

## Women have the Same Chances as Men

### 1- Introduction

It can not be wrong to say that women have equal chances and opportunities like men in variety of domains of life. These may include financial independence, education, sense of self-worth, power of decision making, ability to effect change in socio-political areas and access to resources. But women's role in society is a critical aspect of achieving equal power and control as men. However, this potential requires more continued efforts from both government and civil society.

### 2- Correlation of the same chances available to women and as men

### 3- Steps, providing women with equitable opportunities like men

a- Reserved seats for women in national and provincial assemblies allowing them to policy making

b- Economic participation of women in country's growth through providing loan schemes for business

c- Equal opportunity to ~~man~~ women as men in pursuing educational degrees and careers

d- Participation of women in armed forces

e- Role of women in judiciary of states

showing progress towards gender equality

4. Barriers persisting for women in getting same opportunities to men

a- The Patriarchal society confining the role of women within four walls

b- Increasing cases of honor killing and domestic violence

c- The anti-women practices such as watta satta or vani

d- In spite of laws existence, inadequate legal enforcement for women protection

5- steps need to be taken to promote equal chances to women as men

a- Provide financial incentives to women in starting work from home in

order to enhance skilled female workforce

b- Collaborative efforts of organizations and government to overcome workplace discrimination and gender based violence

c- Fair representation proportion of both genders in executive and legislative bodies

6- Conclusion

It can be seen as the true depiction of what Mao Zedong demonstrates "Women hold up half the sky"

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# Religious Extremism as Challenge to Economic Development

## 1- Introduction

Religious extremism and economic development are two distinct concepts but can influence each other. Economic prosperity is essential for any country for stability in political, social and environmental domains. However religious extremism can hinder development by social unrest and deterring investment. Balancing both is crucial for sustainable development of any state.

## 2- Correlation of religious extremism with economic development

## 3- Significant Confronting Challenges to economic prosperity due to religious extremism

a- Rising of various religious extremist parties lead to social instability by hindering favourable business environment

b- Impeding educational progress because of disparity in various school of thoughts of scholars result in less productive economic activities

c- Discourage foreign investment due to surging sectarianism culture ~~between~~ <sup>between</sup> ~~groups~~ <sup>groups</sup>

d- Big economical threat through hindering tourism because of extremist ideologies



e- Resurgence of Geo-political Rivalry in Middle East on Regional Conflicts posing challenges to economic development

4- How Challenges to economic development due to religious extremism can be overcome

a- Promoting inclusive policies to all religious and ethnic groups to address socio-economic disparities

b- Focus on education to counter extremist ideologies

c- Enhancing security measures to protect businesses from radicalization

d- Collaboration with international community against transnational religious extremist networks for developmental projects

e- Utilization of media and information campaigns to counter religious propaganda and interfaith dialogues

5- Conclusion