

Blood Runs Rife When 'Honour' Is Touched

25% of the total honour killings in the world are committed in Pakistan

17,000 reports of Honour Based Violence (HBV) and forced marriages in the UK

Research Question:

How strong are, and what drives the HBV beliefs amongst the Pakistani community?

Study aims:

- Examine the role of sexism and cultural scripting on HBV beliefs.
- Explore the significant drivers promoting and perpetuating HBV beliefs within the British Pakistani and Kashmiri community and those residing in Pakistan and Kashmir.

"We can make them good humans by proper counselling"
(Participant U)

"The community should decide what happens to them"
(Participant T)

"There should be someone from society to resolve any matters"
(Participant V)



"She will get beaten if she does not ask for permission"
(Participant Y)

"It is expected of her that like a mute animal she accepts everything"
(Participant W)

"Because of her, her whole family will have honour"
(Participant X)

"She should obey her husbands requests"
(Participant X)

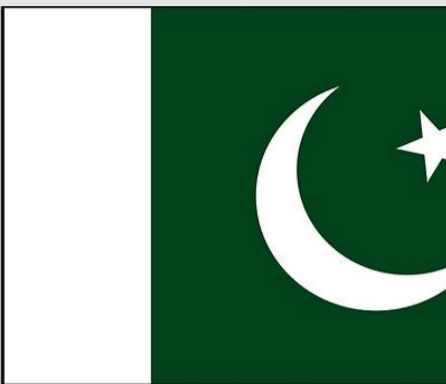
"She will be the reason for humiliation"
(Participant X)

Method:

- Mixed methods design combining surveys and semi-structured interviews.
- Questionnaire (administered in English and Urdu) consisted of:
 - Social demographics
 - The ambivalent sexism inventory
 - Gender scripting scale
 - Behaviour and reputations scale
- The study will adopt regression analysis and Interpretive Phenomenological Analysis (IPA).
- To date, data from Pakistan and Kashmir have been completed (N=249 surveys; N=9 interviews). Data from Pakistani and Kashmiri community residing in the UK is ongoing.

Results:

- Data analysis is ongoing.
- Preliminary results from surveys showed a significant prevalence of HBV beliefs among those residing in Pakistan and Kashmir



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