

# ESSAY

## FEMINISM IS NOT REALLY A THIRD WORLD ISSUE

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Every religion discusses and provides basic rights to every segment of the society, without any discrimination of gender. Like in our Islam, the Prophet (S.A.W.W) said, "It is obligatory for every men and women to acquire knowledge."

This indicates that there is no discrimination in Islam towards the rights of men and women, But the today's world who has progressed greatly in the fields of science, technology, medicine, space-technology, nuclear arms, aerospace etc, still needs to focus on the realization of basic rights like education, gender-parity, sex health, employment etc for women who are still living without these basic rights in many countries.

Feminism is not a third world issue as such movements start to safeguard their rights like right to education, health, equality in employments etc, which are not the rights of some alien people.

However, such movements can be reduced by ensuring the affectees <sup>about</sup> the realization of their rights.

These movements initiates due to the non-realization of their rights, due to gender-inequality in workforce, due to sense of deprivation.

These movements commences when they face domestic violence and the patriarchal culture of our society which is a blockade in their acquisition of education. It brings enlightenment in the government about their issues, source of expressing their deprivations overtly, feeling of pleasure among them for realization of their rights. It aims to stem out the patriarchal culture in the society, bring awareness

among them that not to yield before patriarchal culture. It can be propagated by making media campaigns, utilizing the social media, by bringing awareness about their basic rights, by peacefully expressing their reservations.

This is not a third world issue because (by not providing) women are the essential components of society, they proceed the generations of mankind by giving birth to the children and to be good mothers, they should be given the right to education. According to Napoleon, "Give me great mothers, I will give you great nation," implies that for prosperous and great nations, women should be civilized and enlightened.

According to study by the United Nations Population Fund, about 70% of married women have experienced some sort of physical violence (Gender-Based Violence: Violence Against Women in Pak, the authentic post.com, Mar, 2023). This kind of torcher can

lead to further complexities like divorce, abnormal mental growth of children due to partition of parents etc, low participation of children at academic levels etc. Similarly, many women had experienced sexual harassment. Nearly 7000 complaints were registered on social media out of total 15,000 complaints in light of employment or health-related issues. (Pakistan: over 15,000 complaints registered by women for [wionews.com](http://wionews.com), Oct 2022). These figures indicate the discrimination in society regarding the rights of women.

These movements usually starts initiates when they see that there is no realization of their rights. The non-realization of their rights is due to the fact that sometimes <sup>government</sup> ignores their basic rights like security against sexual violence, domestic violence etc. So, this stigmatised part of our society stand up for the protection of their rights. For example, Pakistan has ranked 145 out of 156 countries

for economic participation and opportunity, 135/156 for educational attainment, 143/156 for health and survival and 95/156 for political empowerment according to the Global Gender Gap Index. In this

Secondly, the number of such movements is increasing in Pakistan with the passage of time. In this way, these movements start due to non-realization of their rights.

The feminist movements start (when) due to the gender-inequality in workforce, one of the chief reasons. Being a patriarchal society, women are not given parity in employments at various organizations and firms, the result is that they lag behind the men in the race of life. They are considered just to look after the children, family etc. For instance, the current global labour force participation rate for women is just under 47%, for men, it's 72% with a difference of 25% and

there are some regions also, with this difference equal to 50%. In this way, these movements initiate to demand gender-equality in workforce. Another reason, for the continuation of these movements is the sense of deprivation among the most fragile segment of our society. The women develops in them a feeling of deprivation when they are not given their due rights or provided with less rights than desired. Due to the disparity in the due rights of women, there exists an <sup>inferiority</sup> (insuperiority) in the women. For example, there are many women in the society that when they are asked to join or apply for a job, they respond that how can I do this job, as my responsibility is to give birth to children, to look after them etc. In this way, these movements start to highlight the sense of deprivation in them.



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Like sense of deprivation, another reason ~~for~~ trigger such movements is that when they face domestic violence. There are many women which tell the media about the torture which is inflicted upon them by their husbands when they try to convince them to join the labour force when they observe that their husbands' income cannot meet their both ends meet, and for many other reasons. That is why, they are subjected to violence, <sup>and it ever increasing with passing day</sup> For example,

In 2019, 5171 cases of torture against women were registered. Besides 1025 women were killed in the name of "honour" while 103 cases of acid attacks took place

(Sharp rise in violence against women, [tribune.com.pk](http://tribune.com.pk), Oct 2022).

In this way, these movements start to raise the voice against domestic violence.

Like domestic violence, one of the

chief reasons of these movements is the patriarchal culture of our society which is a blockade in their acquisition of education. Despite, it is mentioned in our Islam that education is obligatory for every men and women, most of the time the patriarchal culture of our society does not allow the women to acquire education. There are many girls in our country who are out of schools, and are not given the consent to acquire education and <sup>to</sup> contribute in the progress of our country. For example, according to the report, titled Shall I feed my Daughter or Educate Her? more than  $\frac{1}{3}$ <sup>rd</sup> of Pakistani girls are not attending primary school, compared to 21% of boys. Only 13% of girls are still in school by the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. (Millions of Girls in Pakistan Aren't Attending School - Giving Compass, [givingcompass.org](https://givingcompass.org), Dec 2020). In this way, these movements

init. are initiated to spotlight the impediment in their acquisition of education.

After discussing the reasons, the impacts of feminism chief among which is that it is a way of enlightenment to the government about their issues. As these movements are provided with media coverage on television and also uploaded on social media, so they are a source of (re)cognizance to the government about the issues/problems faced by the females in the state.

Feministic movements are provided with the media coverage and the government also takes action against those people who stigmatise them, harass them, rape them etc.

For instance, Qandeel Baloch's case was registered after it got aired on television and strict action was taken against the offenders. In this way, they are a way of enlightenment to the government about the

female-related issues

Just like the way of enlightenment, they are also a source of expressing their deprivations overtly. As these were actually established for to express their deprivations which appear in the form of rape, sexual harassment, gender-inequality; so these movements provide a platform to women to raise their voice against all kinds of discrimination they face in the patriarchal society. Many countries follow this pattern in which (women<sup>x</sup>) the number of these movements is increasing day by day. For instance, this (way<sup>x</sup> of) kind of platforms to raise voice is also adopted by the 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries like Pakistan. In this way, these movements are also a source of expressing their deprivations overtly.

Just like source of expressing their deprivations, another impact of feminist movements is that (~~they~~<sup>they</sup>) brings a

a feeling of pleasure among them for realization of their basic rights.

This is because, these movements are so powerful that they really push the governments to taken strict actions against the (perpetual) culprits, ~~and~~ this brings in women a feeling of contentment, ~~and~~ so they began to believe in these movements and the participation of the <sup>victimized</sup> women in them increases.

These movements are truly a source of confidence. For instance, after the breaking of these movements, many women participate in them knowing the fact that they will provide a platform to their voice and realization of their basic rights. In this way, they <sup>give birth</sup> ~~are a~~ to feeling of pleasure among them for realization of their basic rights.

Just like feeling of pleasure, another impact of feminism is to stem out patriarchal culture in the

society. This is because, these movements got their birth due to the patriarchal / male-dominated culture prevalent in the society which suppressed their basic rights and did many harms to them in the form of domestic violence, no freedom to join labor force, sexual violence etc, considering them fragile component of the society. So, these movements are bringing awareness in the victimized women to raise their voice, so that the latter generation of women does not undergo through this kind of stigmatization, torture, harassment etc. For instance, many women in the past were able to get the right to vote and property in the male-dominated society in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. In this way, these movements ~~are~~ contribute to stem out the patriarchal culture in the society.

Just like stemming out patriarchal culture, another impact of feminism

is that feminists bring awareness in the women that not to yield before patriarchal culture. This awareness is required in this regard that women put their efforts (in spite) despite of all problems faced from the male-centred society.

These movements have really made it possible as seen in many forms. For instance, according to the Women Peace and Security Index, Pakistan is ranked 167<sup>th</sup> out of 170 countries in terms of women's health and well-being. In recent years, women in Pakistan have been engaging in protests to speak out against inequality and violence (Women's Rights in Pakistan, borgenproject.org). In this way, contributing to bring awareness in the women.

After discussing impacts, question arises how to propagate that it is not a third world issue, this can be done by making media campaigns. As media is a powerful tool that

can put pressure on the government of any country to provide the basic rights to the depressed and victimized women who are facing violation of their basic rights.

There are many examples, in which media campaigns helped the victimized women to get their basic rights.

For instance, In 2012 Malala Yousafzai's case was presented by the media to highlight the issues of girls' education in Pakistan and this issue received condemnation from all across the world. In this way, media campaigns help to propagate that it is not a third world issue.

After conventional media campaigns, these issues of women can also be propagated by utilizing the social media. Social media is widely used all across the world, at any place, this kind of media is very efficient as it can highlight within no time by uploading the



videos on social media apps like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram etc. There are many examples in which social media highlighted the issues faced by the women. For example, after the gang rape of a young Delhi physiotherapy student, the hashtag #DelhiGangRape brought gender-based violence in India into the spotlight.

Similarly there is another campaign #MeToo started to highlight the high profile cases of sexual assault. In this way (How Social Media is Changing the Story for Women's Voices, voice of youth - org, Jan 2021). In this way, the issues of women are propagated by utilizing social media. Another way to propagate it is by bringing awareness about their basic rights. This is because, once there are many advocates for a cause; they can put pressure on the government to protect and safeguard their rights. In fact, there

are many incidents in which the government had to protect their rights because of the power and number of the protestors who were incited by bringing awareness in the females about their rights. For example, in the first wave in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, women were able to get the right to property and votes.

Similarly, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> wave women demanded for equality and non-discrimination in all fields. In this way, these movements help to propagate that it is not a third world issues by bringing awareness in them about ~~abo~~ their rights.

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Another way for propagation of their rights is by peacefully organizing and expressing their reservations. Every year, these marches are observed on the women's International day which are peaceful and well-organized to make the governments familiar/acquainted

with the injustices and discrimination towards their rights. In these marches, women have (boards) <sup>x placard</sup> in their hands to on which their reservations are printed. For example, recently in the "Aurat Azadi March", women <sup>on one</sup> printed "Equality has no gender", and "No to gender discrimination and patriarchy" on another placard to demand for their rights. (Aurat Azadi March demands end to discrimination, [tribune.com](http://tribune.com), Mar 2023).

In this way, these movements help to propagate their rights by peacefully organizing and expressing their reservations.

In a nutshell, we can say that feminism is not a third world issue because it primarily fights for the rights of the women, who are ~~are~~ an integral component of the society. By <sup>and gender-based</sup> propagating the social inequalities to the government which can come in the form of utilizing the media-

campaigns, social media campaigns like the #MeToo campaign, by making the women aware about their basic rights which are presented/listed in the constitution of any country, and by peacefully organizing the campaigns and expressing their reservations, they can get their rights; as the women in the first movement got the rights to property and to vote etc. But for this the women require continuous struggle and patience; as, nothing in this world can be achieved without it. As Allah says in the Holy Quran "After every hardship, there is relief", and to achieve this men should be patient, steadfast and <sup>to</sup> show perseverance.

