



# **A Case Study of Domestic Violence and Abuse in International Marriages in Japan: Exploring Various Manifestations of Domestic Violence and Abuse**

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## **Abstract**

This research highlights the problems of DV and abuse in international households in Japan between Russian-speaking expatriates and Japanese citizens. It is important to note that, according to a study conducted by UNODC and UN Women in 2021, more than five women or girls were killed every hour by someone in their own family. This horrific evidence indicates that violence against women and girls is one of the most serious crimes worldwide. When it comes to the discussion of DV and abuse in Japan, it is important to acknowledge that Japan has made significant efforts to develop the current situation, and many improvements have been witnessed in this field. However, when we are discussing DV and abuse in international households, it is essential to note that Japan still faces significant challenges. Therefore, the aim of this study was to investigate the issue, causes, and frequency of DV, abuse, and other cultural misunderstandings among Russo-Japanese couples. The author conducted both a qualitative and quantitative analysis. The qualitative approach was applied using descriptive statistics methods and critical discourse analysis. Furthermore, the qualitative approach included historical context analysis, data analysis, analysis of national statistics, participant observation, online open-ended questionnaire, in-depth interview, case study, interview research method, personal interview method, and critical discourse analysis. On top of it, the quantitative approach included the snowball sampling method and quota sampling. Finally, this study has identified the primary causes of major conflicts and described and analyzed abuse based on examples gained through interviews.

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