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## **INFLUENCE OF PATRIARCHY ON REACTIVE PARTNER HOMICIDE**

**Summary:** Reactive homicide represents the killing of a violent individual by the victim of violence. This form of killing most commonly manifests as a reaction of a woman – victim of violence to endured partner violence. Analysing the factors contributing to the manifestation of this form of criminal behaviour, we can observe that some of them are greatly shaped under the influence of the patriarchal system of values. The paper presents characteristics of gender relations of patriarchy present in Serbian society and factors contributing to the phenomenon of reactive partner homicide shaped by the influence of the patriarchal system. The analysis of the correlation between social norms of the patriarchal system and factors contributing to the execution of reactive partner homicide points to the unequal position of women in Serbian society, which is particularly emphasized in cases of exposure to domestic violence.

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