Women and War: A Critical Discourse

Berkeley Journal of Gender Law

Follow this and additional works at: https://scholarship.law.berkeley.edu/bglj

Recommended Citation

Link to publisher version (DOI)
https://doi.org/10.15779/Z386688J00

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Law Journals and Related Materials at Berkeley Law Scholarship Repository. It has been accepted for inclusion in Berkeley Journal of Gender, Law & Justice by an authorized administrator of Berkeley Law Scholarship Repository. For more information, please contact jcera@law.berkeley.edu.
Welcome

As the contemporary world is embroiled in many forms of war, there is no better time than now to confront the realities and complexities of violent conflict. Women and children disproportionately bear the burden of war in society, whether it is in the effect of a militarized culture, or the physical effects of war in society. Rape and sexual trafficking continue to be used as tools of war. However, women’s participation in war can not, and should not, be limited to the effect of war on women. To view women as a monolithic group, victims only, would ignore the varied and disparate roles women play in society, militarism, and war. Women are not only victims, they are participants, and often, effective resisters of war. At this critical time, the Berkeley Women’s Law Journal is proud to publish the transcripts from its fourth bi-annual symposium, Women and War: A Critical Discourse. It was through the lens of our mandate that BWLJ explored, critiqued, and analyzed the realities of war and the rhetoric of militarism.