

Domestic Violence and Intimate Partner Abuse in South Asian Households

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Abstract: *In South Asian countries, the blending of Buddhist, Confucian, Hindu, Islamic, and Christian traditions has influenced women's personalities and social status. Because of conservative civilizations that devalue women's roles and patriarchal ideas, violence against women is widespread. The family structure, which regards the man as the indisputable head of the household and regards family activities as private, allows violence to occur at home. Apart from the common violent crimes such as sexual assault and wife-battering, women in these countries also suffer dowry crimes such as bride burning, kidnapping connected to prostitution, and "honour killings." Laws permit discrimination against women and prevent reporting violent crimes. Along with better local laws, the United Nations and the international community must support efforts to solve this situation.*

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