The practice of dowry and the incidence of dowry abuse in Australia Submission 4

Financial abuse amongst immigrants.

Financial abuse is the most silent and a very covert way of manipulation, emotional abuse and the best way chosen by perpetrators towards victim, mostly by immigrants.

Its not limited to any economic status or any educational background by either victim or perpetrator. We have seen doctors, lawyers, highly reputable and very highly qualified people using this technique to harass their partner through this. Even highly qualified professional (who used to have a very stable life back home) have suffered enormously due to this form of abuse, particularly when settling down in new country. Gradually it escalates to other form of abuse and the cycle continues. It is used to public shame and blame the victim, isolating the victim by humiliation through family and friends. Used to control all everyday activities and family decisions and therefore removing the power from the victim and taking all control by the perpetrators. And the FV continues in various forms.

Dowry is the financial control, with full approval by family members, so allowing the Son/Husband to control with full approval of society/family members. One of the most manipulated social system, highly deformed for benefit of the privileged/Boy side. They cleverly use this with a highly greedy mindset and pretend innocent amongst public. It's a heinous practice which is highly shameful and law enforcement on this practice is a very welcome step.

Absolutely agree for a law enforcement and recognition of this practice as a crime.

Want to be part of this change.

Thanks

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