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## Investigation of Domestic Violence against Women in Turkey

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ABSTRACT This study aims to analyze domestic violence and the opinions regarding the reasons of this violence. A three-part questionnaire was used as a measuring instrument in the research. The research population is composed of the cities of Istanbul, Tekirdag, Ankara, Kayseri, Izmir, Diyarbakir, Bursa, Aydin, Antalya, Mersin, Adana, Trabzon, Ordu, Samsun and Artvin from five regions in Turkey, and the research sample is composed of the randomly selected 221 individuals from these cities. Simple random sampling was used for selection of these participants. The research was subsumed under five factor dimensions and discussed in physical, sexual, psychological-emotional, economic and gender terms. Data obtained following the research was analyzed with SPSS 18 Statistics program. In conclusion, it has been determined that violence against women is a common social problem. In this sense, it is inevitable to create a public opinion that it is a violation of a human right that can be seen at every place, age, education and income level, and this violence cannot have any reasonable grounds.