

Domestic violence and female genital mutilation

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A secondary analysis of women status questionnaire of Egyptian Demographic Health Survey) EDHS-95 was conducted. The characteristics of beaten wife including their circumcision status were investigated. The acceptance that the husbands are justified to beat their wives was examined according to different women characteristics. A multivariate analysis was conducted to determine if the practice of female circumcision leads to women acceptance of beating per se or education, work, economic levels and residence that influence this acceptance. The results showed that the beaten women were universally circumcised (99%) ; they were mostly from rural areas, living in lower economic levels, not educated or had primary education, married to uneducated husband or who had primary education and not working. Acceptance of husbands are justified to beat their wives was more likely to be 7.5 times among circumcised women than the non- circumcised ones. The results of multivariate analysis showed that this influence is still the strongest determinant even after the introduction of education, working, economic level and residence variables.