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Topic - Is Feminism a clearly understood concept in our society?

1) Introduction

Thesis Statement

2) Crunch Paragraph (Feminism in Pakistani Society)

3) Several ambiguities and misconceptions exist in Pakistani society regarding feminism (Thesis)

a) feminism is considered a part of western agenda

b) feminist movements in Pakistan are labelled anti-islamic and anti-state

c) Feminist slogans are widely interpreted while little attention is given to the ground situation at home.

d) Those at the helm are unaware of feminist thought/ideology

e) It is believed that feminists want a matriarchal society

4) Feminism has done nothing but spread chaos in Pakistani society & strengthening the idea that it is indeed an anti-state and anti-agenda. (Antithesis)

a) feminism is a western born ideology which is simply destructive to the Pakistani society

b) Selfish feminist agendas bear no concern neither for the state nor for the

- c) Slogans raised by any movement mirror its true aims and objectives
- d) Those in power clearly understand the repercussions that feminism will have on our social structure.
- e) Feminism is here to target the power hierarchy (i.e. to end ~~male~~ men's domination and bring women to power)

5) Since Pakistani society is patriarchal, everything that feminists do is seen negatively (Synthesis)

- a) Feminism may have got its roots in the west but it is equally relevant to the Eastern culture where women are in deplorable ^{cond} _{ition}
- b) Feminism in Pakistan is tailored with state ideology and the boundaries set by Islam.
- c) Slogans are exaggerated (and often provocative) punch lines that have nothing to do with the reality or ideology of the movement.
- d) Either the men in power are ignorant of feminist thought or are afraid that it might disturb the status quo.
- e) Demanding equal rights and due space doesn't mean that men's position is in danger

6) Conclusion