

New waves of feminism and our culture.

1. Introduction

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Cultural.

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"Feminism enables women to gain control of their lives." Very well said by ~~the~~ one of the famous British writers, "Mary Wollstonecraft".

Undoubtedly, new waves of feminism play very important role in the empowerment of women. But, still, there are many fences in the culture that does not allow feminism to work properly. So it is the need of the time to take several well-organized steps to remove these hurdles in the way of women. New waves of feminism allow women to empower themselves. Some of its responsibilities in the way of women empowerment are as follows: ^{online} political participation of women, reduced economic disparities, eliminate gender gap in educational institutes, and portraying negative impacts of gender based violence and sexual harassment. But the above mentioned roles can not be performed perfectly as there are many hurdles in its way of perfection. Careless behaviour of law implementing bodies is one of them. Other hurdles

are considered as: negative impacts of patriarchal society, restriction over social media, wrong perceptions about feminist movements and lack of awareness to eliminate these hurdles in the way of ^{new waves of} feminism, it is highly needed to take several steps. Some of the recommendation in this way are as follows: ^{should} take government initiatives and proper implementation of existing law, educational reforms and role of media should not be avoided in the wake of gender parity, and public awareness can also be a game changer to challenge gender stereotypes. It is hoped that by following above mentioned remedies, ones would definitely enjoy the proper working of ^{new waves of} feminism without any fences.

New waves of feminism gives its full support in the work of women empowerment. Its performance in the elimination of gender gap is undeniable. Women political participation is one of the important role of new waves of feminism. New waves of feminism works very hard to ensure women representation in politics. As, they know

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by taking its full representation in politics, women can allow to take steps for their rights. Political representation also enhances them to think about other victims of gender disparity. As United Nations orders all of its member to eliminate discrimination against women in both political and public life. With the help of these ~~new~~ waves, women have improved the huge gender gap in politics but still some work is needed in its way.

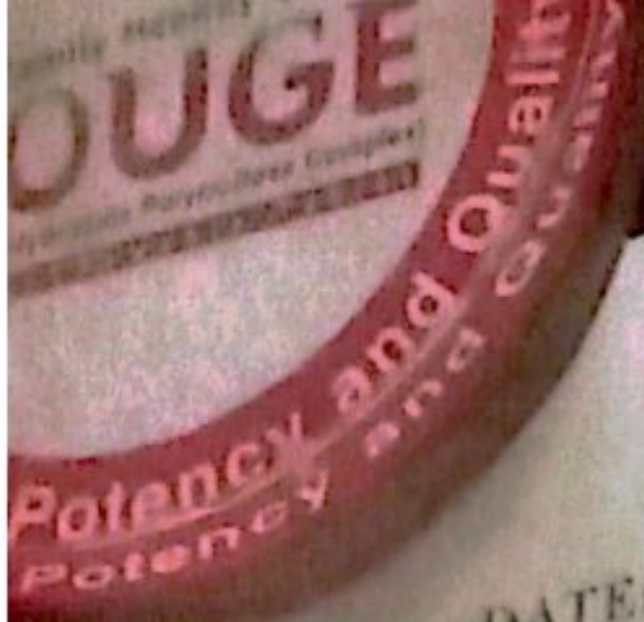
According to the one report of United Nations women: In the last 25 years political representation has doubled globally. Hence, new waves of feminism play important role in women political participation.

Next, New waves of feminism also help in the reduction of economic disparities. As, to empower women it is very necessary to make them economically independent. This world is full of gender disparities but economic disparity is one of the most common of them. These economic disparities are not only present in developing countries. But, a

lot of developed countries are also facing the same economic disparities.

The recent report of the organization for economic cooperation and development (OECD) acknowledged that: women held only 5.9% of CEO positions in the companies world-wide. To reduce these economic gap between male and female, new waves of feminism are taking the situation very seriously. Therefore, feminism ensures the world free from economic disparities.

Then, feminism also plays its role in the elimination of gender gap in educational world. Education is very much important in the empowerment of women. As, it gives them knowledge to think about their future and their rights. Education also plays important role to make them independent, both economically and socially. But still world is very slow in providing equal educational rights to the its women. As per one of the recent report of world bank: globally female literacy rate is 82.7% compared to the 90% literacy rate of males.



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To make the female literacy rate 82% new waves of feminism had played their role very perfectly. But still there is a gap b/w male and female educational opportunities. As a result to the world economic forum, no country have yet achieved the full gender gap. However, feminism is still trying to eliminate this gender gap in educational institutes.

After that, Modern feminism also helps to emphasize the voices against gender related violence. In this patriarchal world hundreds of thousands of girls are facing different kind of violence on daily bases. Many of the people, who violates their right, feel that women deserve this violation. According to the Pakistan demographics and health survey (PDHS) founds that 35% of men and 45% of female seem, it is absolutely justified if man's violence on his wife in case she argues with him. It is not just in the case of developing countries. The story of gender based violence is not much different in developed countries as well. But

these violences are very much common in developing and less developed states. Here, modern feminism are also working to reduce these violence against women to empower them.

Finally, modern waves of feminism are also trying to portray the negative image of sexual harassment. The sexual harassment cases are being increased day by day. With every new day, new victims of sexual harassment are added in the list. Aurat foundation recently published a report that acknowledged that more than 500 women in Karachi alone were sexually assaulted during 2023. This is not the story of only city. Other cities also face the same situations of sexual harassment. In Sheikupura, a woman committed suicide after being raped by the gang of five people. To improve the situations for women, it was highly needed to take some serious steps. Therefore, new waves of feminism took those steps and is still performing its duty. Hence, feminism is showing the negative impacts of sexual harassment. To the

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Similarly, patriarchal shape of the world also contributes to hinder the proper working of ^{the} modern waves of feminism. The patriarchal society not only justifies the worst treatment of men towards women but also ~~forces~~ ^{makes} women unable to take actions for their rights. These ~~sex~~ stereotypes do not allow women to work other than their

traditional roles, that even worsen the situation in favour of gender disparity.

It is proved by ~~the~~ ^{one of the} report submitted by "Save the Children" that acknowledged: fixed gender role and sexual expectation have affected the lives of 5.75 million girls in developing countries. This

is not just the situation of developing countries. In developed countries ^{women} also face the same situations because of the patriarchal mindsets. Hence, patriarchal structure of the world is also considered as the barrier to proper working of new waves of feminism.

Furthermore, restrictions over the use of digital media ^{and technology} also hinder the working of modern feminism. In the modern world social media

play a very important role in the process of awareness. Very few of women know about how to use social media that further make them unaware of feminism and its roles in the empowerment of women. Technology is not only important to let them aware but also help to empower them by making them economically strong. Many online businesses play the absolute role of building ^{working} world economically strong. But ~~still~~ cultural restriction over digital media is all over in a patriarchal society.

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More over, wrong perceptions about modern feminist movement also hinder the proper working of these movement. The world of conservative minded

people do not allow such movements in the society that can change the traditional roles of women. Mostly people, who are against of these movements, especially men believe that, due to these movements the old traditions of men and women's duties can be changed. Because of such mindsets they are unable to allow their women to participate in these movements. 'According to the Aurat foundation report: mostly girls are not allowed to participate in Aurat march and their involvement in Aurat march are not seen positively by many, especially their family members.' This restrict them to further participate in such movement. Hence, wrong perceptions about feminist movements are also as barriers to its proper working.

At last, less awareness about women's rights make the situation more difficult for the proper working of different waves of feminism. Many people are unaware of women's right. Because of that they violates their rights. Not only men, women themselves unaware of

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their rights. And their unawareness of
allow other to make them victims of
gender disparity and violate their
rights. As per one of World Bank's
report: Nearly 2.4 billion of
women globally do not have some
economic rights. One of the reasons
to the above situation is that they
don't know about their economic
rights and then, their male counterparts
further restricts them from their
rights. Therefore, lack of awareness about
the women's rights make the modern
situation more harder for feminist
movements.

As modern waves of feminism
continue to encounter challenges, it is
high time to take several steps to
remove obstacles on the path to perfection.
Firstly, government initiative should be
taken to reduce gender gap, in
different fields. Government should take
some steps to ensure proper working
of feminist movement. Modern waves
of feminism play very important
role in the women empowerment,
not only in the field of economy, but
in all the fields of life. Women
who are facing discrimination or

every field of life need their movements to take stands for them. ~~As~~ Beth, developed and developing countries face the worst situations of gender disparities.

~~As~~ according to the world bank's report no country has ~~not~~ achieved full gender parity, yet.

To improve the situation of gender gap between male and female it is highly needed to ensure different waves of feminism perfectly perform their roles. Therefore, government should support these waves to work properly.

Secondly, proper implementation of existing law related to women's rights should be considered as ~~the~~ a solution to the current hurdles to feminism waves. As, this world is full of law, but, ~~isn't~~ ^{very} weak to implement those law, unjustly by not implementing those laws and taking the problems ^{that are} faced by women seriously, law implementing institutions make the world more dangerous for women. ~~As~~ the culprits of women's right violation consider the ~~weak~~ ^{slow} implementing process as a chance for them and make themselves more stronger against the women.

As per shocking report submitted by United Nation in every 11 min a girl as a woman killed by an intimate partner or family member. It does not mean that there

are no laws against these culprits. There are many different laws against them vary from state to state. Still, the world is witnessing a rapid increase in the number of cases involving violence against women. Therefore, law implementing bodies should perform their duties towards women's cases, more seriously.

Thirdly, educational reforms should be taken to empower women. Education plays very important role in the work of empowerment. As it allows women to think about their many futures. It also helps them to break the cultural restrictions that does not allow them to challenge their traditional, old-fashioned roles. However, still many of girls are out of schools and many of them even, never go to school. even According to the United Nation educational culture bicentenary: 80% of school-aged girls in Afghanistan

we fall out of schools. It makes the ^{Afghanistan} country the most vulnerable country for women to live. But education can change the whole story, not for the women but also for the economy of any country. As world bank's recent report said: Closing the gender gap in education could add 2.1 points to ~~make~~ Pakistan's gross domestic product growth. Hence, to empower the women it is highly needed to tweak the educational system in favour of women.

Fourthly, role of media to improve the working of feminist movements and to empower women should not be avoided. Media plays very important role to allow others, especially women, to share their experience to the world. That further allows them to take actions against women's right violated and to support other victims. Media can also play the significant role to change the patriarchal mind of the society. It can help them to change the cultural perspective with changing world.

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As per report of United Nation
women: media can play significant
role in either perpetuating or
challenging social norms and behaviors
that condone violence against women.
That is why, role of media should
not be avoided in the wake of
women empowerment.

Fifthly, government should encourage public
awareness campaigns to change the
conservative mindsets of today's culture.
Many of the people believes that
women are inferior than men. Due
to this mindset, women are often
denied the rights that rightfully belong
to them. That makes the situation
more worst for them. This thing
also further harm the society as
well; lead to decrease in women
participation in society's progress.
According to the United Nation
development program, in Pakistan
only 24.5% women are playing only
it's senior, managerial and legislative
roles. This condition discourage
women to further participate in
the society, as they gain less
reward than their works. With the help

of campaigns, one can change the cultural mindset of individual about the roles of women in society other than their traditional roles. These campaigns can also explain the society about the ~~benefits~~ benefits of women's empowerment. Hence, public awareness campaigns related to women's right must be taken seriously.

TH The long story in short, new waves of feminism play important role in the empowerment of women. Still, there are many barriers in the culture that does not allow feminism to work properly. However, it is hoped that by taking some solid actions, ~~governments~~ ^{would} should overcome these hurdles. As, modern waves of feminism play very important role in the progress of women empowerment. Some of its roles are mentioned below. Help in ^{equal} women participation in politics is one of them. Others are: ^{old} elimination of gender gap in economic and education system, emphasis on voice against gender based violence and sexual harassment. To ~~not~~ perform the above mentioned roles properly, world ^{would} first overcome the

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hurdles in the way. Some of the hurdles are zero interest of law cases, patriarchal shape of society, restrictions over media and technology and lack of awareness about role of feminist movements and women's rights. These barriers can be overcome by taking some solid action. Some of the recommendations to change the situations for modern waves of feminism and for women are:

- ensure proper government initiatives and implementation of existing laws, and encourage constitutional reforms, media's role and public awareness campaign for women's rights.