

REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Through Their Own Words: An Interview Analysis of Women's Legal Status in Taloqan, Afghanistan

Recommendation:

✓ Accept as it is

Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓		
Techn. Quality			✓	
Clarity			✓	
Significance			✓	

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Detailed Reviewer's Report

This analysis presents the firsthand experiences of ten Afghan women from Takhar province, gathered in April 2025, highlighting the severe challenges they face under Taliban rule. It reveals widespread gender-based violence, lack of access to justice, forced and child marriages, suppression of education, economic dependence, and deteriorating mental health. Women are deprived of legal rights, denied fair trials, and often punished for seeking justice. The collapse of civil society and the absence of support systems have left many women vulnerable to abuse and poverty. Despite these conditions, Afghan women continue to resist through underground education and activism.

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