

# Feminism in Pakistan: a Misunderstood or Misinterpreted

1- Introduction

2- Historical Context of Feminism in Pakistan

(a) Early women's rights movements.

(b) Emergence of feminist organisations.

3- How Feminism in Pakistan is Misinterpreted

(a) Cult feminism is Western centric and not apply for Pakistan.

(b) Feminism considered as anti-men

(c) Feminism is against Islam and seeks to undermine Muslim values.

(d) Calling feminism non-synonymous with elite right

(e) - Perceiving feminism as a threat to traditional family values

(f) Myth about feminism - a divide and rule mechanism.

(g) Viewing feminism as aligned with lesbians.

## Why is feminism still Misinterpreted

(a) Incorporation of new ideological movements

(b) Beguining the feminism<sup>to</sup> revolution to gain equality

(c) Claiming women as better than men; extreme feminisms.

(d) Literary canon.

## Way Forward For Revealing the better Image of Feminism.

(a) Integration of women in different fields

(b) Implementation of



(c) Islamic provisions in its true sense

(d) Discouraging the misunderstood ideas against women

(e) Awakening the sense of equality between men and women.

## Essay

~~Feminism is not about making women stronger. Women are already strong.~~

Feminism is about equality, not superiority. It is about empowering women and dismantling "oppressive systems". The aforementioned quotation by Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy truly depicts an essence of feminism. She further reveals that feminists are struggling for gaining equality gender equality. Moreover, according

to Kramasae, feminism is the radical notion that all women are people. It aims to eradicate any prejudice against women; But this concept has been misinterpreted in Pakistan. These include feminism; a Western centric and anti-men. Likewise, calling feminism synonymous with elite sight and feminism as anti-Islam have signed a misconception on the minds of Pakistan's people. Perceiving feminism as threat to traditional family value has confined the women in four walls. Moreover, feminism is still misinterpreted because of several reasons. These include incorporation of new ideological movements and beginning the feminist revolution to gain equality. However, the better image of feminism can be revealed by implementation.



of Islamic Provisions in its true sense and awakening the sense of equality between men and women. In short, the misinterpretation of feminism in Pakistan stems from cultural and societal factors, resulting in misunderstanding towards its core principles of equality and empowerment.