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# Putting Gender Back in the picture: Empowering Women and Domestic violence; Lessons from Patriarchal Society from Sociological viewpoint

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**ABSTRACT:** Domestic violence is an issue of global concern characterized by rapid social change in institutional policy and practice. The life of women is not easy in the society. Every single day she has to face lots of struggle to empower themselves. The impact of negative socialization in human life and the beginning of the unequal distribution of rights, the discrimination and the violence type of behavior. The study was designed with total 70 respondents were reached through the online questionnaire and interview to find out the negative socialization impact on domestic violence, so by both respondents, the study got the perfect data to prove the fact that;there is huge impact of negative socialization process on domestic violence. The study successfully found out the main reason reasons behind the domestic violence. The negative socialization problem not only impact on women empowerment as well as patriarchal society. What we are learning, seeing, thinking also have a great impact on this social problem and our stereotype mindset help to increasing this social problem.

Keywords: Negative Socialization, Patriarchy, Domestic violence, women empowerment

# 1. Introduction

Domestic violence is an issue relevant to all members of society. It is intimately related to our socialization which has a great impact on this social problem. Socialization characterized by sexism creates distinct roles and specific behaviors"(BAKARE, ASUQUO, & AGOMOH, 2010). The impact of socialization process is really important in human life. From people birth to till death the learning process is going on. So the question is where they learn such kind of discriminative behavior? By the socialization process every day human being from their environment where they born, their workplace, their peer group and most important their family. From their parents, their other relative they learn the basic things of human life. For the mental or physical growth of a child, mother is the main vehicle. (Dutton, D. G. 2011). So the main thing is that for a better upbringing the women are the important. So the negative mentality and perception about women grow at the beginning of a children childhood. If the society gives the equal rights and we consider women also a human being, by that we can give a healthy society to our next generation. After all we can give the best socialization process to the

children. The generation will overcome the old traditional thoughts and can accept the truth that no one is here for dominated and every human being is equal in this world"

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(Anczewska, Roszczyńska-Michta, Waszkiewicz, Charzyńska, &Czabała, 2010).

"Domestic violence is a widespread problem that affects families from every socioeconomic level in our society. Research suggests that batterers are a relatively heterogeneous group" (Sabrin, 2015). Albeit much has been learned as of late about the study of disease transmission of savagery against ladies, data about proof based methodologies in the essential consideration setting or in the nearby local area for forestalling abusive behavior at home is genuinely deficient. "There is an absence of proof in regards to the adequacy of intercessions for ladies encountering misuse and that expected damages of recognizing and treating mishandled ladies are not all around assessed "(Wathen, MacMillan, 2003). For what reason is it so that home, which should be the most secure spot, so regularly has brutality?

## 2. Methodology

#### Study area and criteria of respondent

Online survey and interview was conducted through Questionnaire on the study. The study area was Dhaka, Rajshahi, and Barisal. Non probability sampling was used for the selecting the sample of this study in terms of purposive sampling and quota sampling. In this research data collect from 18 and above age male and female. And the questionnaire is same in interview for every respondent. But some statements from them that really helpful this research.

#### **Data Sources**

The data for this study mainly come from online survey and interview conducted by the researchers following area (Rajshahi, Dhaka, and Barisal). The Secondary data was also collected through different article, journals, Books, Newspapers etc. For online survey, the collected data was analyzed through the statistical data analysis tool (SPSS 21). And for interview, the data analyzed by thematic analysis.

# 3. Findings :

# **Qualitative data Findings and Analysis**



From the respondents' point of view and their statement those are the findings of the research. The data was collected through 40 people (20 male and 20 female). The male member always dominated theirwife, daughters in the family. But in the modern era women are getting empowered, they are working outside o home and contribute to the family. So the thing is women are not as like as before, they are now trying to overcome the previous situation of them. But in this patriarchal society, the male member cannot tolerate to see the break of the traditional culture. And in family system the husbands are trying to control over their wife to stop the women empowerment. As the women are now educated, they know about their rights, they are aware than before so that in family there is conflict between husband and wife. And the husband tortures the wife both physically and mentally. To make a boundary and save his supremacy in the family the husband tries to control their wife. For that reason they are dominate their wife and other female members of family. The success of the women makes the husband jealous. Somehow they manage keep themselves happy but when their wife try to live their life in their own way that time the male ego enter. Women are not safe in their house. They are losing their thinking capability, control and courage because of domestic violence. The domestic violence not only stopping women to become empowered but also it break the backbone of women. The traditional social role of women is that of the lady of the house, taking care of the family, being focused on children and their happiness. On the other hand, the traditional man is the "head" of the family, the one who is accountable for the continuance of the house and who, through strength and determination, holds it against dangers.

The society creates the inequality among man and women. If women want to ignore the patriarchal society but the society don't give women to live in peace. Women or man cannot think further because they both rise in a society where inequality is applicable for women. When a child born, the socialization is really important for his or her upbringing, so in a patriarchal society we cannot teach children the right thing, there will always a gap of learning and always remain the inequality between man and women. There is a close relation between domestic violence and negative socialization. We blame the society rule and culture for the inequality, but those rules and the society itself created by human being. Human being is responsible for this. The problem of domestic violence is not a new problem, it is a very old problem and we are now searching for the solution. When a child born he or she will perceive the knowledge for his or her mental growth from the culture, ideology, rule of his or her family. The father and mother relationship, the families" environment and especially what he or she is learning by his parent is the most important thing. Then come to the next point place, where a child spent the rest of his life. The environment, peer group, people are equally play a vital role for a children learning process.

- In most of the family teach their child that "boys don't cry" only girls can cry because they are emotional and boys are strong.
- Our family allow boys to come late at night but the family control the girls to come on time otherwise the family will stop their education and other facilities.
- When a girl born, her family first of all think about her marriage not for her career but at the same time when a boy born, his family think about his career and always tell him a boy's main duty is to take family responsibilities and considered him as the leader. In a family abusive behavior towards women considered normal, the father shout on his daughters, wife and sometime beat up them if they dream something out social limits.
- Women have to do learn all the household work because according to the social system household chores is a gender based work.

After all this lessons from family and society, when we perceive those things from our family and society, we follow those sorts of things. And accept the fact that women are weak and man is the leader and power holder and women is dependent on man. So a man can control and force women in physically, mentally, emotionally, financially. So, all these finding clearly reflect the fact that our learning process is really culprit for these kinds of violence and inequality, the negative socialization process dominating our thinking process and make us brutal from human.

## **Quantitative Data Findings and Analysis**

## Characteristic of the respondents

From female demographic information, 5.6% graduated housewife, lawyer and 72.2% students. 20% of the respondents are 23 age.

From male demographic information, 55% of the total respondents are student, 15% are job holder and 5 % percent are banker, engineer and unemployed. 20% of the respondents are 23 aged, 15% are 22 and 24 and 10% are 18 and 25 and the last 5% is 20 aged.

#### Correlation and hypothesis testing

#### Female

- H0: Negative socialization does not impact on domestic violence
- H1: Negative socialization impact on domestic violence

#### **Table: Correlation of female respondents**

		women education perception	Equal love and support from family	Importance of women decision in family	Equal opportunities and rights of women	Suffering of domestic violence of women
women	Pearson Correlation	1	.533*	.659**	.404	.589*
education perception	Sig. (2- tailed)		.028	.004	.096	.010
	N	18	17	17	18	18
Equal love and	Pearson Correlation	.533*	1	.174	.387	.566*
support from family	Sig. (2- tailed)	.028		.519	.125	.018
-	N	17	17	16	17	17
Importance of	Pearson Correlation	.659**	.174	1	.039	.298
women decision in family	Sig. (2- tailed)	.004	.519		.882	.246
	N	17	16	17	17	17
Equal	Pearson Correlation	.404	.387	.039	1	.086
opportunities and rights of women	Sig. (2- tailed)	.096	.125	.882		.735
	N	18	17	17	18	18

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significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).	

From the above statistics it is seen that there is a significant correlation between and among Women education perception, equal love and support from family, importance of women decision in family Equal opportunities, domestic violation of women. The P value is below the significant level at 0.01 to 0.05. So it can be said that there is a positive correlation between them and null hypothesis is rejected and alternative hypothesis is accepted. So, negative socialization impact on domestic violence.

### Male

H0: Domestic violence does not depend on Negative socialization

H1: Domestic violence depend on Negative socialization

	TA	BLE: Correlatio	on of Male Res	pondent		
		View of women identity	Perception about women education and career		Discrimination in home and job sector	Perception abou domestic violence relatior with Socialization
	Pearson Correlation	1	.786**	.569**	.456*	.731**
View of women identity	Sig. (2-tailed)		.000	.009	.043	.000
	N	20	20	20	20	20
Perception about women	Pearson Correlation	.786**	1	.537*	.303	.517*
education and career	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000		.015	.195	.020
	N	20	20	20	20	20
Perception about women	Pearson Correlation	.569**	.537*	1	.829**	.496*

Sig. (2-tailed)	.009	.015		.000	.026
N	20	20	20	20	20
Pearson Correlation	.456*	.303	.829**	1	.426
Sig. (2-tailed)	.043	.195	.000		.061
N	20	20	20	20	20
Pearson Correlation	.731**	.517*	.496*	.426	1
Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.020	.026	.061	
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The above correlation is seen that there is a positive relationship between and among View of women identity, Perception about women education and career, Perception about women job opportunities, Discrimination in home and job sector, Perception about domestic violence relation with Socialization. The P value is below the significant level at 0.01 to 0.05. So it can be said that there is a positive correlation between them and null hypothesis is rejected and alternative hypothesis is accepted. Finally, it can be said that the domestic violence depends on the negative socialization.

Women are suffering from domestic violence and the reason is very crucial aspect to solve this problem from its beginning. From the above finding it is clear that the negative socialization has impact on domestic violence. Women empowerment also depends on the socialization process. We all know about the importance of upbringing. So above of my study female abuse first of all abuse from their family, even from the childhood, they have grown a negative mentality. Family where we feel safe, but women are not safe; actually they face violence in their family. Mental, physical, financial abusive behavior is increasing day by day in a family. We are developing, empowering women but we continuously focus on the wrong way. Example: when we do a sum, and the answer is not come correct, we start it on a new page. We don't use the same page to do the sum because it would be messy and the outcome wouldnot be appropriate. The same thing is happening to us we going through the same mistake. In this patriarchal society, social systems are not equal for women and we try to empower women and give them equality in this patriarchal society. If we really want the equality and stop domestic violence from the beginning, then definitely we should break the patriarchal system and establish a healthy society where no one is less or more. From the male respondents the study wanted to know about their View of women identity, Perception about women education and career, Perception about women job opportunities, Discrimination in home and job sector, Perception about domestic violence relation with Socialization. So according to the findings the negative socialization really impact on domestic violence and sort of inequalities. Human thoughts, feelings, mentality create through

the socialization process. So if we try to change the thoughts of negativity then we should try to break patriarchal system to establish a good socialization for human being.

According to the findings the women are not only abuse in their family also they are abuse in job sectors, opportunities and other sectors. There is a lot of discrimination lies in the system, the social system is totally unfair to the women. The society cannot consider women as a human being; it views the women as a female person. When man view female person, it contains a lots of inequality, incapability, discrimination. The man and women both trying hard to solve the vulnerable situation of women by job opportunities, law establishments, NGO'S, and many social work on women's developments will not work until we change our perceptions, thinking about women. So for a better socialization process we can grow our mentality, thoughts equally, by a good socialization process there will be no discrimination, brutality for women, and there would be only exists the term "Humanity.

# 4. Conclusion

There are many reasons especially gender discrimination, inequality, patriarchal society are responsible for domestic violence. But the thing is that all those things come from negative socialization process. According to the study the effect of negative socialization plays vital role for this type of negative perception and so called patriarchal society. "In this modern era where everyone is getting opportunities and women are also improving from their vulnerability and day by day they trying to empower themselves. But the result is nothing, we are doing those things for women safety, security but women are still facing domestic violence. They are still afraid of coming out from this violence" (Katz, L. F., & Rigterink, T. 2012). The courage, strength of women is decreasing day by day. So where is the problem? The problem is exists in the negative socialization process. We still follow the traditional culture in society; women are always lower than the man. And now we are educated, know about human being rights but still us following man dominance in our family and all over the society. If women are equally treated in the society, then why we are always blame the women for being rape? We talk about women dress up, her life style etc. and blame the girl for the violence. The main problem is in our upbringing which is really important for a human being mental, physical growth.

In every research we try to give conclude with "We should," "we might," and "we have to" But I am no one to give recommendations for this problem. The solution lies in us. The first which just I can tell, we are human being and we are born to be free. Everyone is human being, Allah made everyone equal; there is no inequality in his creation. And we are creating that discrimination between man and women.

• As a human being we all can feel pain, stress. Our mental and physical health is important for us. If we can feel the pain of us, why we cannot see and feel the pain of others.

- If I can think about myself, my dreams, my goals, my feelings, my pain then the he/ or she is also "I". Everyone has dreams, life, goals, feelings, pain. If we understand us, then definitely we cannot harm others to destroy their life.
- At first the change, the movement should start in us. The change and movement for equality, domestic violence and patriarchal society is not with the society, it is between me and also with me.
- As a human being we can spread love, humanity for others except brutality, abusive behavior and discrimination.
- If we successful to achieve those change in the society, it will born as a healthy society for a human being. And also from person birth to death, they won't learn such negativity and by this we can establish healthy socialization process for human being.

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