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Gender-Based Violence in Pakistan: Causes, Consequences and Solution

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Outline

01 Introduction

Thesis statement: The grim evil of Gender Based violence is pervasive and deeply rooted in Pakistani Society. Socio-cultural and religio-political factors mingled with patriarchal dominance over economy incite gender based savagery in the country.

02 A birds eye view of Gender-based-violence in the country.

— Statistics by Human Right Commission of Pakistan and Aurat Foundation, an NGO.

03 Factors that leg-up gender-based-violence in Pakistan.

3.1 Patriarchal mind-set of masses is behind gender-based savagery in the country.

Book: Vindication of Rights of Women.

- 3.2 Lack of education among masses particularly in women causes gender-based violence in the nation.
(Report: "Shall I feed my daughter or educate her")
- 3.3 Misinterpretation of religio-cultural norms worsens the matter.
(Study: Culture and Religion as a Source of Gender inequality. by Uthman Rwafa.)
- 3.4 Poverty contributes a lot in gender based violence in the country.
(Study: women in Poverty experience more GBV, but get less help by Nathan N. Cheek)
- 3.5 Inadequate laws and enforcement mechanism abets gender based violence in the country.
(Global Gender Gap report 2024)
(Case study: Mukhtara mai)
- 3.6 Scarcity of women in parliament induces gender based violence in

the country.

(Comparative Study of Finland and Pakistan)

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After effects of the Gender-based violence in the country.

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Gender-based violence perpetuates physical harms and mental-health issues among women in the country.

(Pakistan demographics and Health Survey)

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Social isolation widens due to gender based savagery in Pakistan.

(Isolation and harassment: My life as a female in Pakistan by Sara Farid)

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Many a women faces reproductive health issues in the country

(Fact sheet by guttmacher.organi-sation)

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Gender based violence sheds intergenerational impacts.

(Study by the National institute of Health)

- 4.5 Economic dependency of women rises in patriarchal societies.
(RSIL Research Society of international Law).
- 06 Policy perspectives to impede gender-based violence in Pakistan.
- 6.1 Government and civil-society organization must work to enhance education and awareness among masses.
(UNICEF (Pakistan annual report)).
- 6.2 There is dire need of strengthening laws and enforcement in the country.
(Global gender gap report 2024).
- 6.3 Gender-parity in legislative bodies could help in countering gender-based violence.
- 6.4 Economic empowerment of women is the need of hour.

6.5 There must be community engagement and support services for the victims of gender-based violence.

6.6 Media can play positive role to curtail gender-based savagery in the country.

07. Conclusion

"Freedom cannot be achieved unless women have been emancipated from all kinds of oppression"
— Nelson Mandela .

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"Gender-equality is the unfinished business of the 21st century" - Elizabeth Broderick.

Gender-based violence is one of the thorny issue of the present century. Pakistani society is mostly prone to it. From honor killing to acid attacks, from sexual harassment to unemployment. From verbal abuse to mental trauma women go through. Such agony treatments in the Pakistani society - Gender-based savagery is the offshoot of patriarchal mindset and deep-rooted conservatism in the country. Further, lack of education, misinterpretation of religio-cultural norms and poverty strengthens the roots of gender-based violence in Pakistan. These evil practices causes mental health issues among women. In addition to it widens social isolationism and reproductive health issues of.

women. Gender based violence not only pushes women toward economic dependency but also ~~sheds~~ sheds intergenerational impacts. Pakistan stands at second last (145 out of 146) countries in global gender gap report 2024. This report highlights the grim standing of gender inequality in the country. Is there really gender based violence in Pakistan? What causes Gender-based Savagery? How this evil can be nipped in the bud? The grim evil of Gender based violence is pervasive and deeply rooted in Pakistani society. Socio-cultural and religio-political factors mingled with patriarchal dominance over economy incite the evil in the country. Therefore, it is high time to tackle it by enhancing education and awareness, mingled with strengthening laws and enforcement mechanism in the country.