

Victim-Blaming in Gender-Based Violence: A South Asian Media Analysis

Project Objective:

Exploring how language used in South Asian news headlines contribute to victim blaming in gender-based violence cases using digital tools to analyze linguistics pattern recognition.

Significance:

Media plays an important role in shaping that how society thinks and how they see the victims. It also affects the perspective of people especially in conservative cultures.

I grew up seeing the same. Often wondering that why these headlines reflect judgement while the thing needed is empathy and justice most of all. With this project, I want to challenge that, Not with protests, not with tweets but with data. Small changes can turn the story to a whole new side. The side we ignored or we never knew existed. It can create bigger shifts in how people think. It's not just research, it's something I've seen up close.

Data Collection Plan:

For this research, I will analyze news articles from major South Asian news outlets particularly from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal. This may include:

- **Pakistan:** Dawn, The Express Tribune, Geo News, ARY News
- **India:** The Hindu, Times of India, Hindustan Times, The Indian Express
- **Bangladesh:** The Daily Star, Dhaka Tribune

Global Database of Events, Language and Tone (GDELT) may also be used. The focus will be related to rape, domestic violence, harassment and other gender based crimes.

Methodology:

To conduct this report ,I'll be using following tools:

- **Microsoft Excel**- for initial data sorting , tagging , and cleaning of article headlines and metadata.
- **Google Sheets** –for collaborative tracking and reviews of headlines.
- **Newspaper3k**-for scraping news articles from South Asians news websites.

Expected Outcomes:

Through this project, I hope to uncover patterns in how the media subtly shifts blame onto victims of gender-based violence. By studying the news stories across South Asia , I want to highlight that how small words can change the way society thinks .The goal is to create simple, clear visuals that help people see the bias more clearly and maybe inspire more thoughtful and sensitive reporting in the future.

Summary:

In this project , I will explore how headlines blame victims in gender-base violence . A society's perception about such incidents influence how both victim and offender are treated. Sometimes the society's judgments grow so loud that we lose victim's voice somewhere even when that might be a cry for help. To investigate this I will study the newspaper headlines , and news websites from **Pakistan , India and Bangladesh**. I will use tools like **Microsoft Excel, Google Sheets, Newspaper3k** for initial data sorting , collaborative tracking , scraping news articles and primary workspace for all documentation. My goal is to help people observe the clear side of the story and inspire thoughtful reporting about such cases because how we think matters for next generations to come.