

Sociology Assignment

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Police in Rawalpindi registered a case against a man on Monday, April 22, for allegedly killing his wife and burning her body with the help of his mother in the limits of Chauntra police station a few days ago.

Summary:

The article reports on a tragic incident in Rawalpindi where a man, Tasadduq Hussain, and his mother are accused of killing his wife, Razia Batul, and burning her body. The case became known after the post-mortem report confirmed that Razia had suffered head injuries before her body was burnt. According to Razia's father, Muhammad Ashraf, arguments between Razia and Tasadduq were common, and Tasadduq's mother, Naseem Akhtar, exacerbated the situation. Tasadduq had recently shifted to Adiyala Road in Rawalpindi, and on April 19, Razia's family learned from sources that she had been killed and her body set on fire by Tasadduq and his mother. The accused claimed Razia's death was due to a gas leakage, but the post-mortem report contradicted this, indicating foul play. Consequently, the police registered a case of murder against Tasadduq and his mother. Tasadduq, who works in a government department, will face legal action after due process. Razia's family seeks justice for her death.

Link with Deviance:

Firstly, the behavior of Tasadduq Hussain and his mother, Naseem Akhtar, fits within the realm of deviance. Deviance refers to behavior that violates social norms, and in this case, the alleged murder of Razia Batul and the subsequent attempt to cover it up by burning her body clearly deviates from societal expectations of marital relationships and conflict resolution.

Furthermore, the theory of strain as discussed in the chapter can be applied to understand the underlying factors contributing to this deviant behavior. Tasadduq and Razia's marriage were marked by routine arguments, indicating strain within the relationship. This strain could stem from various sources such as economic difficulties, cultural differences, or interpersonal conflicts. Unable to cope with the strain, Tasadduq and his mother allegedly resorted to extreme measures, resulting in Razia's death.

The labeling theory also offers insights into the social dynamics at play in this case. Once Razia's death was labeled as a murder by the post-mortem report, Tasadduq and his mother were officially labeled as deviants by society. This label can have significant consequences, as it not only affects how they are perceived by others but also influences their interactions with the criminal justice system and their subsequent treatment by society.

Moreover, the article highlights the role of social control mechanisms in responding to deviant behavior. The police's involvement, the registration of a murder case, and the subsequent legal action demonstrate society's attempt to maintain order and punish those who violate social norms. The process of social control aims to deter future instances of deviance and uphold societal values and norms.

In conclusion, the article provides a real-world example through which to analyze key sociological concepts related to deviance, crime, and social control. By applying theories such as strain theory and labeling theory, we can better understand the underlying factors contributing to deviant behavior and the societal responses aimed at maintaining social order.

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