

Gender equality is a myth

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"No country in the world can yet say they have achieved gender equality."

In aforementioned statement, Emma Watson, at the UN's HeForShe Campaign launch in 2014 stated that despite progress in various sectors, no nation has successfully eliminated gender based disparities in all spheres of life, including education, work, health, politics, and societal norms. She, furthermore, criticized the world leaders for not taking adequate measures to clampdown the rising issue of gender disparity. Further, she added that it would take many years to fill the gender gap because it ^{is} deeply rooted in culture, where women are considered as weak and fragile. By chastising the world, she asked, how we claim gender equality when women make up less than 30% of parliamentary representatives globally? How can we ignore gender violence when one in three women globally experience it? Do women not economically dependent on men? Are women not considered as weak and

and fragile? Are women getting equal education as men? Although some people believe in the modern world that the world has achieved gender parity, male dominance in all spheres of society, economic dependency on men, lack of political participation of women, and unequal wages of work are making it crystal clear that gender equality is a myth.

Although gender equality is a myth, some skeptics believe that gender equality is a fact. One of the most striking evidences is gender equality in west. In western societies, significant progress has been made towards achieving gender equality. Women increasingly hold leadership roles in politics, business, and academia. Additionally, women are getting equal pay at workplaces in western countries, such as Equal Pay Act in the United States and similar policies in Europe have sought to reduce gender gap. For example, Kamla Harris, she was given chance to win the elections of the US. Unfortunately, she could not win the elections, but it is a clear indication

that ~~women~~ are getting gender parity. **is a reality**

Much like gender parity in West, Article 25(2) constitution of Pakistan ensures gender equality. In the country, the government has taken adequate measures to provide women with equal access to education, employment, and political participation. In order to protect women from discrimination and gender based violence, the government has implemented various acts, such as protection of women at workplaces and protection of women dignity. Apart from this, day by day, women are enhancing in parliamentary representatives, which clearly show that gender equality is a fact.

In stark contrast to the perspectives held by deniers, evidences overwhelmingly support that gender equality is a myth. The most undeniable proof of gender inequality is male dominance in all sphere of society. Men increasingly hold leadership roles in politics, business, and academia, while women are subjected and shown as weak and fragile. They often told to

pursue commands from their fathers, brothers, and husbands. Women become more prone to domestic violence and sexual abuse and follow a destiny decided by male dominated society in terms of an early marriage, the number of children she will have, and even decisions about their children's lives. On this, Arundhati Roy writes in her book, "The God of Small Things" that women are being marginalized by male dominated society. It can be seen from an incident of novel where Pappachi came to know that Mammachi, his wife, played good piano, then he refused ^{her} to learn piano. From this, it can be observed that gender parity is a myth.

~~Apart from male dominance in~~ all sphere of society, economic dependency on men is another alarming sign of gender inequality. It is a pervasive issue that perpetuates gender inequality and limits women's autonomy. When women solely rely on their male partners for financial supports, they become vulnerable to exploitation, abuse, and poverty. This

dependency can also restrict women's educational and career opportunities, as they may feel pressured to prioritize domestic duties over personal and professional development. In addition to this, many women are forced to marry in wealthy family due to financial stability.

Jane Auston writes in her book, "Pride and Prejudice" that how women are forced to marry with rich men to secure financial stability. In novel, she has portrayed the Bannet sisters, where they are forced by their mother to wear good clothes, so that rich people marry them.

Therefore, it is logically safe to assume that gender inequality pervades in the world.

Like economic dependency on men, the lack of political participation of women is also a pressing global issue. Women are given very less representation in politics, which not only undermines their right, but also hinders effective legislation on crucial issues like health, education, and empowering women. These issues have badly affected the political participation

of women. For instance, seats disparity in Pakistan's National Assembly is one of the most striking evidences of gender inequality because women are given only 60 seats out of 336, which makes clear difference between the men and the women.

So, it is a clear indication that gender inequality is happening in the world and the deniers of gender inequality claim that gender equality is a fact.

Furthermore, unequal wages of same work is another persistent issue that shows inequality faced by women at workplaces. Despite performing the same job with the same qualifications and experience, women often receive lower wages than their male counterparts. According to Human Development Report that women earn on average 16% less than men globally, with the gap widening to 35% in some countries. This wage disparity not only affects women's economic empowerment but also reinforces discriminatory attitudes and stereotypes.

which are perpetuating a cycle of inequality.

Not only this, but women are also psychologically suppressed and depressed. Women who experience gender based inequalities and discrimination often suffer from psychological suppression and depression. ~~This pressure~~ The constant exposure to patriarchal norms, stereotypes, and biases can lead to feeling of powerlessness, low self-esteem, and anxiety. In addition to this, women are being denied of their right of freedom of speech. It can be seen from an incident of a novel, *A Doll's House* by Henrik Ibsen. In the novel, Henrik depicted the worse condition of women. It can be observed when Nora said Torvald, her husband, "I'm tired of playing tricks now." Hence, it is not wrong to say that gender equality is a myth.

Irrelevant details

Apart from this, women are considered as silly and emotional. This stereotype assumes that women are inherently irrational, overly sensitive, and lacking in logical reasoning, whereas men are seen as rational, stoic, and competent. This binary

opposition is not only false but also harmful, as it denies women's agency, autonomy, and intellectual capabilities. According to the Aristotle, "Women are naturally silly and emotionally, and they have been to serve the men." The philosophy of the Aristotle is old, but it is very much relevant in today's world because people consider women as silly and emotional. Despite the persistent discrimination against women, how the critics of gender inequality deny the fact of gender-based discrimination.

China's one child policy is another pressing global issue because women are being discriminated by birth. Many parents in China opt a boy over a girl due to one child policy because they consider women as weak and fragile. Despite the fact that women are contributing more than men in every aspect of society, they prefer a boy over girl for the purpose of increasing their generation. This harsh reality is a clear indication of gender-based discrimination where a boy is welcomed in the family, while a girl is denied to accept. Hence,

Gender equality is a myth because gender inequalities are prevailing in the world.

In addition to this, the current situation in Kabul, Afghanistan, is a stark example of educational discrimination. Since the Taliban's return in power in 2021, girls and women have been systematically denied access to education, with schools for girls above the sixth grade closed. The Taliban has also imposed draconian restrictions ~~on~~ participation of women, employment, and their mobility in public life which ultimately exacerbates the educational disparities. This discriminatory policy has left millions of Afghan girls and women without access to education. As a result, it perpetuates a cycle of poverty, inequality and oppression. Therefore, it is logically safe to assume that gender inequality is happening.

To address these issues, there is a dire need to adopt some measures to tackle the issue of gender inequalities. One of the most important solutions is to empower women to achieve economic

independence. By providing with the access to education, skills training, and financial services, they can acquire the necessary tools to participate in the workforce, start their own business, and make informed financial decisions. This will eventually enable women to gain control over their economic lives, reduce their reliance on men, and improve their overall well-being. Ultimately, economically empowered women can break the cycle of poverty, challenge patriarchal norms, and contribute to the growth and development of society.

Like empowering women to achieve economic independence, ensuring equal access to education is another striking point to resolve gender disparity. Many women are out of school which ultimately enhances gender discrimination owing to lack of education because women are not aware of their rights. By ensuring equal access to education, it is crystal clear that women will fight for their rights. Moreover, Allah himself explains in the Quran, Surah Al-Hujrat (49:13) that education plays a vital role in bridging the

gap. ✓ Thus, it is incumbent upon the world leaders to ensure equal access to education. ✓

Furthermore, implementing and ensuring laws for equal pay in workplaces play an essential role in reducing gender disparity. ✓ Many women are being discriminated at workplaces even though they work same as men. ✓ The world can easily achieve gender parity when it implements and ensures laws for equal pay, where girls and women get equal advantages and benefits of the same work as men. ✓ By ensuring this, the second sex will feel free from the burden of men, which ultimately enhance economic development and progression in the society. ✓ Therefore, it is necessary to implement and ensure laws for equal pay in workplaces which eventually eliminate gender inequality. ✓

To cut the long story short, some skeptics are of the opinion that gender equality is a fact as it has successfully achieved its goals, such as gender equality in the west, where

girls are treated equally as men in every aspect of the society. Apart from this, Pakistan has also ensured equal rights of women in her constitution of Pakistan, 1973, Article 25(2). Thus, it is a clear indication that Pakistan has achieved gender parity. However, gender inequalities prevail in the world, such as male dominance in all sphere of society, economic dependency on men, lack of political participation of women, unequal wages of work, psychologically suppressed and depressed, naturally silly and emotional, China's one child policy, and educational discrimination are making it crystal clear that gender inequality prevails in the world. Therefore, it is a dire need to adopt some measures and act decisively. There's a witty saying in literature that without the participation of women, it is not possible that the world would move towards development and progression.

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