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****"At least 1 out of every 3 women worldwide are beaten, coerced into sex, or otherwise abused in her lifetime, with rates reaching 70% in some countries"
Amnesty USA**

Women around the world are celebrating as America elects its first African-American President, Barack Obama. Obama is a sponsor (and new VP Joe Biden a co-author) of the International Violence Against Women Act, currently before Congress. The I-VAWA, which is backed by Amnesty USA, Family Violence Prevention Fund and Women Thrive Worldwide, would direct US aid to work to tackle violence against women and girls around the globe.

It builds on the ground-breaking Violence Against Women Act, also authored by Biden, which has channelled over \$5billion to prevention programmes, domestic violence shelters and Rape Crisis Centres across the US. Click [here](#) for EVAW Manager Holly Dustin's article on lessons to be learned from the VAWA, further articles and Obama campaign video on violence against women.

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