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**VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AS A PREDICTOR OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.**

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**ABSTRACT**

*Violence against women has become a global issue which has eaten deep into the fabric of the society. The study examines violence against women as a predictor of human right violations in South-South Geo-Political Zone, Nigeria. Two research question and two null hypotheses guided the study. A survey design was used for the study. The sample comprised of one hundred and sixty (160) women from Rivers and Akwa-Ibom States, who were randomly selected from four (4) local government areas using proportionate sampling technique. The instrument for data collection was a self-structured questionnaire and an interview schedule. The instruments were validated by experts from the department of measurement and evaluations. A reliability index of 0.812 and 0.716 was obtained using Cronbach alpha statistics. The data collected were analyzed using mean, standard deviation and percentages for the research questions while the hypotheses were tested using z-test statistics at 0.05 significant levels. Major findings of the study indicated that, rape and wife battery are predictors of human right violation and there is no significant deference in the mean scores of Rivers and Akwa-Ibom States on how rape and wife battery serve as predictor of human right violation in South-South Geo-Political Zone. It was however, recommended that there is urgent need to adopt global treaty on violence against women if we want to secure and protect the human right of women.*

**INTRODUCTION**

Savagery against ladies as an indicator of common freedoms infringement is certainly not a perceived idea. Anyway the idea owes its prosperity to the progressive thoughts of ladies' privileges advocate, extremist as well as ladies freedoms bunches where ladies from various geological foundations, race, strict, culture and class crusade towards the headways of ladies' basic liberties, which prompted the Unified Countries supporting series of ladies' meeting which occurred in Mexico City in 1975, Copenhagen, 1980, and Nairobi, 1985. The ladies' privileges gathering where basic settings at which ladies met up to discuss their distinction and find their shared traits and slowly make a worldwide development that will propel the promotion for ladies' common freedoms in areas of legislative issues, monetary, social and ecological issue. Nonetheless, these gatherings prompted the Unified Countries General Gathering to adjust the UDHR 1948. Accordingly, the world meeting was held by the Unified Countries in Vienna, Australia on the fourteenth 25th June, 1993 interestingly after the Gold conflict, resolving the issues of ladies' basic liberties and savagery against ladies confirming that the common freedoms of ladies and that of young ladies are natural, necessary, and unbreakable and part of widespread common liberties and the full and equivalent support of ladies in political, common, monetary, social, and social life and the destruction of all types of separation on gathering of sex ought to be of global concern.

Subsequent on the above premises, ladies' privileges was perceived and characterized in the Vienna Statement modified Activity 1993, section 1 segment 18 as unavoidable, necessary and individual freedoms gathered to ladies and young ladies. The acknowledgment of ladies' freedoms as common liberties picked up speed after the 1993 VDPA which prompted the Unified Countries General Gathering to adjust goal 48/104 of twentieth December, 1993, the Statement for the Disposal of Savagery Against Ladies as issues connecting with ladies' privileges were expressly managed. Subsequently, ladies' common liberties can be depicted as the fundamental right and opportunity that all ladies have. Based on the issues discovered above, the researcher intends to find out if violence against women in Nigeria is a predictor of women's human rights violations.

### **Purpose of study**

The main aim of this study was to investigate if violence against women in Nigeria is a predictor of women's human rights violation. Specifically the study sought to do the following:

1. Determine if wife battery predicts women's human rights violation in Nigeria.
2. Determine if rape predicts women's human rights violation in Nigeria.

### **Research Questions**

The following research questions guided the study.

1. What is the prediction of wife battery in women's human rights violation in Nigeria?
2. What is the prediction of rape violence in women's human rights violation in Nigeria?

### **HYPOTHESES**

The following null (Ho) hypotheses were tested in the study at 0.05 level of significance.

1. There is no significant prediction of wife battery on women's human rights violation in Nigeria.
2. There is no significant prediction of rape domestic violence on women's human rights violation.

### **Literature Review**

#### **Concept of Domestic Violence**

Domestic violence is the willful and ongoing maltreatment of someone that results in harm, suffering, or pain. It happens often all throughout Nigeria. It involves mistreatment and helplessness, which permeate women's life. It is an infringement on human rights (Nwoko, 2003). Any abusive treatment of a family member by another person is a violation of the law governing fundamental human rights. It encompasses marital rape, assaults on intimate partners and other people, sexual abuse of children, and damaging cultural behaviors for women (Ahile, 2009). Domestic violence is frequently a planned action, not an error. According to Scott and Marshall (2009), male aggression (physical or psychological) towards women is particularly classified as domestic violence. The term is accepted to have been advocated by women's activist in the 1970's. Some of whom laid out displaced people to battered ladies. They contended that abusive behavior at home is an impression of orientation disparities in power and of ladies' mistreatment. All the more comprehensively, the term envelops any viciousness inside the family, in spite of the fact that savagery against youngsters is generally depicted uncommonly as kid misuse. Specialists gauge that one out of each and every three young lady kid and one out of seven kid will be physically manhandled when they are eighteen (18) years (Roehlkepartain, 1988). Harrison (2014) and Oyelade (2012), nonetheless, consider aggressive behavior at home to be physical, sexual, profound, monetary, mental activity or danger that impacts someone else. It incorporates any way of behaving that disengages, terrifies, threatens, constrains, harms, harms or wounds or even controls someone else adversely from the different definitions. One thing that is normal is the way that abusive behavior at home adversely affects the gatherings associated with the brutality.

Abusive behavior at home against ladies is on the increment and it generally influences ladies of all financial foundation and instructive foundation. Aggressive behavior at home against ladies is stripping, it is viewed as a wrongdoing against ladies which encroaches on ladies' freedoms subsequently restraining the capacity of ladies to partake in their common liberties on equivalent premise with the male partners. Aggressive behavior at home disregards ladies' common freedoms ensure under part IV of the LFRN 1999 (as changed) as per the LFRN (as corrected), segment 34 (1) (a) which gave subsequently:

Each individual is qualified for regard for the poise of his individual and in like manner.

- (a) No individual will be liable to torment or brutal treatment or corrupting treatment.

Fundamentally abusive behavior at home against ladies is awful, barbaric and corrupting treatment which makes physical and mental agony the casualties as well as death toll, at the end of the day, abusive behavior at home against ladies negated, denied, and disregard basic freedoms ensure under our abusive behavior at home regulations as well as global common liberties regulations. For example the (FLEN) 1999 (as changed), segment 33 (1) gives in this way:

Each individual has an option to life and nobody ought to be denied purposefully of his life save in execution of the sentence of a court in regard of a criminal offense of which he has been tracked down blameworthy in Nigeria. Obviously, aggressive behavior at home against ladies is an infringement of common liberties compliant with the convention to the ACHPRRWA 2003. Article 4 (1) which gives that each lady ought to be qualified for regard for her life and uprightness and security of her individual, all types of clarification, awful cruel, corrupting, discipline and treatment ought to be disallowed. In view of the above examination abusive behavior at home dispensed against ladies could disregard ladies' common freedoms in our general public.

### **Concept of Rape**

Assault is one of the most widely recognized types of sexual brutality committed against ladies and young ladies, hence ladies and young ladies are aimlessly assaulted without respects to their own freedom and human pride. The viciousness demonstration of assault carried out against ladies comprise an offense condemned under our homegrown regulation where discipline is recommended under our criminal regulation to rebuff culprits of this type of savagery against individuals for example, the crook code Act Cap c38LFN 2004, segment 359, which gives that any individual who perpetrates the offense of assault is obligated to detainment for a long time no matter what canning. The reformatory code Act LFN 2004, segment 283 gives that any individual who commits assault will be rebuffed with detainment forever or for any less term and will be at risk to fine. Be that as it may, in late time, assault has been condemned in the Savagery against People (Denial) Act 2015, area 1(1) which gave in this way:

1. An individual commits the offense of assault if
  - a) The individual purposefully infiltrates the vaginal, rear-end, or mouth of any individual with any piece of his body or whatever else.
  - b) The other individual doesn't agree to the entrance or
  - c) The assent is gotten forcibly or method for danger or terrorizing of portrayal regarding the idea of the utilization of any substance or habit-forming equipped for removing the desire of such individual or on account of a wedded individual by mimicking her better half.

Obviously, ladies who are survivors of this type of viciousness in our general public experience abuse, for example, powerful entrance to the vaginal, rear-end or mouth consequently exposing the casualties to cruel debasing treatment negating the common liberties of ladies ensured in the (FRN) 1999 (as revised), segment 34 (1) which gives that no individual will be likely to torment or brutal corrupting treatment. This type of savagery additionally denied ladies of their own freedom and opportunity as well as the infringement of ladies' basic liberties ensured under our homegrown regulation as well as global common freedoms. Subsequently, assault carried out against ladies and youngsters likewise comprise an unspeakable atrocity especially concerning the Time resolution of ICC 1998, Article 7 (1), (g) which gives in this way:

With the end goal of this resolution, unspeakable atrocity implies any of the accompanying demonstrations when carried out as a component of far and wide or methodical assault coordinated against regular citizen populace with information on the assault. (g). Assault, social subjugation, authorized prostitution, pregnancy for cleansing or any type of sexual savagery of similarly gravity.

Assault as a type of viciousness committed against ladies subject ladies to abuse in this manner disregarding ladies' basic freedoms cherished in our public regulations and global common liberties regulations. Clearly, this type of brutality against ladies devastatingly affects casualties and their families, it causes extreme physical, mental agony and sufferings including demise, physically communicated sicknesses and a few others.

For most specialists, assault is a lawful term characterized by a reformatory code with the help of the undercover. Each state characterizes the wrongdoing of assault or rape in an unexpected way. Correctional codes attempt to characterize assault in dispassionate, practical language with the end goal of effective criminal arraignments. Legitimate resolutions will in general recognize level of

assault and different types of rape. Notwithstanding, a couple of outdated sex-wrongdoing related regulations truly do stay on the books dug in with strongly upright and at last judgemental language, some of the time giving seemingly unseemly and, surprisingly, odd exception.

Thompsons (2000) research with ladies who have been assaulted exhibited a relationship with the expression "casualty" and view of shortcoming, frailty, weakness, the continuous impacts of assault, and honesty, where the term survivor was related with the impression of having continued on from the assault (additionally see Barry 1979, Parker & Mahistyredt, 2010). Research with undergrad's examples has shown a portion of these implications might be all the more extensively construed from such names too. Specifically, people related the "assault casualty" name with more static, inherent trademark existing preceding the assault, less adapting attributes, and all the more adversely valence qualities contrasted with the assault survivor mark (creator, 2014).

Significantly, Thompson's examination likewise demonstrated the disappointment of terms, for example, "assault casualty" and "assault survivor" to completely reflect how ladies who have been assaulted recognize themselves, by and by or openly, and furthermore to exemplify the extensive variety of mental, physical, and conduct results possibly experienced by ladies who have been assaulted.

Tragically, regardless of the restricted liabilities of marks, for example, "assault casualty" and "assault survivor" to fittingly portray the personalities of ladies who have been assaulted, such names convey various implications, yet may likewise impact the characters and results of ladies who have been assaulted. For instance, a concentrate by McCarthy (1986) recommended that through the application and reception of the "person in question" mark to/by a lady who has been assaulted, the sexual occurrence turns into the controlling and ruling occasion in her life (p. 323-324) other examination has additionally shown more noteworthy relationship of fault with assault casualty than with assault survivor or lady who has been assaulted. (Creators, 2014) and further the impact these marks might have on the degree to which people will give both intergroup and relational help to ladies who have been assaulted. Subsequently this experimental premise demonstrates a need to all the more likely comprehend the potential results of such names as they have been utilized inside the mental writing itself.

As far as examination relating to people assault related perspectives, convictions, discernments, ways of behaving and encounters, the ideas of emulsification recommends a mistreatment situated center might be fragmented, best case scenario, and misdirecting to say the least in regards to both the personalities and results of ladies who have been assaulted.

Further, an accentuation on abuse without the consolidation of points of view in opposition (for example assessments of positive encounters ladies might have according to the assaults they have encountered) may likewise restrict hypothesis building. For instance, since they frequently overlook even opportunities for freedom, accordingly making them of minimal reasonable worth to the person who encounters the persecution. Accordingly, it is hypothetically vital to more readily comprehend the potential outcomes of marks, for example, assault casualty and assault survivor as they have been utilized in this mental writing.

### **Wife battery**

Albeit, apparently straight forward, the meaning of actual maltreatment fluctuates. This is on the grounds that the term has variation implications when utilized in a specific discipline. Lawful meanings of actual maltreatment regularly require actual mischief to have happened. In addition, a few meanings of actual maltreatment do exclude culprit aim, others reflect thought process as opposed to injury type (Southall et al, 2003).

All the more significantly, it should be seen that meanings of actual maltreatment not set in stone. This is the feeling that what is viewed as harmful in one society may not be in another (Runyen et al 2010, Producer et al 2005). The public Alliance against Aggressive behavior at home portrays actual maltreatment to incorporate the actual attack battery, and sexual utilized as a piece of a methodical example of force and control executed by one private power against another (Public Alliance against Abusive behavior at home N.D). While the perspectives on actual maltreatment will get the job done, there is the need to request that a few significant components address a few demonstrations

that could be sustained by an individual deliberately or unwittingly against another. In such manner, we hold that actual maltreatment incorporates that multitude of damaging activities and exercises executed by an individual deliberately or unwittingly against someone else bringing about the modification of the actual appearance and development of someone else in that individual physical/climate. This definition is vital on the grounds that there are occurrences where we can manhandle an unborn youngster deliberately or unknowingly in the kid's actual climate (uterus). There is additionally reference to grown-up actual maltreatment, sexual maltreatment, battery, rape, and others.

### **The forms Wife Battery Takes**

Battery or spouse beating takes various structures. For example booting, beating, pushing, gnawing and slapping. Aside these structures, sharp edge trimming, hair pulling, penis pulling, caning, stepping on gut are eminent structures spouse beating take (see Seimeniuk, Krentz, Gish and Barbecue, 2010).

In a report by the Orientation Studies and Basic liberties Documentation focus, it was assembled that culprits of spouse battery utilize their hands, belt, stick, pestle, bike tire, canine chain, stick and legs to beat their wives. The casualties for the most part experience the ill effects of serious injuries, real agonies, painful injuries, broken bones, enlarged eyes, face and cheeks, and blood overflowing from their ears (<http://orientation-centreghana.org>. Organization 1? P=63).

Infact, it is vital to perceive that one doesn't need to be hitched to be a survivor of actual brutality by an accomplice. When there is a stage toward a marriage, similar to game plan, as in a sweetheart relationship, and particularly on the off chance that customary sex is involved, the savagery rate bounces decisively.

Moreover, spouse battery isn't confined to uninformed individuals, but now and again, wife beating is rehearsed in groups of taught individuals as well. In a concentrate by Hennon (1976) among understudies living respectively, his much casual proof propose that couples who are not hitched have paces of brutality that are essentially as high as or higher than those wedded.

As a matter of fact, the issue of spouse battery is more serious than a simple debate. Numerous things portray a battered spouse/lady. A battered spouse is interestingly reliant upon the assailant. She is stuck to him lawfully, monetarily, and inwardly, regularly, battered spouses feel weak to change their defrauded conditions. They are loaded up with self-fault, accepting that their activities have caused the beating they endure. Battered spouses are caught by an inert overall set of laws that actually leaves them remediless against the ones who look to control them. Their predicament is more terrible than that of assault casualties in light of the fact that battered spouses are constrained to imagine living with their victimizers.

### **Some notable causes of Wife Battery**

It is challenging to understand the reason why a man would beat his better half, a lady he calls his cherished. The inquiry is this: is the forcefulness of men towards ladies in regard of exposing them to battery a heavenly order from the Nursery of Eden, a quality problem for sure? Once more, will we say man's animosity toward ladies exudes from the fall of man as portrayed in Beginning old in the Nursery of Eden with its objective being the lady?

Infact a careless glance at the book of Beginning (2: 1-23, 3: 1-24, NESU) helps us to remember the great connection among Adam and God. The relationship was demolished by the presentation of eve.

Infact, on the off chance that we ought to go by this Scriptural account, about the fall of man combined with man's current state, then there is consequently motivation to credit man's enduring to presentation of Eve (lady). In such manner men who toe this movement of thought would then hold the position that morals isn't challenged for battering their spouses. No big surprise some congregation fathers and reformists (John Calvin, St. Augustine, Martin Luther and others) upheld spouse battery (Ntreh, 2008). Perspectives and hypotheses about the causation of spouse battery differ. Alokani (2013), distinguishes mental (that think about character qualities and mental

attributes of the culprits) and social speculations (consider outside factors in the culprits climate, for example, family design, stress and social learning) as the classifications of reasons for life battery. Religion is one central reason distinguished for spouse battery. By religion, we go to Anderson (2013) who portrays religion as the convictions, practices, and customs that are upheld by different strict gatherings that impact the existences of disciples (p.163). The topic of religion is exceptionally fragile, taking everything into account. This is considering the chance of misconception and misjudging sacred writings on how ladies ought to be treated by their male partners. In Christianity and Judaism for example, the Jewish Book of scriptures and Christian sacred writing contain a large number of accounts of savagery against ladies for example Dinah (Beginning 34), Tamar (2 Samuel 13), Jephthah's little girl (Judges 11), Vashti (Esther 1), Susannah (Daniel 13) and likely the diligent widow in Luke Gospel (Luke 18) (Fortune & Enger, 2006).

Despite the fact that for a few Islamic researchers, this quadratic section is misconstrued and larger part of the harmful Muslim men utilize the text to legitimize spouse battery since Allah educates them to do as such.

One more point significant is custom (conviction related with the installment of endowment). Numerous men imagine that spouse beating is important for their conjugal freedoms and honors. Among a few ethnic gatherings in Northern Ghana, a few men believe that share they pay is equivalent to purchasing their spouses. Consequently, they can expose their spouses to any type of brutality. Infact it is extremely challenging to catch such mindset (see, Hinga et al 2008, Waruta & Kinothi, 2000:1232). In an exploration by Dery and Diedong (2014) among the upper west individuals of Ghana, we allude to what one of their male respondents thought

At the point when you settlement a lady as though you are buying her as your property, and she ignores you, it is okay to train her since she is a purchased property. At the point when your significant other won't sex you whenever you return home, and there is no food on the table, and you recollect the amount you paid for such treatment, you want to press or in any event, killing her (p.12)

### **Wife Battery: Its effects on women & children**

The impacts of battery on its casualty and individuals in a battery climate is gigantic. Be that as it may, we order the impacts under physical, mental, and profound. Ladies who have endured are frequently genuinely impacted. They might get an overwhelming body injury. In certain cases, casualties are debilitated and as Kunhiyop state, they might live in an environment of dread and terrorizing (Kunhiyop, 2006: 246). This might additionally bring about casualties living in a condition of weakness and creating dozing messes. The mental impact of battery on ladies can't be disregarded. Casualties of battery frequently live with mental things. They need to adapt to the way that despite how they support the home, their spouses show no appreciation rather, they are recharged with out of line treatment. This present circumstance generally speaking play an overwhelming part on the casualty's mental system. Inwardly, casualties of battery become unsound. The treatment they get from their spouses antagonistically influences their result at their working environment and assuming that they are understudies, it could influence their scholarly exhibition.

Kids who live in such oppressive climate are impacted by the treatment dispensed to their mom.

### **Wife Battery: a divine Command from the Garden of Eden or a Gene Disorder in men.**

Whether or not the demonstration of spouse battery is an order God provided for Adam in the Nursery of Eden or a quality contortion and confusion in men is exceptionally questionable. This is on the grounds that Scriptural and Quranic record of creation never referenced anyplace that God/Allah instructed Adam to hitter Eve-the lady.

Infact, for our purposes, it is yet to be experimentally found and demonstrated that there is a specific quality in men, that when it ends up being disarranged, it unexpectedly makes men resort to battery. As far as we might be concerned, the utilization of Scriptural or Quranic text by oppressive men to player their spouses is sad and unwarranted on any Christian or Islamic moral rule and logical finds. The reality of the situation is that the conventional society that has mistakenly mingled

men with an inadequate defense by religion. Infact, men in customary society have been associated to be forceful and to expose ladies to their standard and control. Ntrch (2008: 19) notices the famous customary saying men will expose ladies to their standard and mastery. For Ntrch (2008) this off-base socialization shouldn't drift in the Ghanaian culture or some other society on the planet, whose men share similar way of thinking and player ladies. This is on the grounds that such wrong socialization spurs men to dismiss the delightful making of God-ladies, who end up being the procreator of mankind particularly remembering men who for turn grow up to hitter ladies. It is do the trick to state here that spouse battery is either a heavenly order from the Nursery of Eden nor a quality problem in men. Rather, spouse battery as a result of society wrong socialization of men has informed men throughout the years to peer downward on ladies, subject them to all types of savagery, to treat then without risk of punishment.

**Wife Battery:** ethical Perspectives

The term morals is otherwise called moral way of thinking. Morals, fret about the investigation of profound quality. By profound quality, Anderson (20139) supports, it is the harmonies of human demonstration and quality can be passed judgment on correct in the illumination of a normalized set of codes (p.165). Dissimilar to different disciplines, the topic of morals is the heaviness of human lead. That is, morals analyzes the oral fiber of the ethical specialist that can be named as fortunate or unfortunate, correct (Mackinnon, 2011: 3, Fagothey 1959-20-22).

Kunhiyop (2008) characterizes morals as the definition standards and inspirations for direct and conduct. For his purposes, each general public is impacted by its set of experiences, convictions, and values (Kunhiyop 2008: 1-5)

One more meaning of morals comes from Pojman and Fieser (2012), the two researchers consider morals to be the part of reasoning that arrangements with how we live, with the possibility of the great, and with the ideas, for example, "right" and "wrong" (Pojman and Fischer, 2012). Anderson (2013b) on his part sees morals as the part of reasoning that deductively concentrates on the lifestyle of a gathering. On his part, he sees morals as the part of reasoning that experimentally concentrates on the lifestyle of a gathering, which incorporates their clients, conduct and examples of transformation and change to culture (p.259).

It is the ideal opportunity for all ladies to resuscitate the require a liberation, renewal and redefinition of specific strict and social tenets, convictions and customs that put it in a difficult situation over men.

By the by, this is a clarion require a renaissance. A kind of renaissance that will remind men to recognize the way that ladies have been for quite some time consigned to the foundation and have been exposed to brutal practices and convictions which have prevented them from getting their human opportunity, sentiments, feelings, and pride.

The passages that follow analyze morals of spouse battery by giving close consideration to four basic moral head. They are

- a. Non-maleficence
- b. Beneficence
- c. Respect for anatomy/human dignity
- d. Justice

The moral rule, non-evil includes a moral and legitimate obligation of moral specialists to try not to hurt their kindred people (Beauchamp and Childress, 2008). It depends on the Latin adage, *primum non nocere* which deciphers as "first, cause no damage" this standard is by and large utilized in areas of medical services works on including therapy methods and the right of patients. In any case, the application and the right of this rule isn't confined to the act of medical care. It is appropriate while managing each circle of life of the ethical specialist. As a matter of fact, since the rule fixates on people, it is no slip-up when applied to demonstrate relations among wedded couples in their marital relationship.

The moral rule of usefulness needs adherence by men. Helpfulness means demonstrations of benevolence, thoughtfulness, and good cause. It is intriguing or benevolence live, mankind and advancing the benefit of other people. In the investigation of morals, the guideline of value alludes

to a regulating explanation of ethical commitment, to represent the others' advantage, assisting them with encouraging their significant genuine premium, frequently by forestalling or eliminating potential damages (Beauchamp, 2013).

In the marriage, we contend that this rule be seen by men/spouses that they have the ethical commitment to look to benefit their wives however not to hurt them regardless of their deficiencies. This is on the grounds that their spouses have the moral/moral right to be treated with care and without hurt by their husbands.

Regard for independence/human poise is one significant morals standard men ought with comply: Independence is the Latin expression for "self-rule" in the investigation of morals, the guideline holds that people ought to constantly regard their kindred people as an end in themselves and never just a necessary evil. This is on the grounds that ethical specialists have the commitment to regard the independence of other individual. The explanation is that people are not things but rather people and have not something that can be utilized only as a method. Individuals are to be treated with deference. Assuming it is acknowledged that people are similarly made by God.

Men in their marriage ties ought to hold the standard of equity that has the perspective that every individual ought to be given his/her due right in high regard. Ladies are to be viewed as counterparts with men, they should be treated with deference and nobility and not as punching sacks that are bound to get the pushes of men.

### **Causes of violence against women**

The causes of violence against women are identified as follows:

1. Gender stereotype: Orientation generalization alludes to as the work on crediting to a singular lady or man, orientation generalization is improper when it results to infringement of common liberties and opportunity. The ladies are liable to all types of separation and brutality in our general public because of orientation generalization. The men accept that they have predominant ability to abuse and embarrass ladies by dismissing the ladies people as less significant in the general public coming about to actual damage, mental mischief and the hardship of ladies' freedoms in the general public.

2. Culture: Culture is one of the main drivers of savagery committed against ladies, this is so on the grounds that where a social practice, over the course of the years has a more prominent acknowledgment by individuals, despite the fact that it disregards ladies' basic liberties ladies will keep on exposing themselves to such social practices because of the philosophy behind the way of life being brought about by individuals.

3. Poverty: this is one of the significant reasons for savagery against ladies. Most ladies in our general public are poor and jobless and essentially rely upon the people for every one of their necessities and where their privileges are being disregarded, the casualties miss the mark on monetary ability to look for review in the court because of money to start vital legitimate activity in authorizing her freedoms.

4. Low Education/Ignorance of the Law: Because of the great degree of lack of education in our general public, most ladies don't know about their privileges and are uninformed about the way that there exists a regulation safeguarding their freedoms from being disregarded and thus, viciousness against ladies kept on persevering in our general public.

### **THEORETICAL REVIEW**

The hypothesis whereupon this work is moored is Albert Bandura's social learning hypothesis. This hypothesis places that individuals gain from each other by means of perception, impersonation, and displaying. The hypothesis is much of the time called a scaffold among conduct and mental learning speculations since it includes consideration, memory, and inspiration. Individuals learn through noticing the way of behaving of others, perspectives and results of those ways of behaving. Most human way of behaving is learnt observationally through displaying. From noticing others, thoughts



are framed of how conduct, new ways of behaving are performed and on later event this coded data fills in as a manual for activity of those way of behaving. Bandura's social learning hypothesis makes sense of human conduct as far as ceaseless complementary cooperation between mental, social, and, natural impacts.

One more hypothesis whereupon this examination work is moored is the connection hypothesis by John Bowlby (1969). Connection hypothesis is a helpful focal point through which to figure out culprit conduct. It makes sense of how youth encounters have prompted a specific approach to encountering cozy connections.

It additionally assists specialists with perceiving how, contingent upon connection rule of the clients communications should be created to address their particular necessities. The connection discoveries clarify that abusive behavior at home isn't simply a consequence of social molding, regardless, it is essentially the cooperation between mental molding and the social setting. In this manner while social changes are fundamental brutality won't ever stop as long as the mental and natural variables are negligible or through and through overlooked.

Bowlby was the principal connection scholar. He portrayed connection as "enduring mental connectedness between people. Bowlby was blocked in understanding the tension and misery that kids experience when skewered from their guardians. Probably the earliest social speculations proposed that connection was just a scholarly way of behaving. These speculations recommended that connection was only the consequence of the taking care of connection between the parental figure takes care of the held and sustenance, the kid becomes appended.

Bowlby saw that taking care of didn't lessen fearing abandonment. Rather he observed that connection was portrayed by clear social inspiration designs. At the point when youngsters are freighted, they look for nearness from their essential parental figure to get solace and care.

The speculations above are pertinent to this study since like Bandura's social learning hypothesis, a few men duplicate spouse battery from their companions who hitter their wives. While Bowlby's hypothesis which stressed on the connection of youngsters to their parental figures as they rely upon them for their taking care of is likewise connected with this study since writing audit uncovers that a large portion of the ones who are battered rely upon their spouses for arrangement of food, cover, e.t.c as they don't work. So in any event, when they are battered, they stay as casualties to the spouse blenders since they are defenseless.

## **EMPIRICAL STUDIES**

Worldwide, abusive behavior at home is a huge issue and perhaps of the most unavoidable common freedom challenges particularly for the most pieces of Africa society's where issues connecting with accomplices brutality are to a great extent treated as covered up peculiarities (Izugbara, etal 2008). While a few close connections can be pleasurable and satisfying, others might be portrayed by assaultive at coercive ways of behaving including physical, sexual profound, mental assaults, and financial pressure which are unsafe to the person's physical and profound prosperity (Aggressive behavior at home Truth, 2007, Adebayo and Kolawole, 2013).

As a rule, abusive behavior at home comprises of people who are hitched, living together or as same sex couples (UNICEF, 2006). In spite of the predominance of under revealed instances of abusive behavior at home certified in past examinations (Durose etal, 2005, Saidi etal; 2008, and Kolawole, 2013), a worldwide report recognized one in family setting.

Moreover, practically every one of the ones who had encountered vicious assaults show side effects of significant melancholy and retested medical conditions, for example, ongoing agony, wretchedness, medication and liquor misuse, etc ( WHO,2014, Spilsbery etal 2008, Herrenkohl etal, 2005; Stanley 2021). As can be noticed kids have been recognized as head casualties of abusive behavior at home, (Holden, 2003). Hence seeing maltreatment or dwelling in a climate where another person is a casualty, can be mentally pulverizing for youngsters and the impact change from physical, mental, profound ty conduct issues (Abaformi, 2013)

**METHODOLOGY**

**Research Design**

The study adopted a survey research design. This research design was adopted to find out if there is a prediction of the dependent variable on the independent variable.

**Population of the study**

The Population of the study is made up of all the women in South Nigeria. As at the time of this study, the total member of women was 103, 623, 652 (source: Digital Data Assistant, 2020).

**Sample/sampling technique**

“The sample size for this study was determined using Krejcie and Morgan sample size determination table.”

The sample size is 384 female chosen from two states in South region, Rivers State and Akwa Ibom State. That is 192 females were chosen from Rivers State while 192 females were chosen from Akwa Ibom State using a purposive sampling technique.

**Instrumentation**

The instrument used for this study was the interview method.

**RESULTS**

**Research Question One:** How is rape a predictor of human right violation among women in the South-South Geo-Political Zone?

Take 1.1: mean and standard deviation scores on how rape is a predictor of human rights violation among women.

Rivers Women N=80					Akwa-Ibom Women N=80				
S/N	STATEMENT	SUM	X	SD	SUM	X	SD	Meanset	Rmk
1	Rape subject women to ill-treatment, thereby violating their human rights	236	2.95	1.718	232	2.91	1.703	2.93	Agreed
2	Rape causes severe physical, psychological pains and sufferings to victims	234	2.93	1.712	224	2.8	1.678	2.87	Agreed
3	The form of violence deprives women for their personal liberty and freedom.	228	2.85	1.688	231	2.89	1.701	2.87	Agreed
4	Rape violates the right and dignity o women as human beings.	235	2.94	1.715	221	2.76	1.661	2.85	Agreed
5	Rape increases the risk of sexual complications among women.	230	2.88	1.697	232	2.91	1.703	2.89	Agreed
	Aggregate X an SD		2.91	1.703		2.85	1.688		

Data analysis in table 1.1 reveals that item 1-5 had all the mean scores above the criterion mean of 2.5, indicating that respondents agrees that rape is a prediction of human rights violation by subjecting women to ill treatment which violates their human right, by depriving women of their personal liberty and freedom and violating their rights and dignity as human beings.

**Research Question Two:** how is life battery a predictor of human right violation among women in the South-South Geopolitical Zone?

Table 1.2: mean and standard deviation scores on how life battery is a predictor of human right violation among women.

Rivers Women N=80					Akwa-Ibom Women N=80				
S/N	STATEMENT	SUM	X	SD	SUM	X	SD	Mean set	Rmk
6	Wife battery infringes on the fundamental right of women.	255	3.18	1.738	236	2.98	2.708	3.07	Agreed
7	Wife battery relegates status of women to the background.	248	3.1	1.761	238	2.98	1.726	3.04	Agreed
8	Wife battery affects the emotional and psychological stability of women.	239	2.98	1.706	245	3.06	1.736	3.02	Agreed
9	Wife battery leads to depression and anxiety among women.	236	2.95	1.708	224	2.8	1.673	2.88	Agreed
10	Wife battery is an affront to human dignity and woman hood.	233	2.91	1.706	234	2.93	1.702	2.92	agreed
Aggregate X and SD			3.02	1.791		2.94	1.706		

Table 1.2 data analysis shows that item 6-10 had the mean scores above the criterion mean of 2.5, meaning that wife battery as a predictor of human right violation by infringing on the fundamental rights of women, relegating status of women to the background and causing emotion and psychological stability of women.

Hypotheses

H<sub>01</sub>: There is no significant difference in the mean scores of Rivers and Akwa-Ibom women on how rape serves as a predictor of human right violation among women in the South-South Geo-Political Zone.

Table 1.3: z-test of difference on how rape serves as a predictor of human right violation among women

Variables	N	X	SD	DF	z-cal	z-critical	Remarks
Rivers Women	80	2.91	1.703				
				158	0.11	1.96	H <sub>01</sub> accepted
Akwa-Ibom Women	80	2.85	1.688				

Data analysis in table 1.3 reveals that the z-calculated value of 0.22 is less than the z-critical value of 1.96 at 158 degrees of freedom and 0.05 significant level, showing that the null hypotheses is accepted. Hence, there is no significant difference between the mean scores of Rivers and Akwa-

Ibom women on how rape serves as a predictor of human right violation among women in the South-South Geo-Political Zone.

H<sub>02</sub>: There is no significant difference in the mean scores of Rivers and Akwa-Ibom women on how wife battery predictor of human right violation among women in the South-South Geo-Political Zone.

Table 1.4: z-test of difference on how wife battery serves as a predictor of human right violation among women.

<b>Variables</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>SD</b>	<b>DF</b>	<b>z-cal</b>	<b>z-critical</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Rivers Women	80	3.02	1.791				
				158	0.29	1.96	H <sub>02</sub> accepted
Akwa-Ibom Women	80	2.94	1.706				

Table 1.4 data analysis reveals that the z-calculated value of 0.29 is less than the z-critical value of 1.96 at 158 degrees of freedom and 0.5 significant level, meaning that the null hypotheses is accepted, thus, there is no significant difference between the mean scores of Rivers and Akwa-Ibom women on how wife battery serves as a predictor of human right violation in the South-South Geo-Political Zone.

**DISCUSSION OF RESULT**

The findings on research question one and null hypotheses one indicates that rape is a predictor of human rights violation by subjecting women to ill treatment which violates their fundamental human right, depriving them of their personal liberty and freedom and violating their rights and dignity as human beings. The findings on null hypotheses reveals that there is no significant difference in the mean scores of Rivers and Akwa-Ibom women on how rape serves as a predictor of human right violation in the South-South Geo-Political Zone. This findings corroborates with Thompsons (2000) said that rape violates women's human rights as guaranteed by national and international law since it is a form of aggression against them that subjects them to mistreatment. This suggests that rape as a form of violence against women has grave repercussions and devastating impacts on victims and their families.

Research question two and null hypotheses two findings reveals that wife battery as a predictor of human right violations among women in the South-South Geo-Political Zone, in that it infringes on the fundamental human rights of women relegates the status of women to the background and affects the emotional and psychological stability of women. The null hypotheses indicates that there is no significant difference between the mean scores of Rivers and Akwa-Ibom women on how wife battery server as a predictor of human right violation among women in the South-South Geo-Political Zone. This findings is in agreement with Seimenuik, Krentz, Gish and Grill (2010), who inferred that victims of wife battery suffer from severe bruises, body pain, emotional trauma and psychological disorder which infringes on their fundamental human right.

Analysis of data using interview schedule in addition to the questionnaire items, interviews were conducted by the researcher to determine how rape and wife battery serves a predictor of human right violation among women in the South-South Geo-Political Zone. A total of 40 women drawn from the sample were interviewed, 20 from each state. On their involvement in rape, most women declined comment in Rivers State. However, in Akwa-Ibom State 4 out of 20 women representing (20%) agreed that they have been raped before they got married. On wife battery, 5 out of 20 women representing (25%) in Rivers State agreed that they have been battered by their husbands. In Akwe-Ibom State, 8 out of 20 women representing (45%) agreed that they have been battered by their husbands. The issue of violence against women is manifested in various homes in different forms. However, the most common violence against women in recent times are wife battery and rape.

**CONCLUSION**

One of the most common violations of human rights in the world is violence against women. It insults the human dignity of women and infringes upon fundamental human rights. It affects all

social strata and creates significant barriers to achieving equality, progress, and peace across all nations. Most women in Nigeria and the South-South Geopolitical Zone endure domestic abuse since many of them have indeed been raped and mistreated by their husbands. This study therefore concludes that, rape and wife battery are predictors of human right violation among women in the South-South Geo-Political Zone of Nigeria.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Based on the findings, it was recommended that

1. The Nigerian government should prioritize women's rights by stepping up its monitoring of violations of women's human rights and by supporting initiatives that aim to assist women become less reliant on males.
2. There is urgent need to adopt global treaty on violence against women, if we want to secure and protect the human rights of women.
3. Strong laws should be enacted by the National Assembly do deter rapist and their cohorts from carrying out their heinous acts, and that such laws should recognize women's right to sexual freedom and legal access for victims of sexual assault at any level.

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