

ABSTRACT

The concept of patriarchy is prominent in Indonesia, women encounter patriarchy both in their public and private domain of life. Studies also found that women in Indonesia are more vulnerable to poverty, especially for divorced and widowed women in rural areas (Schaner, 2012). Patriarchy and poverty became inescapable when we try to capture and understand about domestic violence in Indonesia. Thus, it's important to understand the correlation and effect, that patriarchy and poverty brings on domestic violence.

This paper is based on the study of women who lives in Taekas village, Timor Tengah Utara, East Nusa Tenggara. This paper examines how patriarchal values and poverty correlates with domestic violence. This paper also explores women's resistance and coping strategies towards domestic violence.

The main objective of this paper is to gain deep and thorough understanding of how patriarchy and poverty contributes to domestic violence and how women in rural area of Indonesia cope with it. This paper emphasize that even though domestic violence is irrespective class, religion, and region, women in rural areas and living in poverty are more vulnerable towards domestic violence. This paper hopes to shine some light towards domestic violence issues in Indonesia, as the society are often unaware and un-informed about it.

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