

AN ISTORYA NI NANAY: LIVED EXPERIENCES OF BATTERED WIVES

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ABSTRACT

Violence against women is a phenomenon that long existed up until today which reflects the patriarchal connotation of the society. Despite having claimed several women's rights, a significant number of cases of violence against women still exists. This study aimed to present the lived experiences of battered wives. The study was focused on their lived experiences, the perceived causes of violence and how they coped with such battering. The research used a qualitative phenomenological approach. The interview schedule was used in gathering data from participants. Responses were transcribed, analyzed, and presented according to themes using the three different theories (learned behavior theory, learned helplessness theory, and "loss of control" theory) for a concise presentation. Participants were battered wives from Eastern Samar, Philippines. The battered wives experienced husband dominance, fear, gossips, and threats from their spouses. They experienced verbal, physical, mental/emotional and economical types of violence. The wives coped through endurance for their children's sake. However, they eventually broke away after a couple of years of being battered, still for their children's sake.

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