

The article I am reviewing is about discrimination and cyberbullying against women in Iraq. Its focus is on how women in Iraq do not experience the life of comfort as women in industrialized and developed nations. This is due to the women in Iraq not getting adequate education, the lack of laws that protect against the discrimination and cyberbullying, not only of women but in general, and a lack of resources to help women in Iraq. The article found that the discrimination and cyberbullying of women in Iraq could be deterred if the police administration and the criminal justice system were improved and protected women more.

Big questions that were asked in this paper were: what role social media, internet education, perceived norms, and social beliefs play in the discrimination and cyberbullying against women in Iraq. The research used interpretivism philosophy which prioritizes the understanding of human behaviour over the prediction and generalization of causes and effects (Macionis & Gerber, 2010). The benefit to this is you get a better and deeper understanding of contextualizing social reality. With, they interviewed nine people, women specifically, with the focus on whether cyberbullying and discrimination against women was a common occurrence in Iraq. This type of data is considered qualitative because it was non-numerical information that was collected and easily analyzed as only nine women were interviewed.

This article relates to concepts learned in class in 4 main ways: How marginalized groups are often targeted in cyber attacks (cyber bullying in this case), how the discrimination and cyberbullying is perceived by the marginalized group, how social media plays a role in cyber-attacks against marginalized groups, and how perceived norms and social beliefs of different cultures impact social behavior. Two direct contributions this study include is the awareness of discrimination and cyberbullying against women in Iraq and ways to prevent it from happening. Indirectly, I think this paper could also contribute to women and marginalized groups across the world and not just in Iraq as it is a common occurrence and calls for light to be shone onto it to make it a norm to treat everyone with respect and dignity.

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