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**Introduction**

Violence poses to be one of the most problematic and worrying issues that our society is facing currently. The most alarming factor about this problem is that it is increasing day by day; the number of cases registered under the head of violence is elevating every passing day and the controlling bodies seem to be helpless in front of it. Violence is a broad term and there are a number of ways in which violence is exercised; it consists of a number of types. The major forms of violence are sexual violence, religious violence, cyber violence, youth violence, gender violence, gang violence, child abuse, and domestic violence or intimate partner violence.

One of the most dangerous and invincible forms of violence is Domestic Violence. This form of violence poses to be more threatening and overpowering as compared to any other form due to its nature. This kind of violence is mostly carried out inside homes or residential facilities and is usually hidden from the public eye (Choudhry & Herring, 2017). This issue does not belong to any specific geographical region or culture; this issue is prevalent in almost all over the world. No country or culture is safe from this evil. The following piece of writing will discuss how the issue of domestic violence in the present-day American Society is similar or differs from that of the same issue prevailing in other cultures or parts of the world.

**Discussion**

Domestic violence, one of the most dangerous and threatening forms of violence, is defined as the act that takes place in a domestic relationship. Although most of the times domestic violence occurs between the partners in an intimate relationship, it may also occur in other relationships like violence inflicted by a parent on a child or vice versa, or by a dominant sibling upon his other siblings.

Domestic Violence is also known as intimate partner violence, based on the fact that most of the times, this kind of violence is inflicted by an intimate partner over the other. This may be inflicted by the husband on his wife or by a boyfriend on his girlfriend. There have been cases where the incidents of a fiancé inflicting violence upon the other partner have also been reported.

Domestic violence is carried out all over the world, in almost every society and at all the levels of economic status. Domestic violence has also been categorized as emotional abuse, psychological abuse, sexual abuse, economic abuse, and many others (Buzawa, Buzawa, & Stark, 2015).

**Domestic Violence in Present Day America**

The United States of America is economically stable and a much-developed country as compared to the other countries in the world. But the issue of domestic violence here is no different than that in any other country. The severity of this issue is so much that it has been declared a social issue by many governmental and non-governmental bodies of various states. The saddest part about the cases of domestic violence or abuse in modern-day America is that they transcend the boundaries of gender or sexual orientation (Renzetti, & Miley, 2014). Although the victims in the cases of domestic violence are mostly females, a considerable number of males also suffer from this issue. Every month and per annum, a number of males suffer from various health issues and injuries as a result of domestic violence. The government of the United States has taken many measures in order to tackle this issue and a number of acts pertaining to such issues have been passed in the US Congress, such as the Violence against Women Act (Sumner, Mercy, Dahlberg, Hillis, Klevens, & Houry, 2015).

**Domestic Violence in the Other Cultures or Countries of the World**

As discussed earlier, domestic violence is not the issue of a single country but it is prevalent all over the world. This issue is being faced by almost all the countries of the world, irrespective of scientific or economic development. Cases of domestic violence are reported from all over the world, and unfortunately, this number is increasing day by day. A larger number of cases are reported from African and South-east Asian countries (Root, & Brown, 2014).

As per the statistics collected by the United Nations from 71 countries, the ratio of domestic violence was found to be high in almost every country, especially those which were under-developed or underprivileged in terms of economic sense. The highest ratio of Domestic violence was found out to be in Ethiopia, an economically downgraded and the second-most populous country in Africa. Ethiopia is, in fact, the third poorest country in the whole world and the main reason for this high rate of domestic violence or abuse is considered to be this very cause i.e. economic instability.

**Conclusion**

Hence, in a nutshell, it can be concluded that Domestic Violence is not only an issue but an evil that is prevailing all over the world. The cases of domestic violence are not only an issue in the economically developed states but in the less developed ones as well. In fact, this issue is more prevalent in the countries that are suffering from poverty and economic instability. If the issue of domestic violence is observed only in the region of the United States, it goes far beyond the boundaries of sexual orientation or gender. There are multiple steps that are being taken in order to tackle this issue but a lot still needs to be done in this respect.

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