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#### Abstract

One of the violations of human rights is violence experienced by women, where women are placed in a weak and vulnerable position with violence in terms of physical, psychological, economic and sexual violence. This violence results in women often undergoing unfavorable treatment and results in prolonged trauma due to acts carried out by men as holders of power and superior in life, as well as dominating both in the household, the economy and also politics. The existence of patriarchal culture which has existed for a long time and assumes that women indeed in their nature must serve their husbands and as successors to offspring result in women being unable to do anything, especially if coupled with the community's assumption that a woman as a weak person not required get an education which is high because it is labeled as a weak human being and this is what causes men to increasingly dominate the superior or power of women. The purpose of this study was to determine the relationship of patriarchal culture to violence experienced by women and efforts to combat violence caused by patriarchal culture. Method This study was conducted with normative research by examining the literature and legislation relating to the problem under study. The result is that a culture of patriarchy dominates the superiority of men to rule where woman can rule in life its aspects.

Keywords: Violence; Patriarchal Culture; Power

#### Introduction

In Indonesia, in its development today, patriarchal culture is still lasting in the structure of Indonesian society. Where the existence or nature of culture exists in various aspects of life such as economics, politics, and education, even though the law. Existing culture makes a form of gender inequality which also positions men as a stronger position, and more powerful, than women. (Caragnano, 2018) This is called the patriarchal system in which the man considers himself in power and promotes gender power and injustice that can affect various aspects of women's activities and culture of the male party feel that they are in a subordinate top position and feel they have full authority over women.

A woman is free to regulate her life in all fields weak position is held by women with their powerlessness so that it is not uncommon with a patriarchal culture to encourage unpleasant acts, violence, harassment and also discrimination against women. The action mentioned inequality or inequality towards gender makes a structural obstacle and causes differences in gaining equal access and opportunities. In addition, weak protection and law enforcement against women with government policies that are considered non-pro-women and insensitive resulting in women tend to be victims of violence both physically, psychologically, economically and sexually (Susanto, 2015).

It can be said that patriarchal culture can cause violence against women as a vulnerable people because of the weaknesses that are owned by women cannot do anything, fear, anxiety and resignation to not fight and as a result the strongest party felt strongly in governing these womenfolk because the power within. This gender equality results in women in their nature feeling unappreciated should be women as well as men respect and respect each other, and always cover each other's (Irmansyah, 2007) weaknesses and strengths, as strong parties are men to protect the weak, not step on them step on his pride and make him helpless.

Placing women in positions placed unequal to women as contained in Law No. of 1974 concerning Marriage in the provisions contained in the article 4 it is stated that marriage states that a husband is allowed to have there is a wife who is more than one if the wife is unable to carry out her obligations, as it should be due to physical disability or an incurable disease and cannot produce offspring. In addition, there are also provisions in Article 7 paragraph (1) of Law Number 1 of 1974 concerning minimum marriages and marriages are permitted if men are 19 years old and women are 16 years old. The solution to women's violence tends to be resolved through deliberation because of the assumption that fighting or fighting in a basic household is the spice of the household (Brysk, 2016) and the women do not want their household cases to be known by the public or the public, with the slightest cleverness to cover up the family's disgrace.

The assessment of some people considers that by completing deliberation and kinship is enough rather than bringing it to the court, because later peace efforts will be carried out and realize each other's mistakes and immediately realize their mistakes. (Cortell & Davis, 2000) The influence of patriarchal culture can and tends to trigger violence against women, especially domestic violence, because men feel their self-esteem is greatest and fully in charge, in other words what is done by women must have permission from men, such conditions is very detrimental to women who as if their rights to live freely are restricted and restricted by men and cannot do anything.

#### Formulation of The Problem

- 1. How is the Influence of Patriarchal Culture on Women's Violence?
- 2. What is the Efforts to Prevent Violence Against Women Due to Patriarchal Culture?

#### Research Methods

This research uses the study of literature or better known as the study of literature which is based on literature and the foundation of theory and theoretical study.

#### Discussion

#### **Human Rights (HAM)**

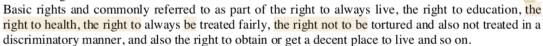
The definition of basic and primary where there are rights that must exist possessed by humans, where further reviews of human rights and human rights, along with other understandings of the various kinds of rights, and also the laws governing and protecting them, concretely the rights are inherent in humans since birth into the world, and the existence of these rights is a gift from the Creator, and the State recognizes and respects the existence of existing rights.

#### **Basic Human Rights Laws**

The provisions of the article that willbe human and their human rights 39 of 1999, as a set of every human being has inherent rights as creatures created by God. This right is a gift that must be protected and respected by every human being.

#### Kind of Human Rights

#### 1. Personal Rights



#### 2. Political Rights

The right to be able to sit in government, and also to get the right to vote and can also be elected in an election.

#### 3. Economic Rights

The right to be able to have goods of economic value according to their needs.

#### 4. Judicial Rights

The right to be accompanied by a representative by law, and also the right to receive and receive a very fair sentence.

#### 5. Socio Cultural Rights

The right to always be develop his culture, social and talents according to the abilities available to him.

6. Legal Rights The right to obtain legal certainty both as perpetrators and victims.

#### Violence Against Women

Any consequences of actions that cause or result in misery or also suffering to women both physically, and sexually or psychologically, including the threat of certain actions, in the form of coercion and both in front of the crowd or the public or at an environment that is carried out arbitrarily

#### **Factors That Cause Violence Against Women**

#### 1. Economic Factors

Economic life that feels increasingly difficult from day to day and the difficulty of finding work can cause violence, because it is triggered by stress and also a prolonged emotion that causes someone to get angry and angry, due to not being able to control emotions resulting in violence.

#### 2. Cultural Factors

The existence of a patriarchal culture which has an impact on the occurrence of gender inequality or there must be an equality between the parties from men and also from women.

#### 3. Social Media

Social media can be a trigger for violence especially related to sexual violence, starting from Facebook, Instagram and getting acquainted with each other without knowing the background and identity of the finally and person can fall into acts of violence.

#### 4. Early Marriage

Unpreparedness in the face of a marriage can cause violence, due to immaturity of thinking, and this usually occurs because of promiscuity and holding the perpetrators accountable, there is debt bondage so that it is replaced by marrying off their children.

- 5. Personality and Psychological Conditions that are not stable
  - The existence of a kind of mental and psychological disorders brought by the perpetrators results in the perpetrators having disorders, such as explosive emotions, irritability, instability resulting in violence.
- 6. Environment, due to the large number of people who become perpetrators of violence so that it can affect others. Men and women are not positioned equally in society, this is due to the community's perception that men always hold the highest power and placement that are not equal and not gender equality.

#### Prevention Measures Against Women's Violence

- a) Understand the forms of violence, the amount of violence that occurs around women's lives, and the forms of violence that must be seen and understood, so that they can be treated and dealt with by providing a doctor, or by verbal violence with a consultant or psychiatrist.
- b) Understand healthy relationships, healthy patterns of relationships or healthy interactions that is by looking at the words and actions that are done, as well as seeing the conditions of a person so that the relationship remains harmonious.
- c) Be aware of changes, where the changes referred to are changes around the environment, either due to technological developments or sophistication or existing relationships, and all of that must be watched out for (Flake, 2005).
- d) Avoid dangerous locations, locations that can trigger violence and are vulnerable to women, and must be avoided so that violence does not occur physically, also sexually and psychologically.
- e) A strong person, or a person who is strong and strong in facing all challenges and obstacles, including being in the face of the treatment of men and not easily swayed or weak.

#### The Influence of Patriarchal Culture on Women's Violence

As a country with various ethnic groups and different cultural patterns and customs, of course it cannot be separated from the influence of the culture itself, as well as the existence of works that can have an impact on society, namely farming such as agriculture and plantations. Work or farming requires men to do it because of conditions that are considered stronger than women, so that all the work is more

focused on men to do it. More and more advanced developments have resulted and not only affected agricultural or plantation businesses, patriarchal culture also occurs in customs in each region that prioritize and inform men (Wantu & Sarson, 2020) of everything compared to women, there is a perception or assumption that women it is weak to not be able to do heavy work, it is better to work lightly, taking care of her husband and also taking care of her children, cooking in the kitchen, nature is only limited to serving families and housewives.

In addition, there is also the perception of some people that a woman usually after graduating from school must be quickly married off so as not to be labeled a spinster, as if parents who have daughters are very worried that their daughters are not married, afraid of becoming material many people talk, (Febriany, 2016) conversely if men who are not married or have a family are not too gossiped about by the community. There are some areas that are still familiar with the customs that the important of the role played by men, where the custom is at least cursing the clan or lineage of his father or father, in short words in the area boys are honored and right then and there of marriage at least the woman is purchased by the man by paying dowry or dowry, and is considered to have become the property where is her husband must be obliged to follow her husband wherever she goes, has entered her husband's family, and most importantly must be where the wife is obliged to serve her husband

So patriarchy is sometimes referred to as a social system and puts men as the main authority and also dominates leadership in political roles, moral authority, property rights and control, and social rights. Law Number 39 Year 1999 also regulates the right to live to anyone without any treatment of violence or discrimination, in accordance with the provisions in article 1 paragraph 4 that Torture is any act done intentionally, (Sakina & Siti, 2017) causing great pain or suffering, both physical and spiritual, on a person to obtain confession or information from someone or from a third person, by due to actions that can punish that has been done or allegedly committed by someone or due presense of a third party reason based on any form of discrimination, if the there is suffering as well as pain caused by, incitement from, and with the consent of, or the knowledge of anyone.

Women and protection acts of violence is said that the protection, promotion, enforcement and fulfillment human beings and also their rights which are rights primarily the responsibility of the Government, the government has the right to seek and protect people who are considered vulnerable so that there is no arbitrary action to carry out violence in this case by giving sanctions firm. The system that gives a dominant role to men (Yeni, 2016) as subordinates and holders of power is due to the patriarchal culture. Culture dominates men in many roles in education, government and in other fields of life, men are considered strong and can protect women so that in all things can be stressed that men can carry out all the hard work. Because patriarchal culture is increasingly developing and it seems that this continues to occur in the scope of fields (Rice, 2001) and aspects of life, such as at work, between the male side and the female side are not the same in the rules are more likely that women get permission or leave whether it is maternity leave, childbirth and so on, from the company according to existing rules the labor department must have these rules and cannot be given.

Justice between men and women is not allowed to have gender equality, where there are parties from women as well as from men have the same equality and obtain gender justice to obtain equal rights and can take part and also participate in enjoying existing development. Violence against women and its influence on patriarchal culture can occur in all aspects and not only violence in the domestic sphere but also other violence such as physical violence at work or psychological or can also be acts of rape, sexual harassment into the realm of violence, violence can also occur due to emotions such as cursing and shouting at women and saying words that are not appropriate or appropriate to her.

## Legal provisions in Indonesia that refer to the criminal law book that there are several provisions or definitions of violence regulated in these provisions, namely;

- a) Mild violence, referred to in this provision, does not prevent a person from carrying out their activities, such as pitching and hitting until it is blue, but does not cause severe or severe casualties and can recover as before so that they can start or carry out their activities or work as usual, for this violence no need to be asked for visum et repertum (ver).
- b) moderate violence, this violence remains in question the hospital and get special treatment but does not result in having to be disabled, even though getting special treatment for healing from the disease but it does not take into account that there are parts of the body damaged or loss of senses.
- c) Severe violence, this is caused by the existence of a body part or one of the detainees not functioning again, so that severe punishment can be given to the perpetrators, and is the result of the action the victim's hands no longer function, or there is swelling and the victim cannot carry out his activities again, threatening his sentence usually given 10 (ten) years there are provisions of the criminal rules.
- d) violence resulting in death, this violence has resulted in loss of life, eliminating the right to deserve life for women so it is clear that it is necessary to punish the perpetrators or threats of the perpetrators under according to the provisions of the article 355 of in the provisions of the criminal code law, with a maximum imprisonment of 15 (fifteen) years.

Listening to the provisions above, it can be said that women as victims who experience violence can be caused by patriarchal culture, a man usually thinks using his mind while women with their feelings, with the presence of men feeling squad compared to women, violence can occur, (Gultom, 2017) the influence of patriarchal culture and the existence of rules that give heaven's wind to men to act at will and discriminate against women, for example, a man who wants to get married to ask his wife first, apparently his wife did not give permission, what happened? the husband instead beats and kicks his wife which causes injury to his wife, this is done because his wife does not give permission to her husband to remarry

The influence of patriarchal culture on female violence is very dominating because a man considers sometimes his self-esteem is high and in solving problems often physically, not resolved by deliberation, (Abdullah, 2001) and feels that there is an inferior expression or feeling more at the top. Assuming women cannot do anything where there is a tendency for men decision makers and policies everywhere, and as the backbone of their families. The community also thinks that men are the dominant leader or head of the family, (Lovestad & Krantz, 2012), the reason is that men are more resilient than women, as breadwinners, at least men are considered more agile than women, only sometimes solving problems is more likely with emotional attitudes and sacrificing women as its outlet.

#### Efforts to Overcome Violence Against Women Due to Patriarchal Culture

Prevention and prevention efforts so that violence does not occur or even recur in all fields or aspects of life, namely by:

a. Cultivate awareness in yourself
Understand and realize that between the presence of men and women do not have differences, there is gender equality between each party without an attitude of discrimination.

#### b. The family has a role

The family is very important role in one's life, so that violence does not occur, with the approach of compassion then the actions can be avoided slowly.

#### c. Community involvement

Public awareness of acts of violence is also very influential, if there is and know the occurrence of acts of violence must immediately be reported to law enforcement officials, meaning that thus can be given strict sanctions to perpetrators in accordance with applicable law.

#### d. Religious Approach

Religious approach or worship is a way to get closer to the Creator, and realize or know that acts of violence are not justified let alone to take toward other people and their lives.

e. It is very necessary is a form of implementation socialization or counseling to the community information dissemination or counseling is conducted so that the wider community understands and violence and efforts to overcome it and its solution, and also understands that violence is a realm of crime or crime, as well as the rules governing law.

#### f. Policy Rules

The existing rules are not discriminatory but are enforced for all, as well as rules that contain severe penalties and ensnare perpetrators if due to violence results in death for the victim.

#### Conclusion

- Patriarchal culture influences the occurrence of violence experienced by women due to a social system that places men as the main role in dominating against women in all fields, this gap results in gender inequality and men are considered stronger in completing heavier work than women, while women are considered weak and vulnerable and are considered unable to complete heavy work.
- 2. Violence against women includes, a) mild violence, b) moderate violence, c) severe violence, d) violence that results in death and is subject to sanctions in accordance with Article 355 of the Indonesian criminal code, with imprisonment or punishment 15 (fifteen) years, and accompanied by a letter of evidence namely visum et repertum which proves that the victim suffered injuries.

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