

Chapter 5

Family Honor and Forces of Change in Arab Society: Middle East Region

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ABSTRACT

Honor Based violence can be defined as any form of violence that is used to safeguard family or community honor. Most of the crime victims are women. Boys and Men can also be the victim but however, this is rare. Illiteracy, unemployment, economic decline, poor support and lack of knowledge of the law are factors that increase the risk of victimization. Additionally Patriarchal groups recognize that men are the head of the family and are responsible for combating all negative attitudes that cause serious psychological harm to women in these communities, and in many other regions patriarchal system go far as considering a woman as Men's property. The perpetrators of honor killings also have similar characteristics such as valuing singleness and committing violence again and again. This chapter also drew attention towards the victims of Honor Killing, in addition to highlighting various reports which shows the deteriorating conditions of women, how silence culture dominated the communities and the offences not recorded in this area .

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In 2019 over 375 to 450 killings occurred only in Iran Between 2000 and 2010, there was 50 documented Honor killing in Jordan. 52 cases of Honor Killing occurred in Egypt in 1997, while 400 women in Yemen fell prey to the disease in the same year. Between 1996 and 1998, 38 cases of Honor Killing were documented in Lebanon. In Palestine, the Women's Center for Legal Aid and Counseling documented 27 cases in 2014 and 15 cases in 2015. Nevertheless, the problem may not be as severe as these low numbers suggest, and some are not even documented or listed. (Qahatani, 2022)

KEYTERMS

The nucleus of the term includes “Honor Killing”, and “Forces of Change”. “Middle East Region” (Goldstein, 2002), Patriarchal Society (Akbar, 2005) and Omani Women (“Women in Oman,” 2000) contextualize the issue “Violence” (Smith, 2004) and “Murder” (Maffesoli, 1995) happens “against women” (Singh, 2023) because of “dominance” of “Family”, (Hossain, 2005) Culture (Ravishankar, 2017) and Religion (Grzyb, 2021)

Human Rights, (Nowak, 2015), we used these keywords to select relevant articles from multiple online sources, for example, Research Gate, Google Books, Springer, JSTOR, Sage Scopus, Web of Science, Francis and Google Scholar

An Honor Killings Research Paper on its Family Honor and Forces of change in Arab Society requires careful consideration of inclusion/exclusion and article research, as well as the selection of appropriate publications. Publications with an emphasis on international law, gender studies, human rights, and related interdisciplinary topics were chosen for publishing in the journal selection process.

We have set inclusion and exclusion criteria to further refine the research publications that are relevant for this Chapter. The research must be published in English and limited to journal articles, that is, those with an impact factor of 1.0 or above in Journal Citation Reports and peer-reviewed papers, or those with a B grade or higher in the Journal Quality list. The following studies satisfied our inclusion criteria: those in which “experience” was examined as a concept or a variable in the context of ecotourism.

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