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“In my opinion violence against women is indubitably a human right issue, because women as members of our society are ought to be respected and treated as same as their male counterparts — this is a basic individual human right! Also, there have been lots of studies that show, a society can only thrive if women in that society are given respect and appropriate status. Thus, even with a societal or group-based perspective, women should be treated with human dignity and equality.

There are multiple things we should do to boost gender equality and prevent gender violence in our community. One important thing is to educate men and boys that violence should not be a channel to display their power. I think raising awareness against and stigmatizing violence against women will help reduce the rates of such violence. Research findings show that the volume of violence against women in a community is always correlated with the acceptance of it amongst the community members. To bring a solution to prevent gender violence men need to work actively with women as a group. We, men need to start a larger conversation with our peers on creating a culture where violence against women should be seen as a sign of weakness. Furthermore, we need to create a safe harbor where women feel comfortable sharing their experiences of abuse with us.”