

Gender, Status and Power

Violence Against Women

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From birth to death, in peace and war, women face discrimination and violence at the hands of the state, the community and the family.

United Nations

The Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women 1993

"any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in physical, sexual, or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or private life"

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- Physical, sexual and psychological violence in and outside of the family.
- Dowry related violence.
- Female genital mutilation
- Sexual harassment at work, & schools
- Trafficking and forced prostitution
- State condoned violence

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U.S. Statistics

- ❑ 73% of family violence victims are female.
- ❑ 30-70 % undergraduate women a year will be sexual harassed.
- ❑ 30% of all women are battered at least once in their adult lives.
- ❑ At least 20% of women have been victim of incest sometime in their lives.

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U.S. Statistics

- ❑ 2 to 4 million women of all races and classes are battered each year.
- ❑ Every year 1.2 million women are forcibly raped by their current or former male partners.
- ❑ Somewhere in America, a woman is raped every 2 minutes.
- ❑ Somewhere in America a woman is battered, usually by her intimate partner, every 15 seconds.

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Global Perspective

- 60 million girls who would otherwise be expected to be alive are "missing" from various populations, mostly in Asia, as a result of sex-selective abortions, infanticide or neglect.

UN Study On The Status of Women, Year 2000

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Global Perspective

- 1 in 3 women and girls had been beaten or sexually abused in her lifetime. *UN Commission on the Status of Women, 2000*
- 4 million women and girls are trafficked annually. *United Nations*

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Global Perspective

- ❑ An estimated one million children, mostly girls, enter the sex trade each year *UNICEF*
- ❑ *So-called "honor killings" take the lives of thousands of young women every year, mainly in North Africa, Western Asia and parts of South Asia. In 1999, more than 1000 women in Pakistan were victims of honor crimes.*

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Global Perspective

- More than 90 million African women and girls are victims of female circumcision or other forms of genital mutilation

Violent Acts Against Women

- Street hassling
- Grabbing
- Obscene telephone calls
- Voyeurism
- Indecent exposure
- Lesbian baiting
- Prostitution

Violent Acts Against Women

- Pornography
- Sexual Harassment
- Abuse by professionals
- Rape
- Battering
- Incest