

## VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT

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**Introduction.** Violence against women is any act of gender based violence that results in physical, sexual, psychological harm and/or suffering to women, including threats of such acts and deprivation of liberty whether occurring in public or private life. Violence against women affects women's well-being and prevents them from fully participating in society. It impacts on families and the community of Nation. Women are expected to fulfill their duties religiously and culturally but are abused under the belief that a woman's occupation depends only on marriage, household and pleasing the husband which is mostly associated by violence and comand. In addition prevalence of violence's, physical, sexual and psychological exceeds 35%. Factors found to be associated with overall violence were wrong religious beliefs, alcohol addiction and having children.

**Aim.** to study the problem of violence against women and show the consequences of violence.

**Materials and Methods.** Priorities are winning economic equality and securing it with an amendment to the Constitution that will guarantee equal rights for women; championing abortion rights, reproductive freedom and other women's health issues; opposing racism, and ending violence.

**Results and Discussions.** The theoretical and practical importance of the concept of human dignity is hard to deny. Moreover, it is a nation that can be approached from a variety of perspectives and disciplines because it is an idea that has application in various areas of human life. Violence is a direct attack on the women's dignity and a violation of basic human rights. It is not just a private family problem to be kept behind closed doors but a public issue that gives rise to societal problems. For instance religious communities can be incredibly damaging to women because it is believed in some countries that women are not allowed to get an education, work, drive or even have the choice of who to marry, women are forced into marriages at a really young age to older men who abuse them, sexually harass them and even beat them for not following orders. Their duties are to clean, take care of the children, follow the orders given by the husband and family and not receive anything in return. No education, no freedom, and not even respect. Furthermore society itself has a role in bringing women down psychologically by not having gender equality. In their work space women are always looked down upon as not having enough power or intelligence to handle anything and almost everything. Women rights are the rights which formed the basis for the women's right movement that began in the 19th century. In some countries these rights are supported by law in human rights, gender equality, income equality, progress, and safety such as Sweden, Denmark, France, Norway, and Netherlands. The following countries are known as the highest ranked countries supporting Women. Local custom and behavior, whereas in others they are ignored and suppressed. A woman has the right to gain education, to have freedom of choice and speech as a person in general, a woman's rights is not any lesser than a man's rights. A woman has the right to feel safe and to be respected.

**Vote Rights of Women.** The Representation of the People Act 1918 saw British women over 30 gains the vote, Dutch women in 1919, and American women won the vote on 26 August 1920 with the passage of the 19th Amendment (the Voting Rights Act of 1965 secured voting rights for racial minorities).

**Islamic Specific of Women Rights.** Women's right in Islam varies between different countries. According to the Quran, and Sharia both Male and Females have equal rights in education, income, and safety and protection. However countries such as Turkey, Iran, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iraq, Jordan, Egypt, and India do not give women the equal rights stated in the Quran. They suppress Women's freedom, and take away their education rights, etc.

If violence against women stopped, it will have a positive effect in the society we live in today. Society is meant to be successful by both men and women helping each other rise. Women will be able to give more support, spread positivity if they felt wanted in their surroundings. Overall families will have a less divorce rate. The upcoming generations will be raised with a positive mentality. The decisions made in any situation

will have a more open perspective with more ideas if women are equally heard.

**Conclusion.** As of now with the help of different conferences and education centers, this problem is being heard and people are taking action by each day that passes. The justice system is trying to decrease the crime rate of violence against women. Women on the other hand are becoming more powerful by demanding their rights and standing up for it, also by getting well educated and learning to defend themselves. Recently Women in countries that are mostly against Women's rights began to take a stand, and became more active choosing to become a main part of society. For example in Saudi Arabia Women started driving, in Pakistan Women started to get access to the educational system, in Egypt Women started to care less about marriage, and how it defines them. We are looking ahead to a great society that represents strong and independent women.