



FRAMING FEMICIDE: ANALYZING NEWS REPORTING IN UZBEKISTAN (2014–2024)

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RESEARCHING FEMICIDE IN UZBEKISTAN

Femicide research in Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan – joint project of the UN Women, the School of Data and Data against Femicide to generate new data to assess and understand the prevalence of femicide in focus countries.

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KEY WORDS

- убита - killed/murdered
- найдено тело женщины - a body of a woman was found
- скончалась - died
- погибла - died/killed
- труп женщины - woman's body
- смерти избил - beaten [to] death
- скончалась от полученных травм - died from the received injuries
- убийство женщины - murder of a woman
- изнасилование женщины - rape of a woman
- умерла - died

CRIMINAL CODE ARTICLES

- Article 97: Premeditated Murder
- Article 98: Premeditated Murder in a State of Strong Emotional Distress
- Article 99: Premeditated Murder by a Mother of Her Newborn Child
- Article 100: Premeditated Killing Caused by Exceeding the Limits of Necessary Defense
- Article 102: Causing Death by Negligence
- Article 103: Driving a Person to Suicide
- Article 103.1 Incitement to Suicide
- Article 104: Intentional Grievous Bodily Harm: d) Resulting in the Death of the Victim

WEBSITES

Gazeta.uz (664)

Podrobno.uz (2379)

Ozodlik.org (12546)

Darakchi.uz (271)

Kun.uz (703)

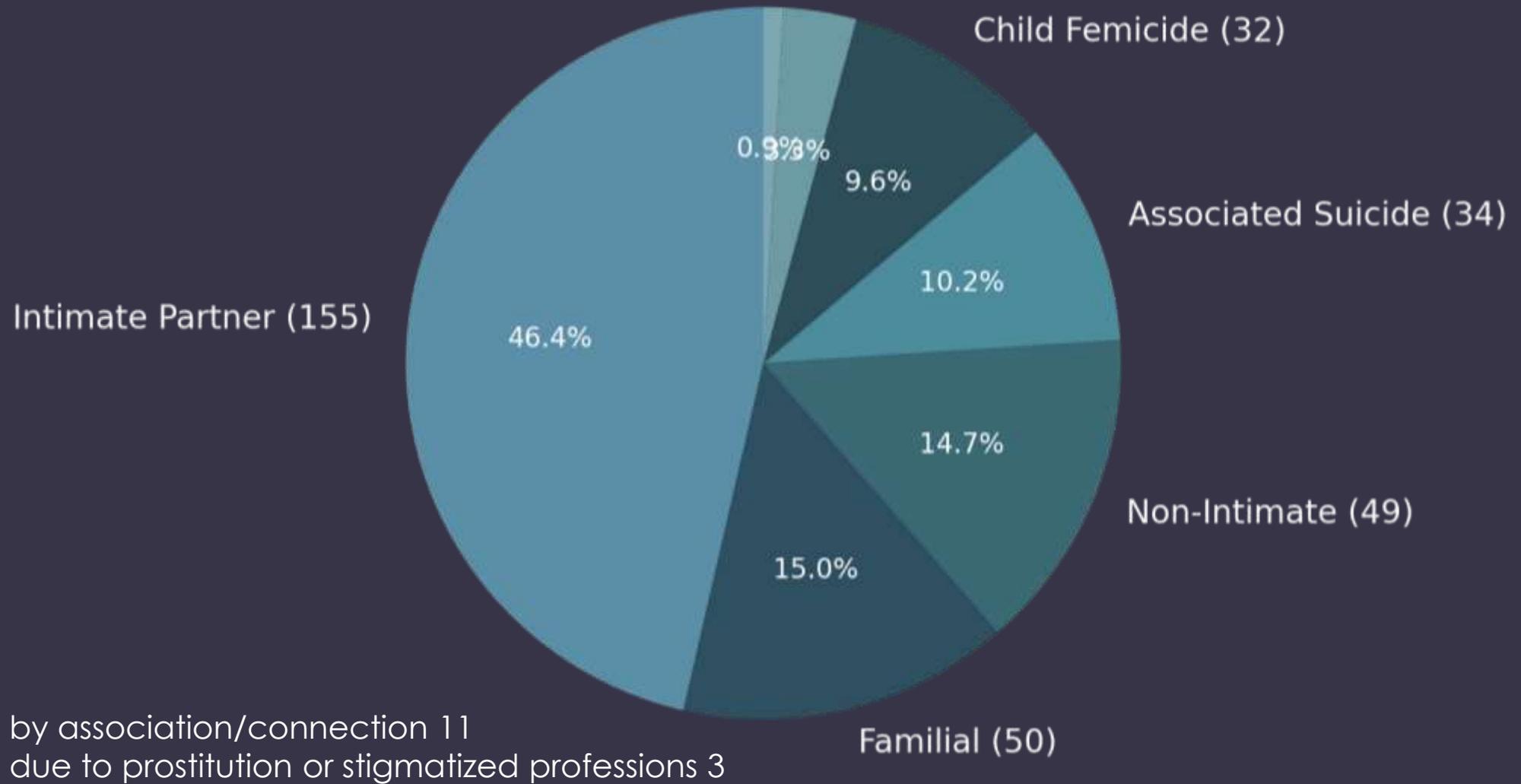
228 court decisions from Sud.uz (2023)



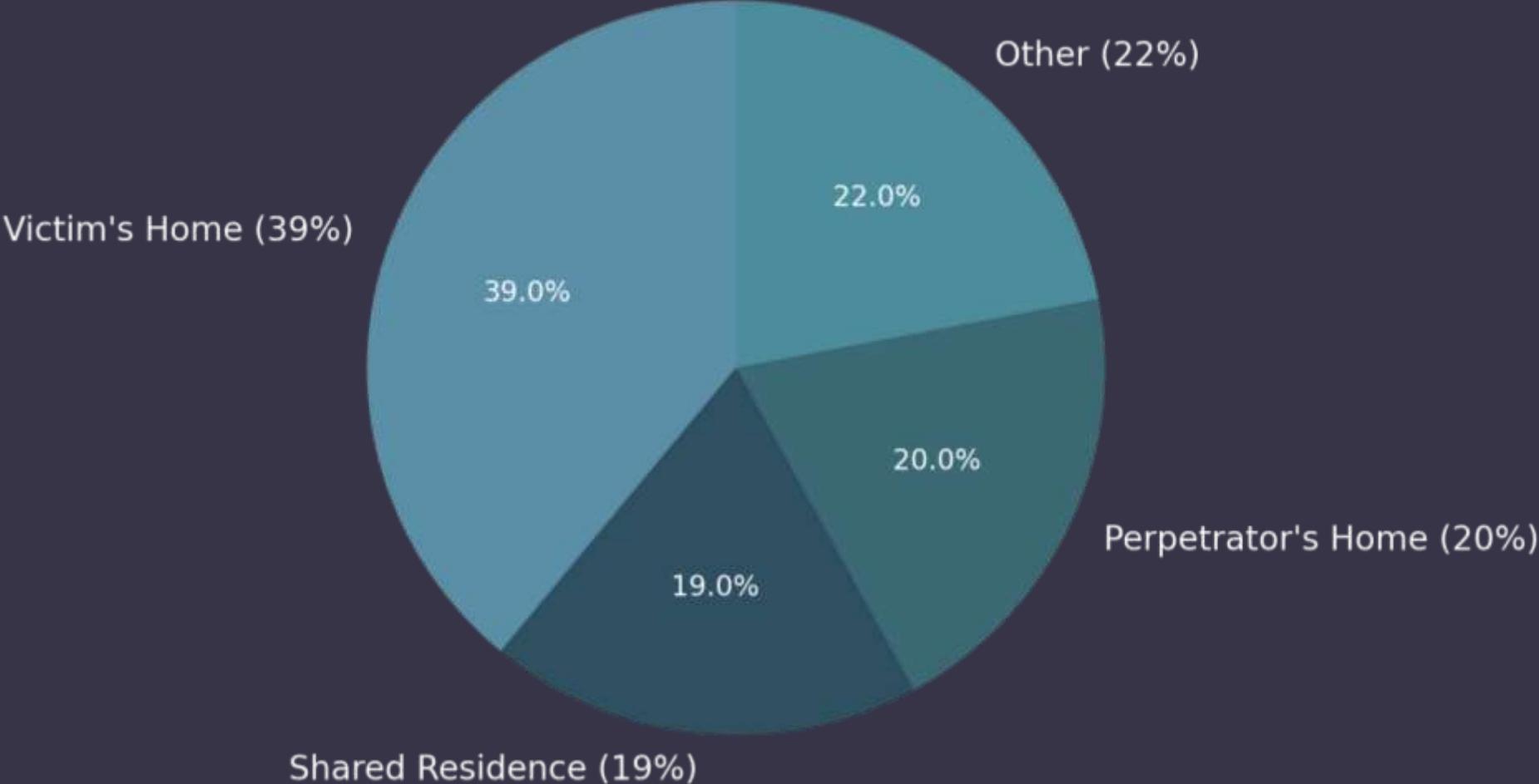
EXTENDED DATASET

- 305 cases, 334 victims
- Additional dataset with 27 homicide cases (31 victims)
- 54 variables

Types of Femicide (334 Cases)



Location of Femicide Incidents



RESEARCH QUESTIONS

- To what extent does Uzbek media reporting depersonalize victims and perpetrators of femicide?
- How are femicide media reports thematically framed?
- What narrative frames are used in femicide reports?

MODIFIED DATASET



223 news reports

1. Excluded cases collected from the court archives (total of 67)
2. Suicide cases associated with femicide with no reference to investigation under Article 103
3. Child femicides associated with mothers' suicide
4. Duplicate references to the same article when covering more than one femicide
5. Additional 117 sources for the listed crimes

KEY CONCEPTS

1. Depersonalization
2. Frames
3. Language*

FRAMES

STRUCTURAL FRAME CATEGORIES

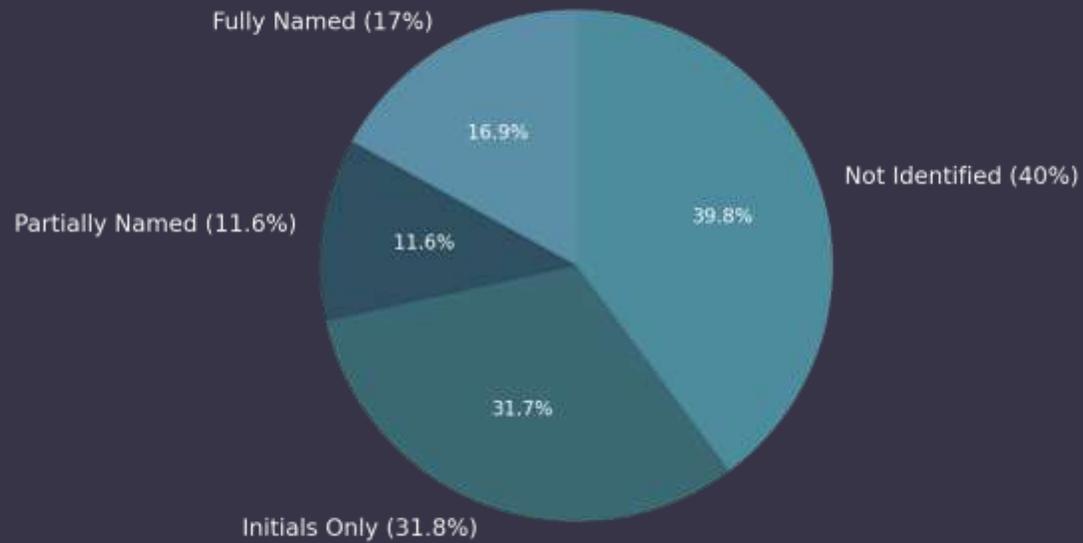
- Episodic
- Thematic
- Quasi-thematic

NARRATIVE FRAME CATEGORIES

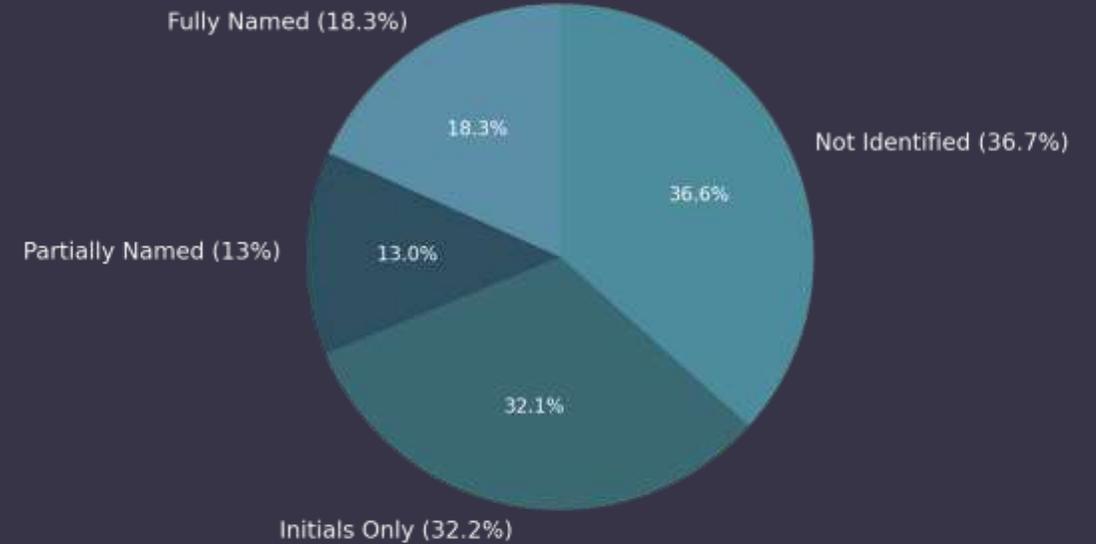
- Perpetrator excusing/victim-blaming frame
- Commonplace frame
- Isolated incident frame
- Faulty criminal justice system frame
- Police/just facts frame

FINDINGS: DEPERSONALISATION

Victim Identification in Media Reports (223 Articles)



Perpetrator Identification in Media Reports (223 Articles)



FINDINGS:FRAMES

Breakdown of Article Length by Framing Structure in Femicide Coverage

| Structure Frame | < 300 words | 301-1000 words | > 1000 words | Total |
|-----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Episodic | 185 (82.96%) | 14 (6.28%) | | 199 (89.24%) |
| Quasi-thematic | 6 (2.69%) | 17 (7.62%) | | 23 (10.31%) |
| Thematic | | | 1 (0.45%) | 1 (0.45%) |
| Total | 191 (85.65%) | 31 (13.90%) | 1 (0.45%) | 223 (100.00%) |

Narrative Framing Categories in Femicide Media Reports

| Narrative Frame | Number of Articles | Percentage |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Commonplace Frame | 210 | 94.17% |
| Police Frame / Just Facts | 141 | 63.23% |
| Victim Blaming / Perpetrator Excusing | 43 | 19.28% |
| Faulty Criminal Justice System | 11 | 4.93% |
| Isolated Incident | 3 | 1.35% |

Distribution of Narrative Framing Categories in Femicide Media Reports

| Frames | Number of Articles | Overall Proportion |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Commonplace | 47 | 21.08% |
| Commonplace, Faulty CJS | 4 | 1.79% |
| Commonplace, Police frame/Just facts | 118 | 52.91% |
| Commonplace, Police frame/Just facts, Victim blaming/Perpetrator excusing | 10 | 4.48% |
| Commonplace, Victim blaming/Perpetrator excusing | 10 | 4.48% |
| Commonplace, Victim blaming/Perpetrator excusing, Police frame/Just facts | 1 | 0.45% |
| Faulty CJS | 3 | 1.35% |
| Faulty CJS, Commonplace | 2 | 0.90% |
| Faulty CJS, Commonplace, Victim blaming/Perpetrator excusing | 1 | 0.45% |
| Isolated incident | 2 | 0.90% |
| Isolated incident, Police frame/Just facts | 1 | 0.45% |
| Police frame/Just facts, Commonplace | 3 | 1.35% |
| Police frame/Just facts, Commonplace, Victim blaming/Perpetrator excusing | 1 | 0.45% |
| Victim blaming/Perpetrator excusing | 5 | 2.24% |
| Victim blaming/Perpetrator excusing, Commonplace | 7 | 3.14% |
| Victim blaming/Perpetrator excusing, Commonplace, Police frame/Just facts | 5 | 2.24% |
| Victim blaming/Perpetrator excusing, Faulty CJS, Commonplace | 1 | 0.45% |
| Victim blaming/Perpetrator excusing, Police frame/Just facts | 2 | 0.90% |
| Grand Total | 223 | 100.00% |

CONCLUSIONS

- (1) reliance on official statements with minimal investigation,
- (2) depersonalization of victims and perpetrators, framing femicide as ordinary homicide, and
- (3) mitigation of perpetrators' actions through apologetic narratives.



THANK YOU!

