

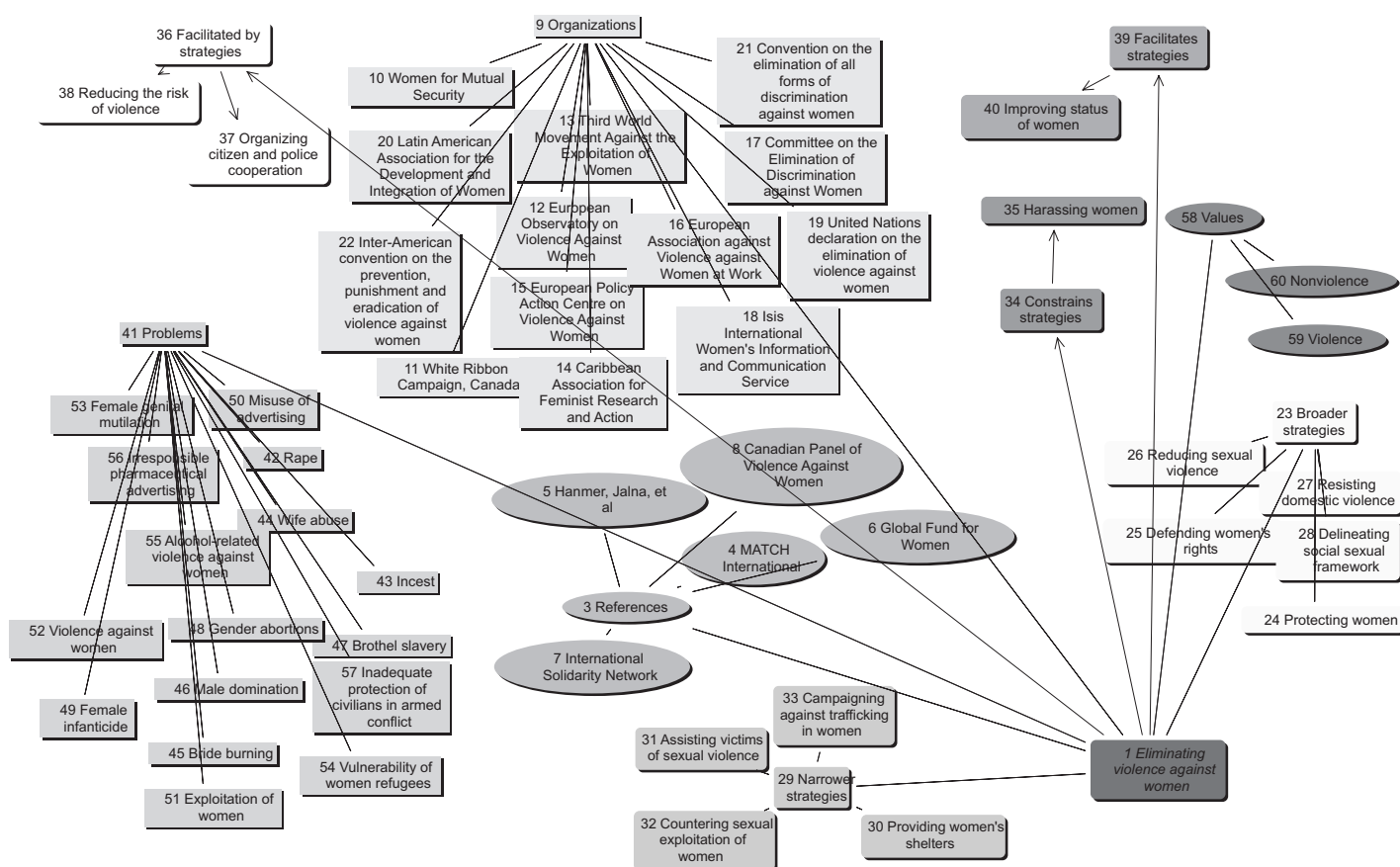
Figure 10.2.3.3. Eliminating violence against women

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Violence against women and girl children is a global phenomenon which cuts across geographical, cultural and political boundaries and varies only in its manifestations and severity. Gender violence has existed from time immemorial and continues up to the present day. It takes covert and overt forms including physical and mental abuse. Violence against women, including female genital mutilation, wife-burning, dowry-related violence, rape, incest, wife battering, female foeticide and female infanticide, trafficking and prostitution, is a human rights violation and not only a moral issue. It has serious negative implications on the economic and social development of women and society, and is an expression of the societal gender subordination of women. The United Nations recognizes the urgent need for the universal application to women of the rights and principles with regard to equality, security, liberty, integrity and dignity of all human persons as enshrined in various international instruments, notably the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women. Violence against women is an obstacle to the achievement of equality, development and peace, as recognized by the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women.