

**Article Review #1**

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### **Introduction**

In Iraq, the rise of digital communication platforms has resulted in women being cyberbullying. This is reflecting deeper social problems such as gender discrimination and lack of legal protection. The widespread discrimination shows how urgently broad legislation that addresses cyberbullying, defends women's rights, and promotes a safer online environment is needed.

### **Social science**

Psychological research on cyberbullying against women in Iraq explores how women's mental health are affected by cyberbullying. This study "License Discrimination and Cyberbullying against Women in Iraq" looks at how women's relationships and general well-being are impacted by cyberbullying, as well as how they handle or reject this kind of abuse. Psychologists also investigated the psychological mechanisms and motivations which underlie cyberbullying behavior on an individual and societal level.

### **Method/Data**

The method for this study that was used was a qualitative research design, incorporating interpretivism philosophy and an inductive approach, to delve into the perceptions of cyberbullying among 9 women in Iraq. By employing purposive sampling, the research ensures selection of participants capable of providing detailed insights without gender bias. Focusing solely on women allows for a concentrated examination of their experiences, offering nuanced understanding and potentially revealing unique challenges they face in navigating cyberbullying.

The data was broken up into three categories: “Theme I : Prevalence of Discrimination”, “Theme II: Social media Impact on Cyber security” and “Theme III: Organizations Working against Discrimination and Cyberbullying”. Theme I was based off of the respondents personal experience with discrimination. According to *Open Access* “Eight Out of the 9. respondents in the study have Experience discrimination. In their personal or professional life. (Ali et al, 2023, p.102 ). In Theme II Researchers conducted six out of the nine respondents “... believed Internet education can effectively Cyber bullying.”(Ali et al, 2023, p.103). In Theme III all of the respondents agreed that they haven't heard of any organizations in Iraq supporting women's rights and they would like to see a change in that

### **Concept**

The themes of the PowerPoint presentation relate to the article because both explore the intersection of psychology and cybersecurity, highlighting their correlations and commonalities. While the article goes in depth of the experiences of discrimination faced by women in Iraq, it also examines the role of social media and technology in perpetuating these challenges, underscoring the desire for change among women. It sheds light on women's feelings regarding their portrayal on social media and the impact it has on their lives, emphasizing the need for societal shifts in attitudes and perceptions.

### **Overall**

Discrimination and bullying also impacts marginalized groups within the category of women, such as women who identify as LGBTQ+, and members of racial or religious minorities. This emphasizes how gender-based cyberbullying must be addressed in addition to how it interacts with other forms of marginalization. Research on cyberbullying against women in Iraq provides insight into the topic of digital gender-based violence. It also supports efforts to challenge harmful social norms, and push for legislative changes.

**Conclusion**

Collaboration between law enforcement and social media platforms is vital to address and reduce violence against women. Enhanced privacy features on social media can empower women and lessen cyberbullying. A swift judicial framework is needed to address grievances related to cyberbullying incidents, with cooperation among law enforcement authorities. Iraq should consider adopting strategies from advanced nations to regulate cyberbullying effectively.

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