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# Challenges of the Right to Fame and the Consequences of Its Violation in the Iranian Legal System

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## 1. Round 1

### 1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The sentence "The right to fame though increasingly relevant in today's digital age remains underdeveloped within Iran's legal framework" could benefit from a stronger emphasis on how digital platforms have changed the dynamics of fame exploitation. Consider including examples from recent cases in Iran to strengthen the context.

The sentence "While defamation laws exist and offer some level of protection..." needs further elaboration on how defamation laws are currently applied in Iranian courts. Specific case studies or court decisions could enhance the argument.

There is insufficient discussion on how Sharia law influences the concept of fame and reputation in Iran. Including an analysis of how Islamic jurisprudence intersects with modern fame law could strengthen this section.

The terms "right to fame" and "right of publicity" are used interchangeably, but their definitions differ slightly across legal systems. It would be helpful to define these terms clearly and consistently throughout the paper.

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### 1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The section comparing Iran's legal system to the United States and European Union lacks specific legal case references from these regions. You may wish to include landmark cases, such as *Zacchini v. Scripps-Howard Broadcasting Co.* (USA), to enrich the comparative study.

There is a heavy reliance on secondary sources without critically engaging with the existing Iranian legal scholarship. Consider incorporating more Iranian legal scholars' perspectives and critiques on fame-related laws in Iran.

The descriptive analysis method is mentioned but lacks clarity. It would be beneficial to outline how the analysis was conducted in more detail, including any frameworks or specific criteria used for identifying gaps in Iran's legal system.

When discussing the cultural factors that complicate fame protection, the section could benefit from examples highlighting how public perceptions of fame, particularly for women, affect the legal outcomes in Iran.

You discuss the economic impacts of fame violations but do not provide any quantitative analysis or empirical data to support the claims. It would strengthen this section to include specific figures, cases, or studies showing the financial losses from fame violations.

The statement "The rise of social media and digital platforms has amplified the challenges..." should address how existing legal mechanisms are inadequate in regulating social media platforms in Iran. Discuss the enforcement challenges of international platforms operating in Iran.

The recommendations lack specificity. For example, when proposing "the introduction of statutory protections," specify what those statutes should include, how they will be enforced, and potential limitations.

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## 2. Revised

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