

Education as a weapon to combat Violence against Women November 25th

Violence against woman is not new. Since the beginning of Times, women have been subjected to different kinds of violence, either physical or psychological. People tend focus their attention on physical violence because it's something that terrifies the majority of people (except those who actually use physical violence against women). Nowadays it's on the spotlight in the first world's mass media.

Unfortunately, every day, anyone can find a shocking article in a newspaper about murders, sexual attacks, rape against woman; this is the sort of news that terrifies people, but there is a good side in this : If violence against women is in the mass media, people can raise awareness and fight against these acts, and, in fact there is a stream of movements worldwide.

Social networks are doing a good job about this, spreading articles and news. International organizations are calling for help; opinions, real testimonies of victims, and a very important thing, which is that we can have global information about what the situation is in different parts of the world. This global idea allows us to reach some very important conclusions. One is that in the first world, the rate of physical violence against women is lower than in the third world. So, it is good news, because there is something that we are doing well. Of course the policies that those countries have applied against gender violence have taken effect, although the results are still not the ideal ones. These countries should have the moral responsibility to help those countries in which violence against women is higher.

The United Nations are concerned about this problem, and also other international organizations, but the problem is they are not powerful enough to carry out the policies against this kind of violence. But the most important conclusion that I draw is that Education is the most powerful weapon against violence, any kind of violence. Besides, it's something that every one of us can contribute to improving. It's easy, anyone can talk with their children, friend's children, nieces and nephews, showing them what respect to other people means, and how important it is, also how to avoid some behaviours and how to help women in problems. The governments can do a lot of things in this way, getting involved in equal education rules at school, as well as developing campaigns to raise awareness.

If good policies of equal education are applied, the rate of violence against women will diminish in one generation, but let's not forget that any one of us can be a part of this fight.