Journalists in general run up against all kind of risks and pressures.

On top of that, women journalists are also exposed to gender violence, with a recurrent sexual aspect in it.
Types of gender-based violence women journalists have to face (World, 2020)

Q: What kind of gender violence affect women journalists in your country? Several answers possible

Source: RSF, 2020

- Sexual Harassment: 84%
- Sexual Assault: 30%
- Rape Threat: 27%
- Rape: 7%
Those violences usually take place in the close sphere of the working place.
Source of gender-based violence women journalists have to face (World, 2020)

Q: Who perpetrate these violences? Several answers possible

Source: RSF, 2020

Inside the Journal:
- Supervisor: 51%
- Colleague: 46%

Outside the Journal:
- Officials: 50%
- Politics: 46%
- Anonymous: 44%
- Interviewee: 35%
without sanctions in $\frac{2}{3}$* of the time.

* Source: RSF, 2020
Response to gender based violence in the journal (World, 2020)

Q: Was there any response to these violences when known in the journal?
Several answers possible

Source: RSF, 2020

61% NO RESPONSE
But with the rise of social media, journalists also become the focus of a new type of online abuse.

Further more, women journalists seem a prime target of this online harassment.
According to a recent UNESCO’s study involving more than 700 women journalists from around the world
73% of them had experienced online violence in the course of their work.

% of women who experienced online violence (World, 2020)

Source: Unesco, 2020
Gender stories in particular appear to trigger high levels of online abuse.
Topics with high levels of online abuse (World, 2020)

47% GENDER
44% POLITICS & ELECTIONS
31% HUMAN RIGHTS & SOCIAL POLICY

Source: UNESCO, 2020

(several answers possible)
In response to these online attacks, nearly a third of these women journalists self-censor to avoid being targeted.
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% of women self-censoring after online attacks (World, 2020)

Source: Unesco, 2020
Proving the effectiveness of online attack tactics, designed to chill critical reporting, muzzle truth-telling but also silence women.