Abstract
The principal aim of the present article is to give the reader an updated analysis of the characteristics of media coverage of gender-based violence issues. We are mainly interested in the diffusion of news involving tragic events –i.e. assassinations– as a result of gender violence. We start by making a survey of the terminology related to gender violence: from the definition and evolution of the term “passional crime” to the current use of the terms “domestic and gender violence”. We also give insights into the phrasal expressions commonly used in the publications addressing these issues and a current juridic regulation of gender-based violence issues.

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Passional crime, gender violence, journalism of events, homicide, domestic abuse, recommendations for use.