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What are the root causes that led to gender based violence? How these factors intersected and perpetuate violence against women in Pakistan.

Introduction

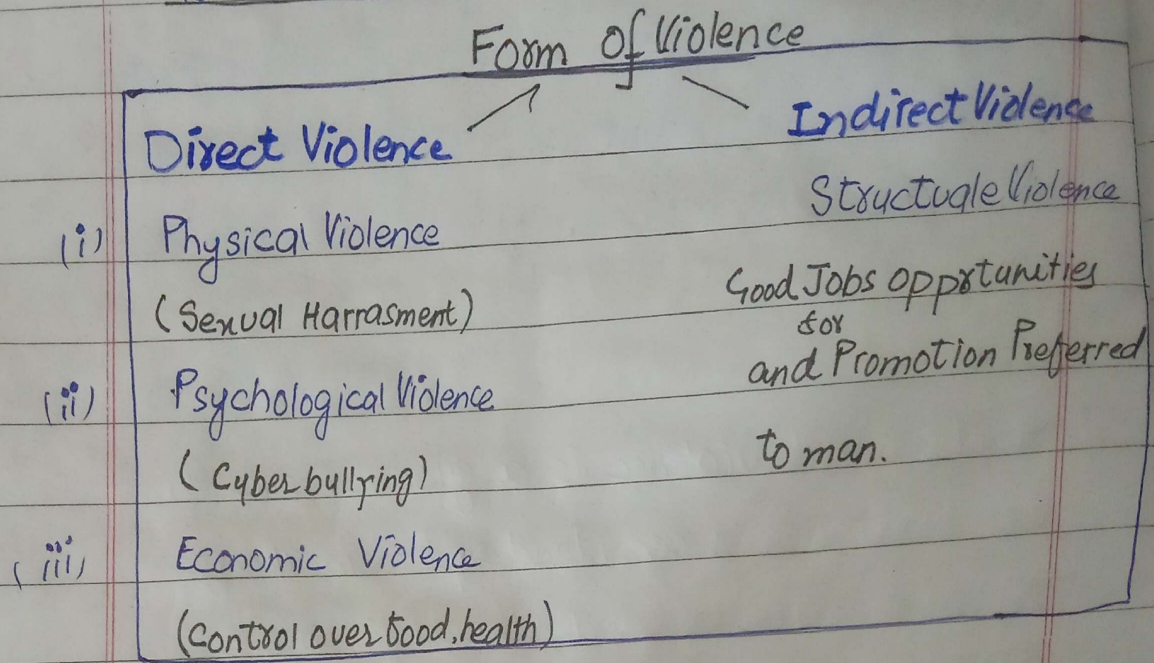
Gender based violence is a global issue. In this world, men is considered superior in all ways. The basic cause of gender based violence is Patriarchal Society. In the world, directly and indirectly we give Preference to men in Job designation, in homes and also in all biggest to smallest decision. Due to this man considered himself superior and treats ~~other~~ gender in a bad manner. Moreover, Society supports men in all cases, The culprit is women. In case of death, financial issue and revenge, The matter is sorted out in Pakistan through the sacrifice of women.

Gender based violence

According to UN

Any form of violence which is directed on the basis of gender is called

"Gender based Violence."



Root Causes Led to Gender Based Violence

The root causes that led to gender based violence are following

Patriarchal Society

Male is dominated in the society and considered superior. They are not punished as like women.

For example When a couple run away from home for massiage without the consent of their families. On return, they were killed; mostly women were killed because

the women's is more wrong does interest the eyes of society.

Economical dependency on men

Women is mostly dependent on men for basic needs, such as food, health access.

In case when women disagree from her husband, brother then they have the right to kill him.

Example A doctor ^{dad} murdered by his brother in Jhang on refusing to serve food (Dawn Newspaper)

Imbalance in Power

The male dominant society ^{ever} not asked from men, the reason behind the violence against women. Mostly 90% in Pakistan, after marriage, a man in the boom of husband can do everything what he wanted and even can kill. No one will ask the reason and always abused the women.

For Example → A 27 years old journalist during her office was shot by her husband on the

international Day for the elimination of violence against Women.

According to UN report 2017, one in two women killed worldwide were killed by their Partners or family members.

Political Factor

The underrepresentation of women and LGBT in power and politics shows that they have fewer opportunity to raise voice and any change in Policy. This make them more inferior and vulnerable to the violence.

These are the factors in our societies which make it easy and provide access to men to do violence against the genders. These root causes can be changed when the mindset of People will change.

How these factor Perpetuate violence against women in Pakistan

These political, Legal, Social and economical factor increases the violence against women. Due to this reason, the ever incident of honour killing are common specially in rural

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areas. As the 'Constitution of Pakistan' gives right to life in Article 9 of the Const^{tuti}on. But in Jirga system, the sayings of leader becomes the constitution.

Forexample: Recently in 2025, a couple was killed on the orders of tribal leader in Baluchistan. The family of both parties were agreed on it because it is the matter of honour for them.

Rights given to women in Pakistan

The constitution of Pakistan 1973 also gives the right of marriage in article 35. Even in Islam forced marriage were prohibited But ^{for women,} in Pakistan, it considered against honour to select the Partner.

Forexample Samia sarwar was killed in her lawyers office by her Parents. The reason behind it, she demanded divorce from his husband (a cousin also) and wanted to remarry an army officer. Samia contacted with the Lawyer of Lahore Asma Jahangir and Hina Jilani, but during meeting

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She was shot dead by an assassin arranged by his Parents.

Conclusion

These real examples shows that violence against women in Pakistan has been increasing day by day. The Society Culture, Political dominance of men and Economic Control by men make it worse and right of men to do violence against women. So, these root causes should be diminished, otherwise the gender based violence will increase.