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**Abstract:**

This article examines the trends, antecedents and precipitating factors of intimate femicide in an African setting in general and in Botswana in particular. Studies have implicated societal and cultural dynamics as playing significant roles in intimate femicide in the African settings. The ideology of male supremacy and the patriarchal nature of in most African settings have relegated women to a subordinate role. Consequently, respect for women in any relationship with men is lopsided in favour of men which have led to the abuse of women, including intimate femicide. Other militating factors in intimate femicide are examined and the implications for counseling to assist the endangered female partner are discussed.