

Violence Against Women in the Context of Judiciary and Law Enforcement Personnel

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Abstract

Violence against women has manifested itself throughout history as a result of gender inequality. According to violence data from the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Turkey has the highest incidence of violence against women among both OECD and G20 countries. In this context, the research aims to examine the phenomenon of violence against women from a sociological perspective from the viewpoints of judiciary and law enforcement personnel in Turkey. In this framework, interviews were conducted using the qualitative research method with a total of 20 judiciary and law enforcement personnel, including five judges, five prosecutors, five lawyers, and five police officers working in Gaziantep. The main problems of the research are whether the laws in the Turkish Penal Code are sufficient to prevent violence against women; what the problems related to violence against women are; and what potential solutions exist for preventing violence against women. The theoretical framework of the research is based on Pierre Bourdieu's concept of symbolic violence. The research findings indicate that there is no problem with the laws since they are of international origin. In this sense, this research is significant in emphasizing the necessity for women to change their current perspectives on violence against women.

Keywords

Violence Against Women, Turkish Penal Code, Pierre Bourdieu, Symbolic Violence, Gaziantep

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