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Discuss the difference between Gender Studies and women studies. Also integration and autonomy debate for the growth of Gender studies.

1. Introduction

Gender studies and women studies are considered as same but there are huge differences between two.

2. Gender Studies

Gender studies is an interdisciplinary course which focus on the gender socialization. Main concern of gender studies is that gender is socialized. It refers to how the gender is socialized and how it effects in division of labour, role and status of masculinity and femininity in society.

3. Women Studies

Women studies

is an interdisciplinary course which focus on the topics concerning women, feminism and politics. It also include feminist movements, women in politics, women role in academic area etc.

Differences between women studies and gender studies

Difference between women studies and gender studies is as follow.

1. Origin

Women studies
it was originated in 1970's during second wave of feminism

gender studies
it was originated in 1980's during third wave of feminism.

2. main focus

main focus of women studies is to bring women on screen. They made women visible in different areas.

The main focus on the part that gender is socialized.

3. Major Role.

Women Studies
Major contribution in
women studies is
of women

Gender Studies
Men and women
both play important
role in gender
studies.

Causes of women suffering.

Women Studies
Men are reason
behind women
suffering

Gender Studies
Men and women,
both are suffering
due to gender
socialization.

Contribution

Women Studies
Brought the women
visible on academic
arena.

Gender Studies
Broke stereotypes

Major Concern

Women Studies
Major concern of
women studies is
women only.

Gender Studies
Gender studies
also include
LGBTQ.

Span of Subject:

Women Studies	Gender Studies
This is considered as narrow subject. It only considers women and related to study of women suffering.	This is wider subject. It talks about gay, men, women and all the other genders.

Belief

Women Studies	Gender Studies
Women are suffering. They should be treated as equal to men.	Gender stereotypes should be broken. All the genders should be treated equally.

Demand

Women Studies	Gender Studies
Women should have equal political, social and economical rights.	Gender studies majorly focuses on the gender socialization.

Women suffering to gender suffering

Women Studies	Gender Studies
Men are main reason that women are suffering from academic arena to political and social sector.	No gendered labour division.

Sex.

Women Studies
Did not include
Sex.

Men Studies
Sex categories are
socially constructed.

2. Autonomy vs Integration

There is years
long demand on autonomy vs
integration in gender studies.
There are some arguments in
the favor of autonomy while
some support integration of
gender studies.

Autonomy of Gender Studies

Autonomy of
gender studies suggests that
gender studies should be
an autonomous subject. It
should have autonomy in
academic arena. The supporters
of this view think that
autonomy is only way for
development of gender studies.
When gender studies will be
autonomous and independent from
other subjects, it would be
able to form its own policies,
raise its own funds, acquire

scholarships and many more. In this way, gender studies would be grow.

Supporting arguments for gender studies' autonomy.

There are a number of arguments in the favor of autonomy of gender studies.

1. Autonomy will bring funds for gender studies

If the subject of gender studies will be kept autonomous, it would be able to collect funds for itself. Separate budget in the university will be allocated to the gender studies. It would be helpful for the growth of gender studies. For example, computer science is autonomous subject. It is allocated with separate budget in universities. If gender studies will be autonomous, it will enjoy some favour.

2. Autonomy brings scholarship when gender

Studies will be autonomous, it will be associated with separate scholars. When students will be given scholarship, they will be attracted towards this subject due to which it will grow.

3- Independent Policies

Autonomy of gender studies will help to make independent policies for gender studies. The autonomy will help to mitigate influence of other subject from gender studies. If it is integrated, it will have to follow policies formed for other subjects. It will feel away the essence of subject.

4- Women (atric) research.

Women studies will be grow and conduct more research to raise women related issues if it kept autonomous. In Women Research and Resource Center in Feroz Khan University, Peshawar, research on gender based issues are conducted. This institute is autonomous in its policies.

Funds from Government

There are many universities in Pakistan where women studies institutes are autonomous and these departments are getting separate funds from government. Women studies department in university of Karachi, is one among those autonomous department of women studies which is being funded by government. These funds can be used for welfare of women by raising issues related to them.

5. Integration of Gender Studies

Integration of gender studies has the argument that gender studies should be integrated in other subjects.

Gender studies should merge in other subject for its growth and development.

Integration will bring male students towards gender studies.

It will be able to work efficiently only if it is integrated.



6. Supporting arguments for Gender Studies

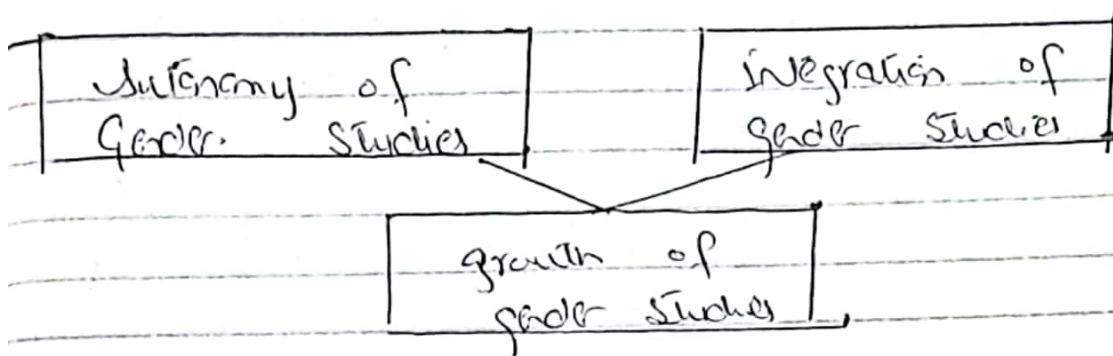
Supporting arguments of gender studies are as follow.

a. Integration will attracts male students. When gender studies will be integrated, it will be able for students of other subjects to study it. Thus gender study will be grow. For example, if it will be integrated, it may will be studied in multiple departments.

b. Attracts decision maker. Students of politic will be able to understand what are women related problem. Thus in future, they would be able to form policies for settlement women related issues.

c. Diversity in multi disciplinary course. When gender study will be integrated in other subjects, it would be

helpful to understand gendered society in multiple context. Thus a vast view with knowledge of different dimensions will be acquired. This will pave way for growth of gender studies



6- Conclusion

Gender Studies is different from the women studies. There are acute difference between these two. Gender studies major concern is on gender socialization. While women studies focus on problem related to women. There is an going debate on the autonomy vs integration of gender studies. Above arguments show that autonomy will be more effective for the

growth of gender studies.

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Compare and Contrast Liberal Feminism with Radical Feminism.

1. Introduction

Liberal feminism and radical feminism are two theories of gender studies. Both are opposite from each other and have great impact in gender studies.

Liberal feminism.

1- Introduction

According to the liberal feminism, women are suffering in the gendered society. Roles are gendered. They have been deprived from political, social, economical rights. Basic reason behind this suffering is the faults in social structure. Due to gender

socialization of society, men and women, both are suffering in society.

Strains of liberal feminism.

1. Individualism

It was considered as only men is wise. So they are able to feel in this category. Women were considered as second sex.

2. Discrimination

Discrimination was part of society. Role were gendered. Division of labour was based on the gender which is socialized.

3. Equality

There should be end of this discrimination which is possible only through equality.

Reforms in social structure

According to liberal feminist, main problem is in social structure. It is society

which forms the fire of gender socialization. The structure of the society should be change. Reforms should be introduced to remove the gender inequality.

Liberal feminism: Beliefs and Demands.

1. Main and major belief of liberal feminism is that women are being suppressed.
2. Women are suffering due to gender inequality.
3. Gender role are socially constructed.
4. There should be equality for women development.
5. Women should have equal social, political and economic rights.
6. This is possible only through bringing reforms in social structure.

Famous Liberal feminist

Susan B.

Susan B. was an American African she was slave. She wrote 'Aint i a woman' in 1851 which had great impact in society.

Mary Wollstonecraft

Wollstonecraft published "A Vindication for Rights of Women". This defined that women were born equally. They should have equal rights.

Movements in Liberal Feminism

one of the major movements of the liberal feminism. They worked for political right.

Association of Liberal Feminism

National Women Suffrage Association by Susan B.

American Women Suffrage Association by Lucy.

National American Women Suffrage Association was formed by combining above two.

Contribution: A door of political rights

Right to the vote was given to the women in Britain in 1918. In 1920, with nineteenth amendment in Constitution, right to the vote was given to

American women.

Criticism of Liberal Feminism.

Major criticism of liberal feminist was that it talked about problems of upper and middle class white women.

Black women role and demands in liberal feminism were ignored. Major focus was only on the political rights. Women in different areas have different problems which were ignored.

Radical Feminism

Radical feminism was also focused on women. Major belief of radical feminism was that women are suppressed.

They are treated unequally.

Society is gendered. In this gendered society, roles are distributed

as per gender. This division is in favor of men. Gender socialization

for the sake of patriarchy.

This is patriarchy due to which, women are suffering and are being treated unequally.

Major Strands of Radical Feminism.

1. Gender Suppression.

There is suppression of women. Basic cause of this suppression is patriarchy.

2. Differences

Differences in society exists. Roles are gendered. Division of labour is gendered. This division is in the favor of men.

3. Change in gender power relation

There should be a change in power relation. Patriarchy should be eliminated to ensure women's equality.

Major activists of Radical feminism

Major activists of radical feminism are Rosemarie Tong and Delphy.

Beliefs and Demands of Radical feminist

1. First of all, radical feminist believe that women are suppressed.
2. This is patriarchy, due to which, women are suffering.

3- Child is socialized and is in fear of men.

4- Men rule women and suppress them.

5- Women should be given equal economic, political and social rights to change power structure of society.

Contribution of Radical Feminism.

Radical feminism played a very vital role to highlight the figure that women are superior to men. They are not being given equal chances of development due to patriarchy. Patriarchy was considered major cause of women suppression and demand was to change power structure.

	Radical feminism	Liberal feminism
Problem	Gender oppression	Discrimination
Cause	Patriarchy	Emancipation
Solution	Change power relation	Equality

Basic Differences between Radical and Liberal feminism

Radical feminism	Liberal feminism
They blamed patriarchy as basic cause of women suppression.	They blamed social structure for real cause of women suppression.
Women are suffering in this gendered world.	Both male and female are being suffering.
Women are considered as superior by radical feminist.	Women are equal to men.
There should be end of patriarchy to	Gendered social structure should

end women suppression

be referred to end
women suppression.

Conclusion

Radical and liberal feminism was major concern to end women suppression. Beliefs of both are same and they are that women are suppressed. Means to solve problems were different but end was women's liberty. Both very far from each other in mode to change the social structure to bring women's well-fare but both were in same direction. The motive of both theories is end of men's hegemony and gendered role. Radical feminism consider men as basic reason behind women's suppression. Liberal feminism believes that social structure is on fault due to which, women and men both are suffering. Both these theory have very great importance in gender studies.