

GENDER STUDIES.

Q No1:

Define and discuss the discipline of gender studies and also differentiate between women studies and gender studies?

Answer:

Introduction:

Gender studies look at the manner in which norms and behaviors associate with masculinity and femininity. How those norms, values and patterns of thinking of a particular society affect the men and women. What factors contribute in forming these genders and how with the passage of time these change. While women studies is only focus how male dominated view prevail in our society its emergence, effect and future predictions all are involve.

Gender studies encompasses various gender disciplines which are mention below.

1. Sociology of Gender:

It examines how societal structure influence genders

role, norms, and inequalities. If a particular society is reacted to a new role what effects it leaves? How they adapt it or leave it?

2. Anthropology of gender:

It investigates the cultural dimensions of gender identity, role, and practices across different societies and historical contexts.

3. Psychology of gender:

It explore the psychological aspects of gender, including identity development, stereotypes in a society, impact of societal expectation on individual behavior.

History of gender:

It traces the historical context and evolution of gender roles and relations over time.

It explain how historical context change and what were the main factors.

Cultural studies and gender:

It examines the intersection of gender with broader cultural phenomena, including media, culture and cultural practices.

Queer studies and gender:

It focuses on non-normative gender identities and sexual orientations challenging traditional binaries and exploring diverse expressions of gender and sexuality.

Feminist theories:

These theories provide a glance of challenges in gender. Based on theoretical framework. It also provides brief understanding of advocating for social political and economic equity between gender.

From the past decades gender ~~is~~ ~~was~~ remain in highlight. Various form and other group emerge with the

passage of time. But everyone didn't know the main difference between Gender studies and women studies.

1. ⇒ Gender Studies vs Women Studies

"It try to analyse the traits & characteristics on the basis of gender is expected to perform."

"It strongly focus on women and their role in Society, politics and economic sphere also."

2. ⇒ Narrow vs Broad Concept Women studies :

It focuses only on women and their problems. It is a narrow concept in which only women rights highlighted.

Gender Studies :

It highlight the other genders also not only men & women.

It is a broad concept in which men, women, even queer rights and freedom is discussed.

Gender parity is not just good for women, its good for societies

(Angelica)

3. ⇒ Only women Vs all Genders & Sexualities

Women Studies:

Women Studies ignore all gender and focuses on women. Third sex had no space in it.

Gender Studies:

Gender studies on the other hand focused on all genders and forms of sexuality. Which include male, female, & LGBTQ community.

4. ⇒ Elimination of Patriarchy Vs Social Construction of gender role

Elimination of patriarchy is good for women:

Women studies think/believe that elimination of male superiority thinking can overcome the problems which women face.

Gender studies believe in social construction.

Gender studies believed that problems lies in the way gender is constructed in a society.

⇒ Interpretation differences

Women Studies look with women's lens:

Women Studies develop an understanding of history & society through the lens of women. It sees cultural discrimination against women.

Gender Studies focus on every aspect:

Gender Studies develops an understanding of history by focusing on all genders. It believed that discrimination occurred due to flawed understanding of gender role in life.

"one is not born woman but becomes one,"

(Simon de Beauvoir)

Conclusion:

Gender Studies and women studies both are interdisciplinary field. But both works and thinks differently. Women studies focused only on women realities and inequalities while

Gender Studies talks about every gender's right. Gender Studies has more broader perspective and views as compare to women Studies.