

Q: Shed light on first and 3rd wave of feminism.

1. Introduction

The development of gender studies involved major waves of feminism also termed as 1st, 2nd and 3rd waves, succeeding to postmodern wave. The first and third waves of feminism talked about women being given political, legal, social and financial rights. These waves were also criticized due to their shortcomings such as limitation on a particular group.

2. First wave of feminism:

First wave of feminism started with the concept of political inclusivity and industrial policy for women. It started in late 19th century and early 20th century. It emerged from Europe and USA, with women dem.

anding suffrage rights and political equality.

It came into being due to Seneca Convention for women's rights. Elizabeth Cady Stanton designed the Seneca Convention.

Demands of 1st wave of feminism:

The 1st wave demand women's inclusion in politics so that they can frame innately female induced policies that are feasible for ~~become~~ women becoming ^{being} mothers and housewives.
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Moreover, various ~~activities~~ activists of this wave thought that as both men and women are equal parts of humanity, so they should be treated with equality.

This idea got propogated from the demands of several upper and middle class white women in the West.

It also discusses the "suffrage right" of women which means 'right to vote' associated with liberal feminism.

The Attainment of Rights:

- By the end of 18th century, political rights, right to vote was first attained by women in 1893 in New Zealand, then UK, US and Germany respectively.
- Access to education: This wave demanded access to education for women and their inclusion in professions such as medicine.
- Women were granted permissions & and they got platforms for public speaking and putting their demands.

Criticism on 1st wave:

The primary criticism on 1st wave was that was centered and more focused on middle class and upper class white women. It was said to induce a

racial and class-dominated concept of feminism in the world.

3rd wave of Feminism:

The third ^{wave} came into being in effect in the era of post cold war. It came in ~~sex~~ reaction to the ideas and concepts of ~~first~~ ^{2nd} wave; third wave still ^{being} continued.

'The third wave imparts the idea of giving rights to women and giving financial, legal, political and social autonomy.'

It also proves to be a backlash to the derogatory remarks given to women and trying to remove the sexist culture being prevalent at that time.

The Role of Rebecca Walker:

It came at the time of an article written by Rebecca Walker "The

Recognition of third wave of feminism," who ~~was~~ ^{forward} put the idea that women are also the part of similar race.

~~She was against~~ It also aimed to give reproductive and abortion rights to women.

- Due to this wave ~~women and~~ marriage and divorce rights along with the custody ~~right~~ of child rights also came into force.

Criticism on third wave of feminism:

Third wave of feminism was criticised as it negated the concepts presented in first two waves, and also presenting concepts more inclined to post-modern waves of feminism.

Conclusion:

In a nutshell, both ~~1st~~ ^{first} and third

waves of feminism attempted to discuss the rights for women; 1st wave about political rights and 3rd being financial, political, social and financial, each having its own drawbacks.

