

Impact of Character Strengths, Gender Role Beliefs, and Norms on GBV Perception

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This study aims to investigate how individual character strengths, gender role beliefs, and social norms collectively shape perceptions of gender-based violence (GBV). Using a sample of over 200 participants, this quantitative research examines the links between these factors and GBV perception. Specifically, the study assesses whether individuals with higher levels of character strengths, particularly those aligned with empathy and fairness, show a stronger negative stance on GBV and are less likely to justify violent behavior. It also examines the impact of traditional versus egalitarian gender role beliefs, exploring whether traditional beliefs are more likely to justify or downplay GBV severity, while egalitarian beliefs may lead to a perception of GBV as more severe and unacceptable. Additionally, this study assesses the influence of social norms and community beliefs, examining how perceiving one's social environment as endorsing traditional norms might lead to higher tolerance for GBV, compared to a supportive environment for gender equality, which could foster lower tolerance. Through correlations, this study highlights important connections between character strengths, personal beliefs, and social norms that shape how individuals perceive GBV.

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