

Boys will be boys

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Essay

People have been considering boys superior to girls since time memorial. Besides, boys are deemed saviour of any country. People are of the view that with boys no one have problems. When it comes to the history, it appreciates boys. What is more, customs give privileges to boys. And poets also depict boys as the best creation of God. Thus, many people deem boys capable to run a state. As far as families are concerned, they welcome baby boys. Hence, guardians of the families are boys. Moreover, boys are encouraged to get education. However, they are not expected to express their emotions openly; instead, their harsh behavior is normalized. When they treat girls badly, then they are appreciated. As a result, they do not let girls participate in recreational activities. Unfortunately, boys cannot bear girls, who do not act upon their advice; Therefore, they kill girls in the name of honour. They are also harsh to their wives; and they remain passive after seeing the incidents of rape. In fact, they blame the girl victim. Consequently, other perpetrators encourage to sexually abuse girls at public sites as well as work places. Although, boys create issues for girls, yet these issues could be reduced to minimum if female children are brought up fairly, boys are taught to respect girls and husbands are told not to create violence for their spouses. In a nutshell, Boys are considered superior to girls; thus, boys are given privileges throughout their lives. As a result, boys always create violence for girls. However, violence for girls can end by giving equal facilities to girls and making boys respect girls.

Boys will be boys means that boys are superior to others. They cannot weep. They are guardians and owners. They must be strong, so that no one can defeat them. In order to make them strong, the efforts of other boys are glorified through dramas. Throughout the history of mankind, boys have ruled the countries. They have been warriors. Having seen all these things, boys get some negative behaviours and create violence for girls. In short, boys are deemed superior to girls because of their past heroic deeds.

And we see the glorification of boys by the history. It means history appreciates the efforts of boys. And there is no place for girls, even though they, too, played their pivotal role for the betterment of their nations. For example, many historians appreciate the deeds and valour of Alauddin Khilji. However, the role of female ruler Razia Sultana is not given much attention. In sum, history relishes the actions of boys not those of girls.

Besides, customs give privilege to boys. There is no place for girls in them. They have to do whatever their custom demand them to do because they have no value. For example, in interior

Sind, many girls have to marry Qur'an because their families want to retain land in their family. Besides, they have to marry those persons whom males want them to do. Given all that, boys enjoy all the perks and privileges due to customs.

And one can see the depiction of boys as supreme by the poets. They consider boys the best creation of God. And girls have to obey them, no matter their orders are wrong or not. Eve said to Adam, "God is thy law, thou mine", (John Milton, "Paradise Lost", 1667). In conclusion, it can be stated with full surety that writers consider boys supreme; thus, they portray girls as their subordinates.

Additionally, boys are considered capable to run a state. It is believed that boys can protect their countries from internal and external threats. Therefore, countries, which uphold that they are the champion of human rights as well as advocates of gender equality, have never allowed their females to become the head of the state and rule it. For example, the US never had a female as president, even though it talks of equal opportunities for girls. To conclude, boys are considered supreme; thus, they enjoy the right to rule a state.

When it comes to families, they welcome baby boys. They consider them their heirs and protectors; thus, they celebrate their births. One can see the practice of different traditions at the birth of sons. For example, name calling ceremonies for boys. Given this, families are happy to see the induction of boys to them; hence, they celebrate their birth.

In fact, guardians are always boys. They have to dictate the decisions of the girls. Girls can do nothing without the consent of boys. For instance, in the absence of their fathers, girls have to take permission from their brothers for going outside the home. If brothers do not allow them to go, they remain at homes. In this way, guardians of the families are boys.

Since males are guardians of the families, thus education for boys is encouraged. They are provided all the facilities, so that they can be educated; and many girls remain illiterate because boys are given facilities of getting education. And this discrimination is validated by seeing the literacy rate among males and females in several countries of the world. For example, in 2019, the total literacy rate of Pakistan was around 58 per cent with less than 46.49 per cent of women being literate and 69.29 per cent of men being literate (Statista.com, "Literacy Rate in

Pakistan”, July 2023). In conclusion, boys are more educated than girls because their education is encouraged.

And boys are considered strong; thus, there is discouragement of expressing emotions by boys. Expressing emotions is considered a girlish act. Hence, boys are expected to be strong that means they must not weep or cry in front of other people. In fact, boys who dare express their emotions are mocked by other boys. Thus, they have to avoid expressing themselves. They think this is the only way not to be ridiculed by others. Given this, boys are discouraged to express their emotions because this trait is deemed to be a habit of the girls.

In reality, harsh behaviour of boys is normalized. People do not mind if a boy behaves immoderately. They consider that boys are harsh. They can be violent. Thus, it is not an issue if a boy becomes harsh. For example, after seeing a boy slap a girl, family members do not scold that boy for his bad demeanor. Instead, that girl has to be silent. In short, bad behaviour of boys is normalized in the society.

Instead of holding boys accountable for bad manners, ill-treatment of the girls by boys is appreciated. Unfortunately, boys who create violence for girls, are praised, so that other boys follow suit. It is seen that in many countries, many male professionals did nothing to stop boys from harassing girls because they considered this act by boys their activity. For instance, then CEO Sony Music Australia Denise Handlin glamorised the intolerant and ill behaviour of girls by boys. What is more, he maintained that was boys’ club environment. Given this, boys are not stopped to create violence for females; thus, they are encouraged to augment their acts that are unbearable for girls.

When boys are encouraged to be harsh to girls, then boys do not let girls participate in recreational activities. They create hurdles in the way of the activities of the girls because they know that no one can disturb them; and it is seen girls are barred from playing supports or doing other things. In fact, whenever they arrange something for them, boys come and threaten them to go back to their homes. For example, girls, who wanted to play a cricket match in Swat in Pakistan in this year, were not allowed by boys to do so. They pushed girls back by claiming that playing cricket match for girls is an immodest act. Given this, boys deprive girls of recreational activities.

Girl participants of that match went back because they knew that boys cannot listen to know. They only want to see that their instructions are acted upon, no matter they are lawful or unlawful. The fact is that they become cruel to those who dare go against their wishes. For example, in 2021, Noor Muqaddam was brutally killed by Zahir Jaffar in Lahore because she did not follow his instructions. He did so because he was told whoever does not listen to him deserves the worst punishment. Given this, boys are not ready to listen to know by others, especially by girls.

What is more, harsh behaviour of boys is evident by the killing of girls by boys in the name of honour. They think that those girls do not have any right to live who bring shame to their families. Thus, they kill their sisters after seeing them doing something against their wishes. They consider that act a sinful thing, even though it is not a punishable crime. For example, Qandeel Baloch was killed by her own brother back in 2016 in Pakistan. Her only fault was that she expressed her feelings on internet (Momina Mindeel, “Snitching screenshots”, October 2022). In short, boys kill girls in the name of honour.

Not only do boys kill girls in the name of honour, but there is also creation of violence by boys for their wives. Husbands make the lives of their wives difficult because they know that their wives do not do anything to stop them. And their presumption is true because most of the wives who are subjected to any kind of violence by their husbands do not try to bring them to justice. According to UN report on femicide released on November 25, 2022 revealed that 34 per cent ever married girls in Pakistan have suffered emotional, physical or sexual violence at the hands of their spouses. What is more, 56 per cent ever married girls who have reported suffering have not tried to seek help to stop their abusers. In sum, husbands become violent for their wives because they know that they are strong and their spouses cannot dare stop them.

Like creating violence for their spouses, boys remain unmoved on the incidents of rape. They are emotionless enough that They do not consider this horrific crime a crime. Instead, they deem it a normal day activity. Besides, they do not feel any shame in expressing their thoughts. For instance, an eight-year-old girl was raped and killed in Indian Held Kashmir back in 2018. After that horrible tragedy, an Indian minister said “What if a girl dies? Many girls die every day”, Muna Khan “Misogyny of course”, December 2022). Given this, one can say that many boys do not take the incident of rape as a serious problem.

Instead of cursing the culprits, there is prevalence of girl victim blaming by boys. They consider that girls are responsible for bringing misfortune to them. Thus, boys highlight the

shortcomings of girls after any incident of rape, rather than talking of bringing culprits to law. For example, in September 2020, a female was gang raped before her children at Lahore Sialkot Motorway. While responding to the situation then Lahore CCPO said that girl had to check the fuel tank of her car. What is more she had to take the rather busiest route to Lahore (Ali Shekhani, “Shaping justice”, September 2023). In a nutshell, girls victim blaming is rampant because they are deemed the cause of bringing misery to themselves.

In addition, boys sexually abuse girls at public places. It happens because security to girls is hardly provided at public places. Moreover, boys do not have any fear of punishment because they are of the opinion that they evade justice in any case against them. For example, in February 2023, a young girl was gang raped by two armed boys in F9 Park Islamabad, for security was not provided to girls. In short, girls are raped by boys at public sites because boys do not have any threat and females are not provided any security.

Moreover, boys sexually assault girls at work place. They think that girls are weak and they cannot take any action against them. Thus, they wait for the right time to commit their crimes. And the moment they get, they perform their wicked deeds. For instance, in this year, a private company guard raped an eighteen-year-old girl at gun point in the moving bus. Given this, girls are not safe at work place because culprits create violence against them.

Although boys are preferred to girls and boys create violence against females, yet violence for females can end if parents ensure fair upbringing of girl children. If girls are raised equally, then they will be confident and strong; and no one could dare disrupt them. Thus, all the big personalities of the world emphasized that girl children must be raised in a fair manner, so that they cannot have any issue in their lives. Prophet Muhammad PBUH prophesied heaven for the one who raised daughters well and termed them God’s gifts. In this way, parents must make sure that there is not any discrimination in raising daughters.

Furthermore, boys must be taught to respect girls. In doing so, they will not think of creating issues for girls. It is seen that children do whatever they are asked them to do in their childhood. For example, they respect their parents because they are told to revere them. Given this, parents must teach their male children to respect girls as they emphasise on value of respecting their parents.

Besides, husbands must be polite in their manners with their wives. This is a crucial act to end spousal abuse of females by their husbands. When male children see them that their father respect their mother, then they will not be the abusive spouse in their latter age. It is seen that

those males beat their wives who saw their fathers slap their mothers in their childhood. However, husbands are polite with their wives whose parents would not fight in their childhood. Thus, husbands must show good demeanor to their wives, so that their children can replicate them and become good husbands in their latter age.

To conclude, Boys are considered supreme to girls. Thus, historians depict boys as the best objects. Besides, there are many a privilege for boys in various customs of the world. And writers leave no stone unturned in portraying boys as supreme. As a result, boys get more chances to be administrators. When it comes to families, they relish the birth of boys; thus, they make boys guardians of the families. Additionally, boys get many opportunities to get education. Regrettably, boys are not expected to express their emotions openly, and their rude behavior is not discouraged either. In fact, their bad behaviour towards girls is lauded. When boys are made believe that they are stronger than the females, then they create issues for them. For example, they do not let females go outside the homes for supports. And those girls, who do something against boys, are killed in the name of honour. Boys also do spousal abuse. They do not censure those who commit the offense of rape. Nonetheless, they criticize victims of rape. Consequently, incidents of rape are rampant at public and work places. In short, boys create problems for girls because of societal factors, but this must end as immediate as possible. For this to happen, parents should ensure equal upbringing for their female and male children. Moreover, boys must be given an environment from where they learn how to respect girls rather than creating problems for them. Spousal abuse must also end once and for all.