



ABSTRACT

The study of wartime rape has existed for a considerable time. One of the first feminist scholars to investigate the motives behind wartime rape was Susan Brownmiller in 1975. Since then, several approaches have been developed to understand the causes behind wartime rape, including rape as opportunistic, practice, and weapon of war. However, a widely accepted typology that explains the causes and types of wartime rape is not available, creating a gap in the study. Elisabeth Jean Wood from Yale University tries to close the gap by creating a typology of wartime rape. In this thesis, the author tests Wood's typology's applicability and reveals its successes and shortcomings to contribute to closing the gap and minimize the number of wartime rape victims.

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