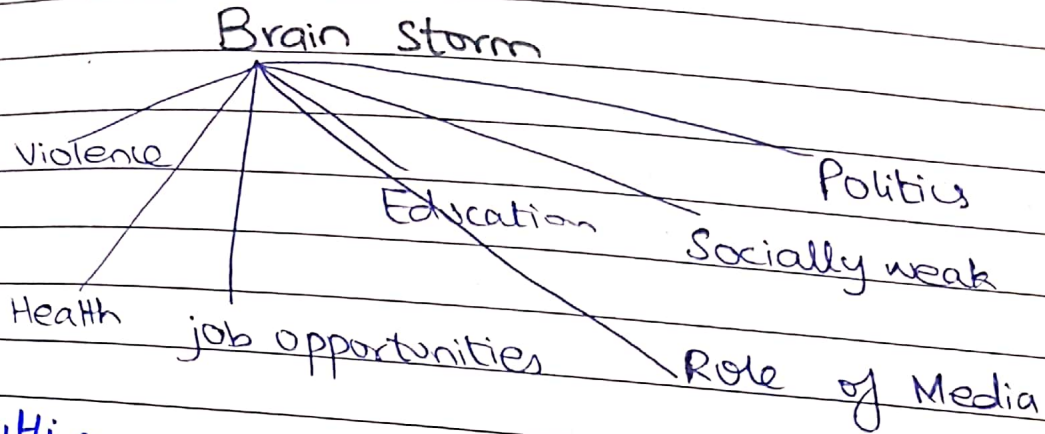


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Frailty, Thy Name is Woman



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The Essay

Every one in three women faces physical, sexual violence from intimate partner. (WHO Report). Women are always shown as weak, fragile and dependent on men. Women are always seem to be busy in household chores, taking care of children and home. During history, women were more weak but with the passage of time this issue has not resolved fully. Even in this modern world, women are not fully empowered. Women being frail, is common in both developed and underdeveloped countries. With alot of advancements in this 21st century, women are still frail looking upon men to grant them their rights. Frailty is another name of woman because woman faces violence, having unresolved health issues, limited job opportunities, lack of educational opportunities, social oppression, political deprivation and the role of media. These all are the areas where women

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are frail and they are deep oppressed socially, emotionally and politically. Therefore, this essay will discuss all the areas which shows that "frailty, thy name is woman."

The first aspect ~~show~~ which shows that woman is frail is the experience of ~~often~~ violence. A lot of the reports from experts and researchers show that every 1 in 3 women experiences violence. The violence can be physical, sexual or verbal also. Psychologically men feel that it is their right to use violence in order to subjugate women. It is the mentality which is the root cause behind the experience of violence. The psychological impact is also on women who feel and live under the subjugation of men. An incident in a Pakistani city shows the brutality of men where a man killed his

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wife despite having a small baby and the girl was also expecting second child. These incidents are the example of woman being frail. Moreover, the exposure of violence has a variety in rural and urban areas. The violence against women is more prevalent in rural areas than in urban because of the patriarchal mindset of the people of rural areas. They oppress woman in all of the areas of life. Hence, woman is frail because of experiencing violence.

Along with the exposure to violence women faces alot of health issues. Majority of the woman in rural areas have limited access to healthy food and clean drinking water. The condition of women is even worse related to maternity concerns. Women do not have proper access to medication services. The condition is more worse in rural areas where there are

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very limited health care facilities available, and the access to hospitals is very difficult. Women become so busy in their daily tasks that they are unable to take care of their health. The health issues also include mental health disorder. The feeling of oppression leads to depression and stress and ultimately become a serious mental health disorder. Therefore health issues are a major aspect in the frailty of women.

In the same way there are limited job opportunities available for woman. In the field of medical, legal and corporate sectors women are frail. Firstly, in every sector there exists gender discrimination. There are very limited opportunities for women in every field of life. Apart from that, if there are some opportunities available for women then the

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wages are very low. Women are mostly given less wages in comparison to their male counterparts on the same position. Additionally, they are not promoted to high level posts. 80% of the managerial or top posts are secured by men limiting women becoming independent. Moreover, in the health sector, the ratio of women is low. Most of the ~~girls~~ girls leave their profession after marriage. In the same way there are very few lawyers and advocates in practice. All of the top organizations and institutions have the majority of men with only few women. Furthermore, there are very few business opportunities for women. Women are generally not empowered to do something on their own. The women entrepreneurship rate in Pakistan is 4% against the 14% in India. In addition, the Global Gender Gap Index revealed that Pakistan is ranked 142 out of 146 countries. These all aspects of limited job opportunities

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shows the frailty of women.

Another major factor showing the frailty of women is the limited educational opportunities available to women. In this context the feudalism is prevailing with the belief that there is no need of the education of girls because they are supposed to get involved in household activities. Moreover, poverty also hinders women to ~~get~~ get education. People living in poor conditions allocate their resources only for the education of boys while ignoring girls. In the rural areas, situation is very worse with girls not having access to even primary level education. The conventional mindset have the belief that there is no need for the education of girls because they are not allowed to live professional life. Even those girls who got the chance of getting primary

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education, soon drop out school and do not get the chance of higher college or university level education. Hence, women have very limited educational opportunities that make them weak and dependent on men.

Along with the educational sector, women face oppression socially too. In the social sphere women are always behind men. Most of the families are male dominated having men being the leader of the house. This mindset of men prevails from their upbringing. They are grown up in the way that they have the right to dominate over women. The feudal mindset is unchangeable. As in the case of Mukhtaran Mai, she was asked to get married with a man of enemy feudal group and when she did not agree. They announced the order of her gang rape. She got raped by 6 men, showing that feudalism is very worse and women are

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even do not given the right to speak. If they speak, they are treated brutally. Moreover there is a social problem that is the acid attacks. Women are given punishments upon refusing to get married or other social issues. The ratio of acid attacks is very high even in this modern world.

Women are told by actions that they are weak. Additionally there exists the issue of early marriages. As soon as girls grow up they are married because of poverty or illiteracy. In this sense, women do not get freedom and they face huge social oppression.

Another aspect that makes women frail is the political sector. In the political domain women are weak. During elections, the voter turnout of women is very low. Specially in the rural areas the traditional mindset donot allow people ~~to~~ to use their political

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right. Women voters turnout is remains low even in this modern 21st century. In the same way, the representation of women in politics is very low. Majority of the members, all over the world specifically in Pakistan are male parliamentarians. The assembly speakers, the ministers and judges are mostly male persons. Even in the history of Pakistan only one woman got the chance to become the head of government, Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto. Other than that there is no women representative on this powerful seat in the long 75 years plus history of Pakistan. Therefore, in politics women's representativeness is very low which shows that they are behind than men in this sector.

In the same way, the role of media showing the frailty of women is a prominent aspect. Despite knowing the fact that women are very essential and vital part of life, media also shows women as weak.

In most of the Pakistani dramas women are only shown as cleaning the home, taking care of children and oppressed by their husband. In 90% of the dramas, fathers die after hearing the divorce of their daughter, showing the weakness of women. A famous drama May Ri showed child marriage case, despite getting married by childhood the girl had got the household responsibility along with a baby, which shows the frailty of women. Violence, acid attacks, child marriages, trafficking, abuse are the main topics of the media industry. These all activities provoke male dominance. They become abusive towards women. Another major problem is honour killings, which is also presented in the media. Therefore, media is also involved in the depiction of the weakness of women with not having freedom and liberty.

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To conclude, the aspects showing the frailty of women include violence, health issues, limited job opportunities, along with limited educational opportunities, social oppression, political deprivation and the media's role. These all are the common aspects of life which shows the reality that women are frail and subjugated by men. There can be many reasons of women's frailty including poverty, illiteracy, feudal and patriarchal mindset which does not give the opportunities to women so that they can enjoy their lives. Women plays the role of a daughter, a sister, a mother. So, there is no way of letting women down. They must be given equal rights as men because no society can exist without the presence of women. In Islam, women are given every right to live and violence against women is highly prohibited. People are oblivious of the role of women and the role that a woman plays. "Everyone is born free", but there are practices which

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the frailty of women. (1465)