

## Paragraph Writing:

The hurdles in the way of women empowerment in the country are numerous. One of them is the patriarchal nature of society. Patriarchy is basically the shortsightedness of the society towards women and in simple words a male-dominated society. In political system of Pakistan, all the leading parties have male leaders, male percentage are more than ~~women~~ female percentage in party representation. This is becoming a cause in women empowerment and enlightenment in the country. According to the Gender Gap report 2022, Pakistan is ranked 153<sup>rd</sup> out of 156 countries. It shows the ~~less~~ mindset of the country's society towards women. Hence, male-dominated society becomes a major hindrance in women's participation in politics.

In political parties representation, the role of women is considered as passive. The primary role of any political representation is given to male and they are the leaders and responsible of every big decisions. Unfortunately, this act in Pakistani political system diminishes the women's role and their struggle for the betterment of the society. Male\* representatives are the dominant personalities and takes all the appreciation of women struggle. The current makeup of Pakistan's parliament is only 21% female. In the National Assembly, which consists of 342 members, female representation is only around 3% if reserved seats are excluded. Hence, this shows the will of parties towards women involvement ~~in~~ role in politics.