders on how they perceived their own self. The survey type used was a Likert scale indicating strongly agree to strongly disagree.

RESULTS

There were psychopathic tendencies, but was not strong enough to diagnose as psychopathic, Results were similar to the general incarcerated population that were not categorized as serial murders.



However, many possessed traits of lack of fear and rejected systems of authority.