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## **Language, Gender and Violence in Iraqi Proverbial Discourse**

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The discourse of Iraqi folk proverbs is full of subtle and abusive forms of language use which are often derogatory to women, a situation traceable to the socio-cultural dictates of a male dominated culture. The proposed research is intended to account for the discursive representation of linguistic violence against women in Iraqi folk proverbs. It examines the relationship between linguistic violence within Iraqi proverbial discourse and diverse norms and practices related to gender violence and discrimination in Iraq. To achieve the research objective, a compiled corpus of Iraqi proverbs is studied from a feminist critical discourse analysis perspective. A qualitative content analysis is used for the examination of the compiled corpus of proverbs. On the basis of corpus analysis, a number of conclusions and implications are provided.