


Chapter 2

Understanding the Criminology Behind Honor Killing

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ABSTRACT

This chapter deems to highlight the criminology, state of mind and the conditions which involves and interferes when a man thinks of honor killing as a problem which he may seem unfit to the society, at large. Furthermore, it will highlight who are involved in such crimes and how does such mindset get developed and carry forward to the coming generations. This chapter will further inquire about the stand of women so far as contributing to this mentality. Thus, making such crimes unpredictable and also raising a question upon human race and its psyche. The chapter will throw light upon the criminalization of young minds and how the crime is normalised in the society, in addition to, discussing the concentration of social power in the hands of few which eventually leads to their dominance and autonomy in re-writing the societal rulebook.

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INTRODUCTION

This chapter furthermore, explores the ins and outs of how these crimes find ways into the society and becomes so deeply embedded within its periphery that sometimes the looks inseparable. This chapter is deemed to contribute to the global question of the solution of the honour related crimes thus paving ways towards its solutions by diving deep toward the social and mental scenarios those leads toward happening of such brutal and inhumane crimes.

This chapter also talks about how disparities lying within the caste system in a typical Indian society may lead to such violence, but it is no halt to it, it can extend to the inter- religious marriages and even toward socially accepted marriages but a family denial. Thus, making such crimes unpredictable and also raising a question upon human race and its psyche. The chapter will also find for the resolutions by identifying and pointing the core issues of any such crime and thus making it for the society to easily solve it as we closely know them now.

It also highlights that these crimes are nothing but a result of generation old social and religious intolerance which takes such enormous forms that leave the difference between humans and animals a man fails to differentiate between an ordinary human and his own children, such is the brutality and level of intolerance involved within these crimes. The chapter will throw light upon the criminalization of young minds and how the crime is normalised in the society, in addition to, discussing the concentration of social power in the hands of few which eventually leads to their dominance and autonomy in re-writing the societal rulebook.

Statistics also shows that how honour related crime have become more and more accepting among people across nations. According to the recent data collections in 2019 honour crimes are accepted by 27% population in Algeria, 25% in Morrocco, 21% in Jordan, 14% in Sudan, 8% in Tunisia, 8% in Lebanon and 8% in most of the Palestinian territories.

The Indian pictures of hate crime statistics is not also very handsome. From September 2015 to December 2019, 619 Dalits, 196 Muslims, 35 Others, 31 Adivasis, 29 Transgenders and 18 Christians were subjected to any forms of Hate crime, evidently speaking that these crimes are still recognizable and visible in Indian societal setup too.

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