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ABSTRACT

This thesis aims to address the pressing issue of marital rape within the complex societal and legal landscape of Pakistan. The research is driven by the need for a nuanced examination that takes into account both Islamic principles and International human rights perspectives.

The introduction provides a comprehensive overview of the issue, outlining research objectives and emphasizing the significance of considering both local and global perspectives.

The background section highlights the profound implications of marital rape on individuals and society, emphasizing the lack of comprehensive legislation in Pakistan. The research gap is identified through a theoretical, contextual, and methodological analysis of previous studies, setting the stage for the current research.

The thesis statement succinctly captures the essence of the research, emphasizing the absence of clear legal provisions addressing marital rape in Pakistan. Research questions guide the study, addressing legal provisions, societal norms, international perspectives, and proposing legal reforms.

The literature review highlight the research gaps from previous research articles. The tentative outline provides a structured framework for the thesis, with chapters focusing on the legal landscape, critical analysis of laws, Islamic perspectives, global comparisons, and recommendations for reform. The conclusion emphasizes the potential impact of proposed reforms on justice, equality, and human dignity.

Overall, this thesis aims to aid in expanding body of literature on gender-based violence, providing a foundation for future research and make legislative measures to address the critical issue of marital rape in Pakistan.

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