

# Chapter 21

## The Hidden Face of Modernity: Unravelling Honor Killings in Russia

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### **ABSTRACT**

*The chapter dives into the darkened dimensions of modernity in Russia, shedding light on the holding on the issue of honor Killing (Singh, n.d.). Despite the country's rapid advancement towards cutting-edge values, profoundly imbued social standards and patriarchal structures contribute to the surreptitious propagation of savagery. Through an intrigue focal point, this chapter analyses the authentic, social, lawful, and mental variables that focalize the covered-up confront of modernity surrounding Honor Killing in Russia. By examining particular cases, analyzing societal demeanors, and assessing the adequacy of lawful systems, the ponder points to uncover the complexities of this wonder. Moreover, it investigates the effect of Honor Killing on women's rights, worker communities, and the broader societal texture. The discoveries of this chapter are significant for illuminating arrangements, intercessions, and instructive activities that profoundly established standards that propagate Honor Killings within the modern Russian context.*

Widespread political, economic, and social upheaval in Russia during the mid-1980s and early 1990s contributed to a dramatic spike in the national homicide rate, which peaked at over 47,000 victims in 1994 or approximately 33 per 100,000.

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However, the official homicide rate has since demonstrated a significant decline, with estimates ranging from 10 to 13 per 100,000 persons in 2010. Though these statistics suggest an overall decrease in violence, the practice of honor killings remains a persistent issue, particularly within certain regions and communities (The Moscow Times, 2018). Fluctuations in homicide rates in Russia have profound effects on individuals and communities, with distinct social, economic, and psychological impacts depending on whether rates rise or fall. Impacts of the increase in the homicide rate: Social: The increase in fear and insecurity leads to a decrease in the quality of life, a decrease in social cohesion and the disintegration of the community. - Economic: Rising law enforcement and health care costs, along with fewer investment opportunities, hinder economic growth. - Psychological: Higher rates of trauma and mental health problems, such as anxiety and PTSD, are common in high crime areas. Impacts of decreasing homicide rates: Social: Improved security promotes a sense of security and improves quality of life and community connections. Economic: Attracts investment and reduces costs associated with crime, freeing up more resources for development. Psychological: Better mental health outcomes come from reduced exposure to violence. Ongoing issues such as honor killings: Social: Honor killings perpetuate oppression and harmful cultural norms, undermining social progress and gender equality. Economic: Such practices limit opportunities for education and employment, perpetuating cycles of poverty. Psychological: Severe trauma and distress affect individuals in affected communities. Addressing homicide rates and specific practices such as honor killings is essential to fostering social stability and improving the overall well-being of the community.

## **RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

A Qualitative Strategy or methodology was adopted for study in this chapter. The purpose of this chapter is to better understand honor killings. Information on this topic is collected in the form of data control from libraries/newspapers/magazines/interviews/samples/opinions of observers/samples/surveys/internet etc. Therefore, a qualitative research strategy was adopted for this study to achieve its objective by covering primary and secondary sources. Certain characteristics such as the ethnicity, age and gender of the participants must be respected using qualitative methods to avoid any bias. The primary and secondary research conducted has clearly shown that honor killings not only violate the fundamental right to life with dignity, but also the problem of human rights at the global level. After carrying out extensive

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