

Domestic violence Criminal-legal aspects of this phenomenon over the period 2013-2020

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Abstract

The legal system in Albania relies on the application of procedures and articles stipulated in the Criminal Code, the Civil Code, the Criminal Procedure Code, and the Constitution. The same legal system underlies any efforts to combat domestic violence as manifested in all its forms - physical, psychological, or emotional. The services provided by public employees to domestic violence victims find broad support in the relevant legal framework, but are poorly enforced in practice. The phenomenon of domestic violence is difficult to eradicate from the Albanian society in all areas where it is extended. However, it is not considered as an impossible mission. Such a mission falls not only within the purview of the justice system, but also warrants the involvement of civil society.

The main findings of this paper confirm that the number of reported cases of domestic violence has increased. This form of violence, same as other gender-based violence against women such as trafficking in human beings, prostitution, exploitation of prostitution, gender discrimination persists. This paper also presents the trends in the various forms of gender-based violence.

This study seeks to present the applicable legal basis on the prevention and fight against this phenomenon. In drawing these conclusions that serve this legal framework and the institutions tasked with responsibilities to address this wound of modern Albanian society, the study first analyzes the notion of this criminal offense and various aspects that influence in its existence. The study keeps a constant focus on the criminological aspects of this crime.

Keywords: *criminal offense, domestic violence, criminal code, legal framework, victim, forms of violence.*

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