

Expanding Concepts of Non-Consensual Image-Disclosure Abuse

A Study of NCIDA in Pakistan **Amna Batool**



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Motivation

Methods

Contextual values and norms could intensify the repercussions - evidenced by media cases of honor killings resulting from NCIDA



Threaten

Victims

Disclosure to Extended

Social Circle Online

https://petapixel.com/2023/12/07/woman-murdered-in-pakistan-o ver-photoshopped-image-with-boyfriend/

Woman Murdered in Pakistan Over

Photoshopped Image With Boyfriend

Collaborated with a Cybercrime Wing of a Federal Investigation Agency and an NGO

Focus of Prior Work



Conducted semi-structured Interviews with 12 victims, 8 family members and 12 investigation officers.

Research Questions

- In what forms do NCIDA manifest within the 1. Pakistani context?
- 2. What are the impacts of NCIDA on victims and their families?
- 3. What remedies do victims prefer to mitigate such abuse?

Observations for 240 hours during investigations of 70 NCIDA cases

Findings - Broader Conception of NCIDA Compared to Western Perspectives

A significantly lower bar of what constitutes as a problematic content

Besides sexually explicit content, the following types of content are also considered problematic:

- People of opposite genders holding hands
- Individuals wearing jeans and sleeveless tops
- Collage images of normal pictures with heart emojis
- Derogatory comments on otherwise normal pictures

Threat mechanisms include disclosure to male family members



Disclosure to Female Family Members



Disclosure to Male Family Members **Repercussions differ significantly in** terms of the number of people affected and the intensity experienced by the primary victims.

Punitive or

Restorative

Approach

Tragic Death: [She let our honor down..

Financial Harm: [Ever since my father's death, I am the sole provider for my family. My ex-boyfriend exposed compromising content to my employers... Having changed jobs four times and missed three months' wages, my family's financial reserves have depleted.] -(Bismah, the sole breadwinner)

Victims demanded a unique mix of punitive (P) and restorative (R) justice

No disclosure at all (only threats to victims): (P) Problematic content removal

(R) Written guarantee

Selective disclosure to family members:

(P) Problematic content removal, minor legal actions against perpetrators (e.g., physical remand without FIR)

(R) Written guarantee from perpetrators and their family/friends

Public disclosure on social media platforms:

(P) Major legal actions (e.g., FIR and court trial) (R) Public apology on social media platform

Discussion - NCIDA Preliminary Theory: NCIDA Operates within the Framework of Local Norms

- Cultural Acceptance: NCIDA exist in relation to what the local culture finds socially and morally acceptable
- Predictive Potential: Cultures that are relatively more . open with nudity see a narrower set of NCIDA content than those that hold all nudity to be private

Tech Recommendations

- Limit or prevent screenshots during video calls .
- Shadow banning sensitive content
- Flagging abusive 'one-time view' messages
- Improve digital literacy through public service message campaigns

Platforms' Policy Recommendations

- Platforms should create a liability fund for NCIDA in the . countries they operate in
- Collaboration with local law enforcement agencies .
- Cross platforms' consortium for addressing NCIDA
- Compliance with local regulations

Sexually Explicit Content Victims

Individuality of Public Disclosure