

Lesson Plan Outline: **Gender-based Violence**

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Learning Objectives

- Understand domestic and international gender-based violence issues.
- Understand gender-based violence within the broader context of international gender-based violence issues.

Activity Outline

- Provide students with general facts about gender-based violence.
- Small group discussions in-class will provide students with the opportunity to make connections between personal experience and class material.

Prerequisites

- This lesson will be conducted with the assumption that the learners do not have any background knowledge about gender-based violence.

Material

- PowerPoint presentation
- Access to SAFAA archive material

Lesson Description

- Utilizes primary source material from the South Asian Feminist Activism Archive.
- Aims to connect the content and usage of archive material to the general knowledge of gender-based violence.
- Provide students with a general understanding of gender-based violence issues.
- Primary focus is for students to connect personal experience with gender-based violence in general (e.g. demonstrate that gender-based violence affects everyone).

Facilitation Guide

- Pre-class assignment
 - Familiarize yourself with the South Asian Feminist Activism Archive.
- At the beginning of class, form small groups of 4~5 students each.
- Students will be asked questions from the PowerPoint presentation, and they should be given 2-3 minutes per questions to discuss their answers in the small groups.
- Introduce homework assignment and take questions.

Content

Domestic violence, sexual assault, street harassment (e.g. Gopi-teasing, eve-teasing), sex-selective abortion, femicide (dowry-death, bride-burning, honor-killing), forced marriage, child marriage, and sterilization are all forms of gender-based violence occurring across the subcon-

continent. These issues have only recently gained widespread and international attention. Amidst public outcry led primarily by university student groups, a sexual assault case involving a New Delhi college woman was brought to the Indian Supreme Court in late 2012. Despite increased public concern over gender-based violence, Indian women's safety is far from guaranteed.

Statistical Overview

- 47% of women aged 20-24 were illegally married before age 18.
- Between 2006-2009, there were 60 reported honor killings in the southern districts of Tamil Nadu alone.
- 8,093 dowry murders across the country were recorded in 2007 alone.
- Rape is the fastest growing crime in India with a 733% increase in reported cases since 1971.
- A total of 75,930 domestic violence cases were reported in the country in 2007 with an increase of 20.3% over 2006 and 35.8% over the average of the previous 5 years (2002–2006). The conviction rate for these charges was only 20.9%.