



“Violence Against women: From theory to practice”

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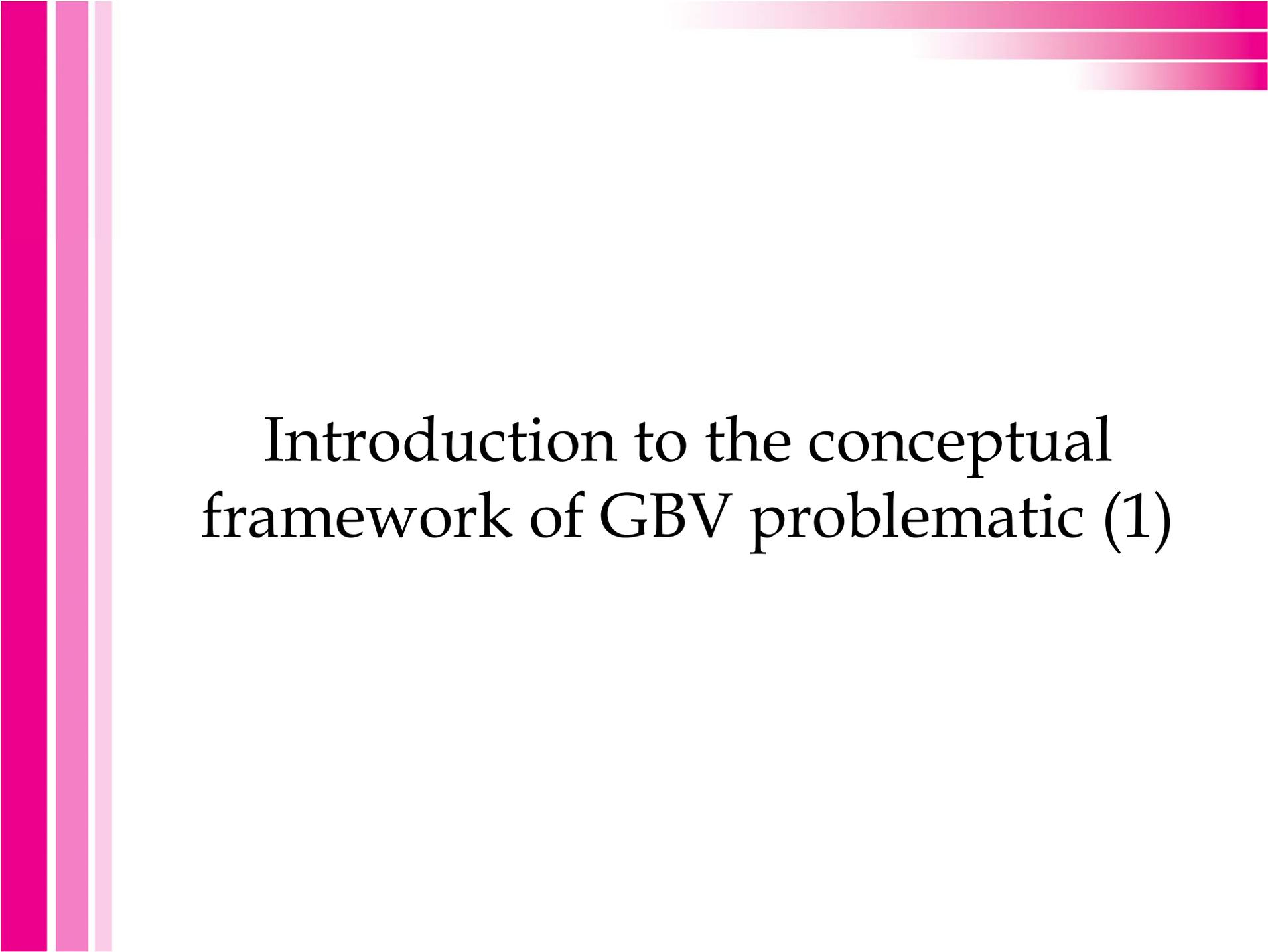
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Gender Based Violence...

a societal cause in the ME: why?

- Effects of Violence on victims, family members and surrounding
- Impact of violence on women gender roles
- Denial lead to increase of violence
- GBV combat: a societal responsibility
- Behavioral change and its relation to change in social norms



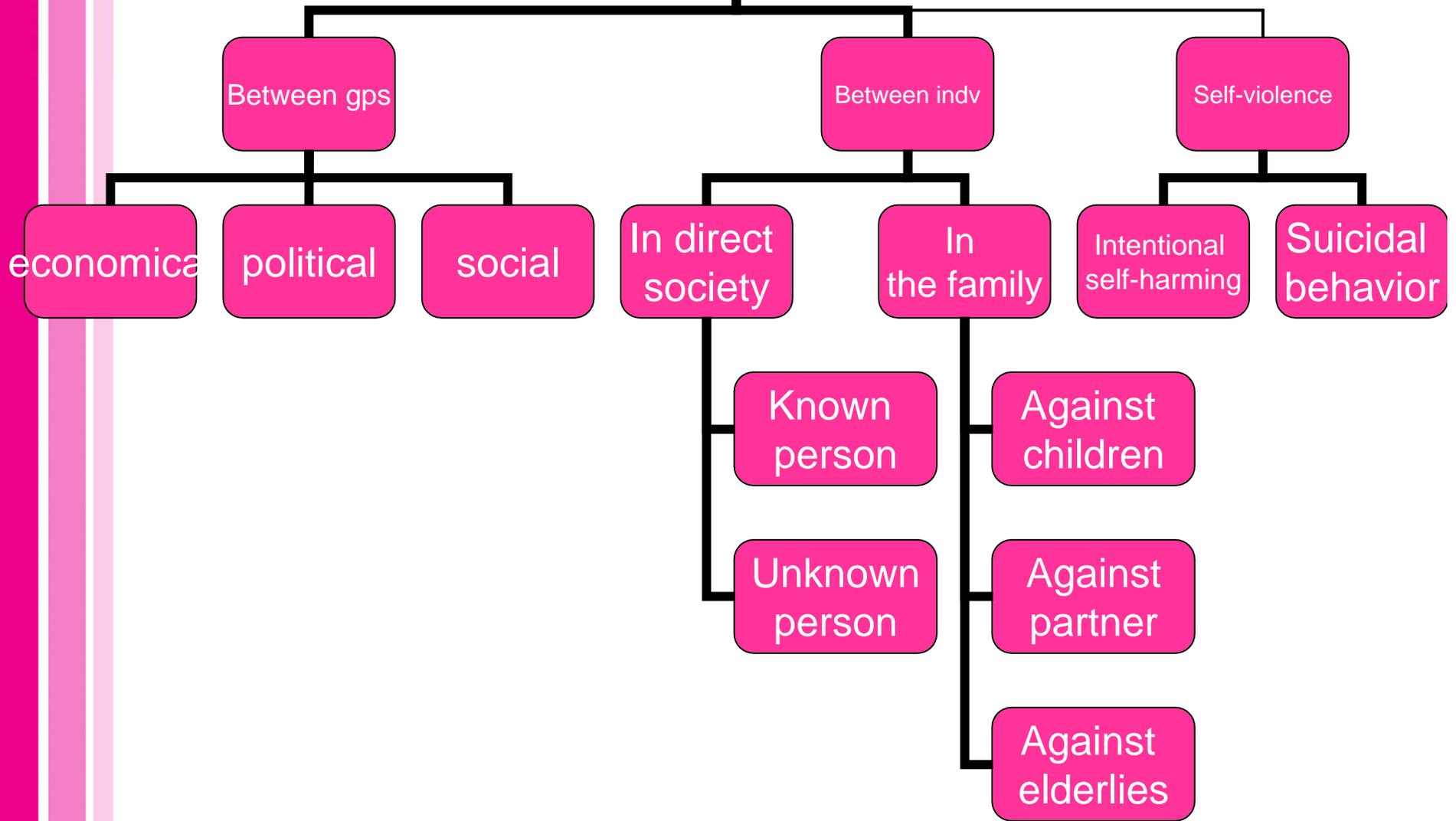
Introduction to the conceptual framework of GBV problematic (1)

What is violence?

"the intentional use of physical force or power, threatened or actual, against oneself, another person, or against a group or community, that either results in or has a high likelihood of resulting in injury, death, psychological harm, maldevelopment, or deprivation."

World Health Organization

Violence



**Definition of
Violence Against Women (VAW)
according to the Declaration on the Elimination of
Violence against Women**

For the purposes of this Declaration,
the term "violence against women" means any act
of gender-based violence that results in,
or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or
psychological harm or suffering to women,
including threats of such acts, coercion or
arbitrary deprivation of liberty,
whether occurring in public or in private life.



Specificity of family violence

Misuse of **power**

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Misuse of **trust and intimacy**

Why is the silence?

- Socialization
- Fear
- Perception towards family as a “Sacred unit”
- Incapability to declare
- Education
- Legalization of family violence
- Concept of “property of the family”
- Patriarchal System

Types of VAW according to the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women

(a) Physical, sexual and psychological violence **occurring in the family**, including battering, sexual abuse of female children in the household, dowry-related violence, marital rape, female genital mutilation and other traditional practices harmful to women, non-spousal violence and violence related to exploitation;

(b) Physical, sexual and psychological violence occurring **within the general community**, including rape, sexual abuse, sexual harassment and intimidation at work, in educational institutions and elsewhere, trafficking in women and forced prostitution;

(c) Physical, sexual and psychological violence perpetrated or **condoned by the State**, wherever it occurs...



Types of marital violence

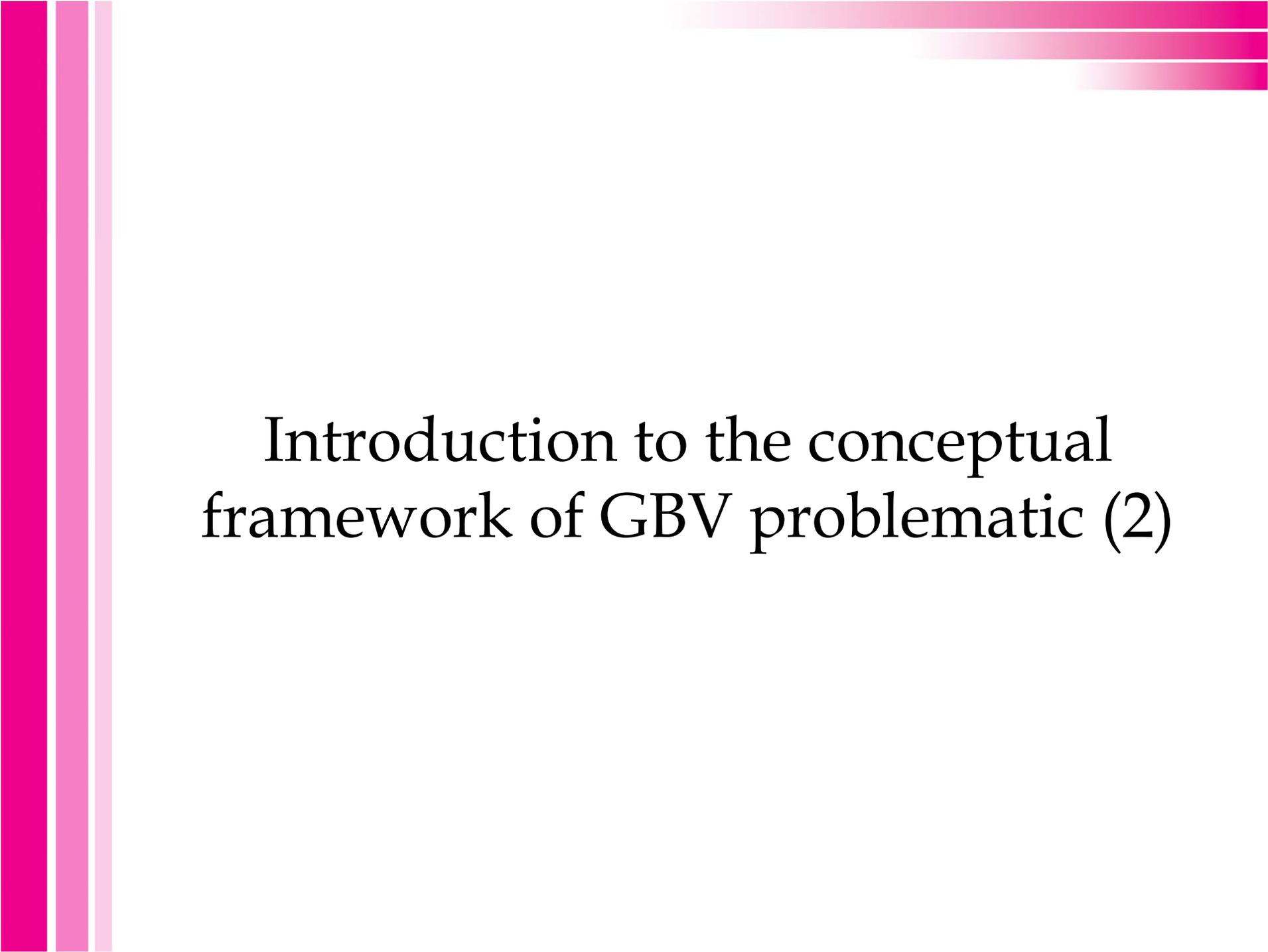
Verbal````

Physical````

psychological````

economical````

Sexual````



Introduction to the conceptual framework of GBV problematic (2)



Role of education in socializing roles of boys and girls

Socialization of boys:

- Roughness
- Aggressiveness
- Power & control
- Egocentrism



Role of education in socializing roles of boys and girls (cont'd)

Socialization of girls

- Fragile
- Flexibility
- Obedience
- Altruism

Causes of GBV

Norms and values

Economical, legal, political, judicial, security systems and media

Social institutions

NGOs, work system...

Direct sphere

Parents, friends, peers, cousins

Direct Family Unit

Individual

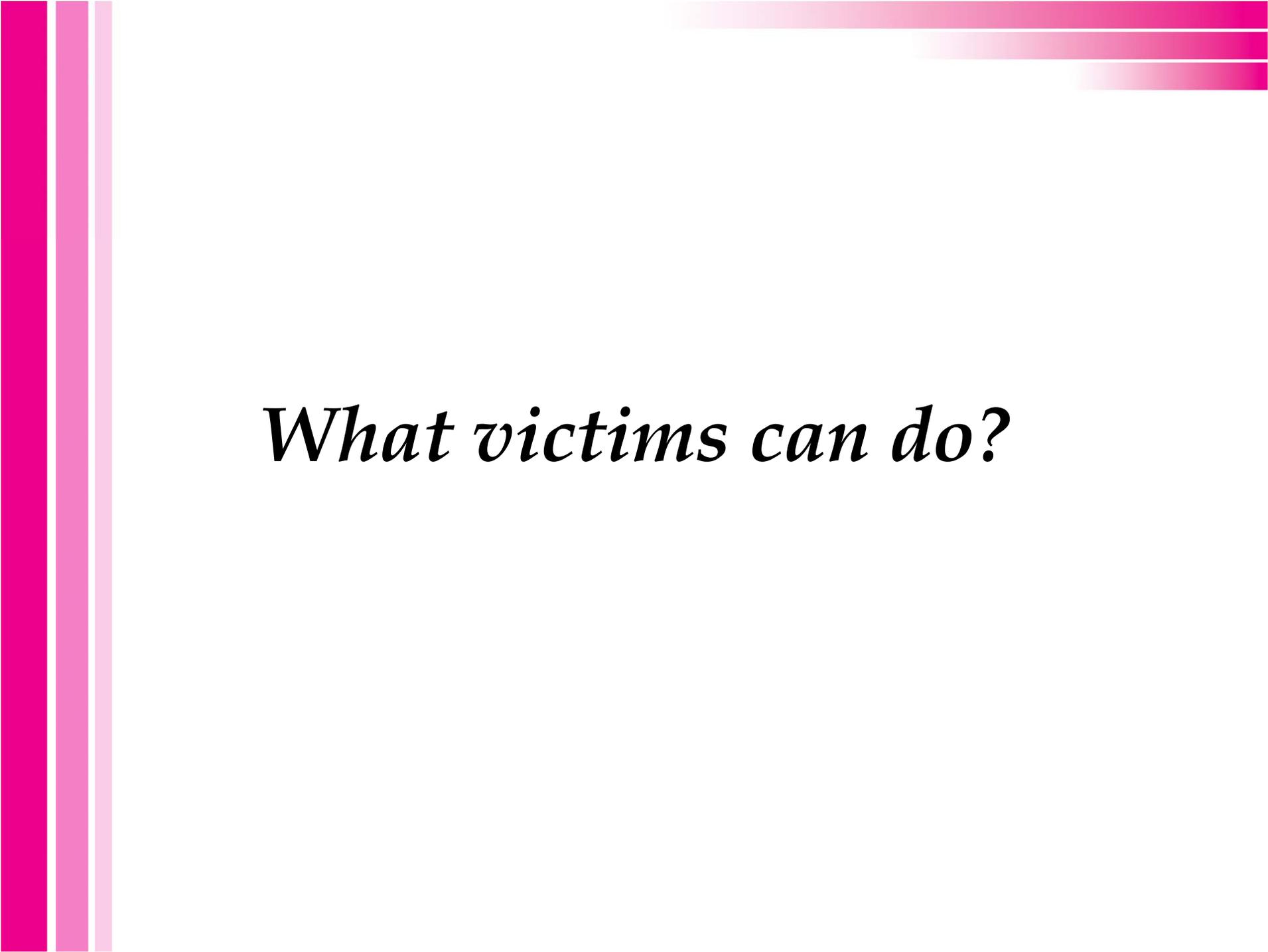


Why does she stay?

- Fear
- Shame
- Psychological / economical dependency
- Social isolation
- Loyalty to the abuser
- Religious and cultural causes
- Hope
- Feeling of guilt

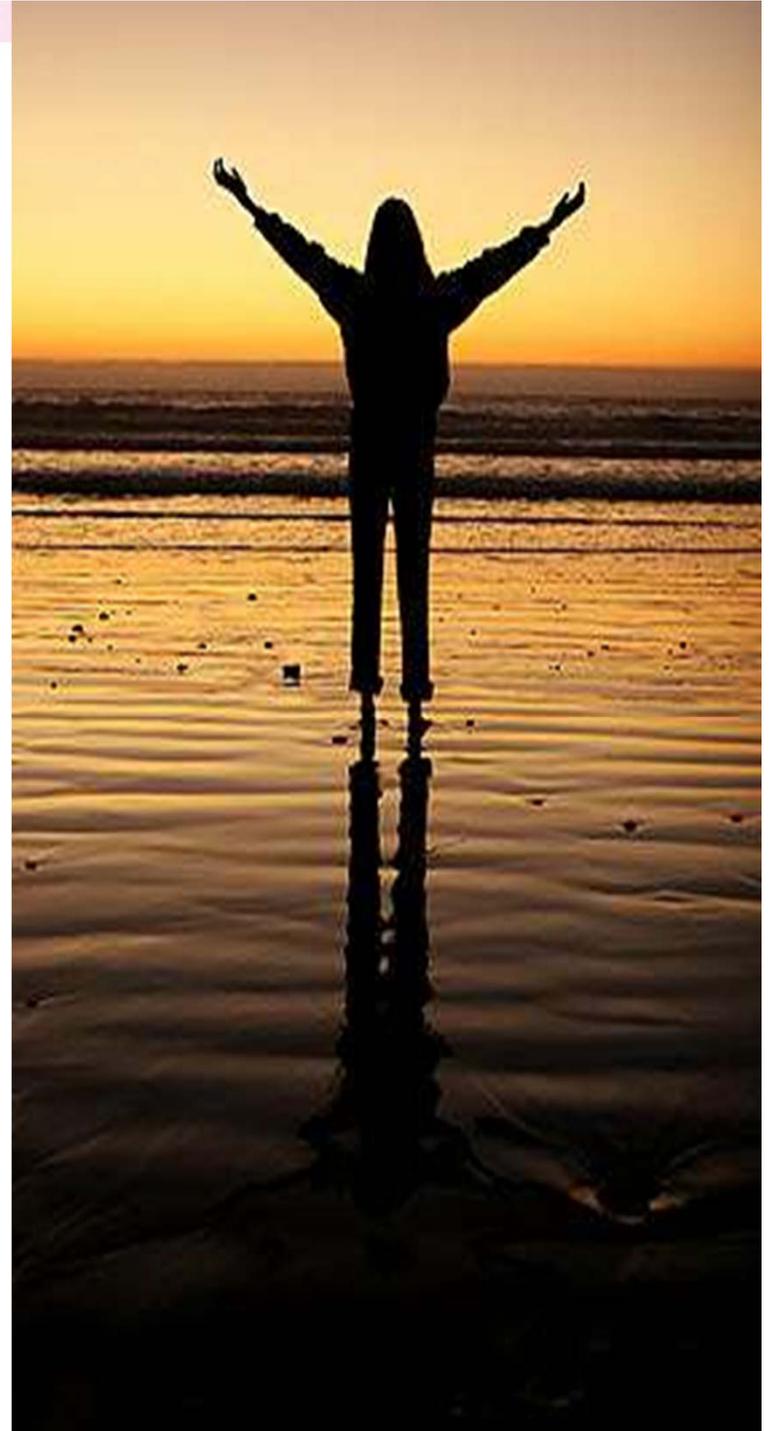
Myths

- Abusers are definitely psychologically and mentally sick
- Violence occurs only in non- educated and poor societies
- Violence= loosing control on temper
- Woman provokes the abuser
- Children witnessing violence become themselves violent in adulthood
- Marital violence concerns the couple only
- Alchool causes violence
- Men don't beet their pregnant wives
- Using violence with an abuser will stop him

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What victims can do?

- *Thank you for your active participation!*





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