

# Chapter 8

## Honorless Honor Killings in Jordan

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### **ABSTRACT**

*This study examines Jordan's socio-political stance of honor in order to understand how Jordanian culture, which is both sophisticated and based on traditional values, constructs meanings around honor killings. The majority of current research on honor crimes in Jordan suggests that not much has been learned or figured out about the relationship between the law in Jordan, honor crimes, and the perceptions of these offences among Jordanians. In order to better explore prospects for legislation and policy that would diminish these crimes, this chapter thoroughly examines the aspects that potentially explain the frequency, reasons, and persistence of honor killings in Jordan. It highlights the disparity between the nation's social and legal laws on the penalty of honor crimes, as well as the gender inequality that exists in the nation. It also sheds light on the relationship between Middle Eastern civilizations and ways of life and the prevalence of crimes done in a badge of honor. The study is predicated on a detailed analysis of court proceedings from 1993 to 2010.*

Nine cases of beatings that resulted in death and nine cases of premeditated and intentional killings were also documented in the Criminal Information Department's 2020 criminal statistical report. There were 201 persons found guilty of premeditated and purposeful homicides, with 7 of them being women, or 3.5% of the total. In light of the pandemic, deliberate and premeditated killings decreased by 18.2% in 2020 compared to 2019 (Gill, 2019), when 90 offenses resulted in 99 fatalities.

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2019 had 110 crimes that resulted in 115 fatalities. It was discovered that the age of 3.48% of the offenders was under eighteen. It was discovered that 3.48% of the offenders were under the age of 18, 34.8% were between the ages of 18 and 27, 33.3% were between the ages of 28 and 37, 17.4% were between the ages of 38 and 47, and 10.9% were beyond the age of 48. It was said that sharp tools (36.9%) and firearms (36.9%) made up the majority of the weapons used in attacks. Personal and previous conflicts were the main motivation for offenders (47.8%).

## **RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

In order to have a thorough grasp of the problem, the research methodology for this study on honor killings in Jordan combines qualitative and quantitative techniques. The methodology is a multimodal strategy to gather data that includes looking through library, newspaper, and magazine archives to track historical and current reports of honor-based violence and how it is portrayed in the media. Personal insights and direct experiences relating to honor killings are provided by in-depth interviews with important stakeholders, including survivors, family members, legal professionals, and representatives from non-governmental organizations and human rights organizations. Surveys are intended to collect quantifiable data on public attitudes, experiences, and perceptions of honor-based violence in order to provide insight into broader social perspectives (El Muhtaseb, R., 2020). In order to contextualize the topic, the research also includes secondary data analysis, which involves reading previously published works, reports from groups like Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International, as well as publications from the Jordanian government. By examining online resources such as academic databases, news websites, and social media platforms to obtain up-to-date information and trends, internet research enhances these conclusions. Preserving a well-rounded perspective and reducing prejudice in interviews and surveys can be achieved by guaranteeing a varied sample that takes into account variables like age, gender, socioeconomic level, and ethnicity (El Muhtaseb, R., 2020). In order to address the complex nature of honor killings, emphasize their worldwide relevance as a human rights issue, and advocate for more effective treatments and legislative measures, it is imperative that qualitative research strategies be used. By taking this method, the study hopes to provide a more comprehensive picture of honor killings in Jordan by analyzing how legal frameworks, cultural norms, and human rights interact.

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