

**Question for written answer E-003364/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Violence against women in the name of honour – part 2

I refer to the reply to my previous question (E-001308/2021)¹. Almost every answer is provided with references, except for this one:

‘It is not on the agenda to collect data on cultural and religious background which are not relevant to these crimes since violence against women is a global phenomenon, independent of socioeconomic, ethnic or cultural background.’

1) On what basis does the Commission draw such conclusions?

The EU-funded project ‘Shehrazad — Combating Violence in the Name of Honour’² identifies the groups of people concerned more distinctly, describing the problem in clear terms.

Violence in the name of honour is a form of violence against women and girls within patriarchal family structures, communities and societies. The use of violence is usually justified by the preservation/restoration of honour. Honour as a value system, norm or tradition is always a social construct.

It draws attention to the following groups of women who are unable to break out of the confines of their very closed community and are at increased risk of honour-related violence: Muslims, Roma and migrants.

This contradicts the Commission’s statement.

1. Why does the Commission avoid clearly associating the problem of ‘violence in the name of honour’ with these groups?
2. How can a problem be dealt with if its cause is hushed up?

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2021-001308_EN.html

² https://ec.europa.eu/justice/grants/results/daphne-toolkit/sites/default/files/projects/documents/greece_report_honour_based_violence_2004.pdf