GBV Annotation Guideline

This task aims to tackle online gender-based hate speech, by providing different perspectives via response.

In this task, you will take a look at hateful texts related to gender-based violence that are collected from social media platforms.

Gender-Based Violence (GBV) is a complex and multifaceted issue that includes hybrid behaviours of physical, digital, verbal, psychological, and sexual violence. It can take both implicit and explicit forms and often occurs across multiple spaces and contexts. GBV contains various forms of abuse and specialist focuses, such as coercive control, domestic violence, intimate partner violence, sexual harassment, and stalking.

For each GBV text, **two subtasks** need to be annotated: GBV Target, and GBV Form.

- **Subtask 1 - GBV Target**: Is there a particular sub-category used to refer to the **woman/women or ideology being targeted**? Please highlight the relevant text.

  It could be *"a breastfeeding woman, a girl, feminist, feminism, gender equality, etc.".* E.g. *"**Gender equality** is just a war on masculinity."*

- **Subtask 2 - GBV Form**: The type of GBV expressed in the text. Here are five options: Dehumanisation, Threatening, Derogation, Animosity, Support of Hate Crimes. You may select **up to two forms** if needed.

GBV Form Annotation Guideline

Below are the five types of GBV forms with definitions and examples.

Form	Definition
Dehumanisation	**Reduces the target** to a **subhuman or non-human** status. 💡**Hint:** comparisons to **animals, objects, or entities**, stripping away their humanity. **_Example_** *"Women are pigs."*

| Threatening | **Explicit, direct (to target), threatening language** or **incitement to harm.** Expresses intent or encourages others to take **action against the target**.

💡**Hint: threats of physical**, **emotional**, or **privacy-related** harm, **direct threats** or calls for harm, such as violence or violation.

Example

"These women should be shot? Agreed!" |
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| Derogation | **Explicit derogatory**, **insulting**, or **demeaning** language, focusing on the target's **character, abilities, or physical attributes**.

💡**Hint: negative stereotypes**, **insults**, or **slurs**.

Example

"Women's football is so slow and clumsy." |
| Animosity | **Implicit** or **subtle hostility**, often framed in a way that normalizes or downplays sexism via statements such as **backhanded compliments**.

💡**Hint: indirect insults** or **subtle forms of bias**.

Example

"Women are delicate flowers who need to be cherished." |
| Support of Hate Crimes | **Glorifies**, **supports**, or **justifies hate crimes** or **discrimination**. Praise for violent actions, systemic discrimination, or organizations that perpetuate hate.

💡**Hint: expressions that endorse**, **justify**, or **deny hate-based violence** or **discrimination**.

Example

"Women shouldn't show that much skin; it's their own fault if they get raped." |

Key points between GBV forms:

1. **Animosity vs. Derogation:**
   ○ Animosity: Implicit hostility (e.g., backhanded compliments, veiled criticism).
   ○ Derogation: Explicit insults or demeaning language.
2. **Support of Hate Crimes vs. Threatening:**
   ○ Support of Hate Crimes: Generalised statements endorsing violence or harm.
   ○ Threatening: Specific threats targeting an individual or group.

When in doubt between forms: If you are unsure whether a GBV text fits one form or another, you may **select both**.

Examples of Annotating GBV Text

GBV text	Annotation Example
"Women should be shot? Agreed!"	**GBV Target:** women **GBV Form:** threatening
"I don't want to have to be around a breastfeeding woman, if she wants to do that she can do it at home."	**GBV Target:** a breastfeeding woman **GBV Form:** animosity
"Women's football is so slow and clumsy."	**GBV Target:** women **GBV Form:** derogation
"Women are pigs."	**GBV Target:** women **GBV Form:** dehumanisation

Feedback

Please see if any of the following issues exist in this annotation task, and comment more in the textbox if needed.

- ☐ **TARGET CONFUSION:** Hard to select GBV targets for this example
- ☐ **FORM CONFUSION:** Hard to select GBV forms for this example
- ☐ **UNCOMFORTABLE:** I do not feel good when I see the example