

If women not protected socially,  
can legal actions protect them?

## Outline

### 1) Introduction

Thesis Statement: Women have been ill-treated throughout the history. It is a failure of established social systems that women are not protected. However, their protection can't be ensured through legal actions either. Only reforms in social structure can ensure protection for women.

2) Women rights and attitude of society towards women

3) Social system has failed to protect women:

a) Women are still denied basic rights

b) Women still treated as a commodity

c) Gender based violence still persists

d) It has failed to provide equal economic opportunities

e) Social cohesion is still a dream

4) Legal systems, their purpose and efficiency

5) Legal actions will not protect

Women:

a) Under-reporting of cases

b) Faulty criminal justice system

c) Women lack economic independence to fight system

d) Legal actions results in the glorification of misogynists

e) Legal systems include peoples who subjugate women

6) Protection of Women only

possible through social reforms:

a) Promote changes in social systems structures making it women friendly

b) Ensure education of masses on egalitarian principles

c) Promote equality through media resources

d) Provide more economic opportunities for women

e) Inculcate more women in governance

7) Conclusion

Most of the historians agree that primitive human societies were matriarchal societies. Mothers were the head of family as there was no concept of monogamy. However, the introduction of marriage systems changed the societies upside down. Male started to become center figure of the family and controlled all of the resources. Ever since then, women have been subjected as inferior to male counterparts. They have been denied their basic needs and been treated as a commodity. They still continue to be on the receiving end of the violence. Economic opportunities for them are rare. Their status is still that of second class citizen. To ensure the rights of everyone, humans have developed legal systems. However, even legal systems can not ensure women safety under current social structures. Majority of the cases are not even

reported. Of the few cases registered, majority of the cases fail to reach conclusion due to faulty justice system and lack of women's economic independence. Moreover, those who are convicted are portrayed as heroes by their sympathizers. Besides that legal systems have some misogynist persons within themselves as well.

Hence social reforms are the only solution to end gender discrimination.

Women friendly structures of societies should be promoted. Education should be given on egalitarian basis and media should be used to promote equality. Economic uplift and their inculcation in governance can ensure their protection. Summing it up, women have been ill-treated throughout the history. It is a failure of social systems that women are still not protected. However, the solution to ensure their safety is not the legal systems. Instead women friendly social reforms can ensure their protection.