

# **The Forms of Gender-Based Violence and its Associated Factors among Same-Sex Relationship: A Study Based on Sri Lanka**

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This study examines the forms of gender-based violence and its associated factors among same-sex relationships in Sri Lanka. This research seeks to investigate forms and factors of gender-based violence within same-sex relationships. The study employs a multifaceted approach, aiming to measure distinctions among personal factors and various violence forms. Additionally, it endeavors to shed light on the discernible impact of these forms of violence, contributing to a deeper understanding of this critical societal issue, using a sample of eighty-three individuals chosen using the snowball method. The study uses a self-made questionnaire with open-ended, likert scale and demographic questions. It also makes use of both qualitative and quantitative methods. Furthermore, interviews were carried out. The statistical analyses, which were made possible by SPSS version 21, included factor analysis, ANOVA, T-Test, regression and descriptive statistics. The results indicate varying impacts on gender-based violence within same-sex relationships: family impact stands at 23%, followed by stigma and discrimination at 22%, cognitive and societal impact at 19%, and psychological factors at 17%. age, gender, district, religion, employment status, marital status, length of relationship and educational attainment are some of the factors that contribute to this violence. The significant value of 0.0206 for the difference between gender-based violence and personal factors suggests a statistically noteworthy distinction. Furthermore, the impacts of family, society, stigma and discrimination, cognitive and psychological factors, all with a significant value of 0.000, underscore their substantial influence on gender-based violence within same-sex relationships. These findings contribute to a robust understanding of the interconnected factors at play in this context. Subsequent investigations will focus on different manifestations of gender-based violence within same-sex relationships.

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