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Changes in social roles of men and women may cause the increase of gender violence. When their power threatened within their relationship, they may use violence as a way to

Thus, violence becomes either an instrument to control their threatened power or many men "feel threatened by the change that their relationship with women has i understand their relationship with women in terms of equality despite the prevailin

Such conclusions were drawn from a research conducted by Prof. M<sup>a</sup> Carmen He Department of Social Psychology and Methodology of Behavioural Science of the coordinated by Prof. Francisca Expósito Jiménez and Miguel C. Moya Morales. TI obtain an answer to the following question: "Why do certain men batter certain wo

The research conducted in the University of Granada employed a psycho-social p factors: sexism and power imbalance in marriage. Concretely, the author's purpose was to get a more thorough perspective and so she tri men's perception of losing power may be a cause of gender violence. As M<sup>a</sup> Carmen Herrera states: "it is not only the person's behaviour: the social context and its influence on men's behaviour".

**Women forgo their ambitions**

According to the University of Granada, our society has a problem: women accept benevolent sexism –which is defined by the author as "c connotations, care to and paternalism towards women" – may lead them to forego their ambitions to avoid conflicts with their partners. In c afraid that their husbands will react violently against them if they do not stick to their traditional role opt for forgoing equality in exchange fo

Benevolent sexism "can be deemed as a lens that distorts reality due to its positive tone that weakens women's will in situations of inequal against them. This behaviour makes individuals accept this type of situation.

This research confirms the relevance of ideological factors in gender-based violence. It emphasizes the importance of power in sentiment on men's reactions in an effort to maintain or restore their lost/threatened power.

The results obtained from this study may be essential in the prevention of and action against gender violence. The author has not only rev aggressor of ideological factors, but she has also highlighted the role of benevolent sexism in making women become potential victims.