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-based violence

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Abstract:

Gender-based violence is an umbrella term for any harmful act that is perpetrated against a woman's will. It is estimated that one in three women will experience violence in their lifetime and that violence by an intimate partner is one of the most common forms of violence against women (Ashford, 1997). History presents divergent views and ways in which societies ascribe different gender roles between males and females. Although it is generally recognized that sexual violence is prevalent worldwide, it is rarely addressed in international security forums