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"Women are to be subordinate  
to men"

In aforementioned statement, Rousseau said that women are born to serve and it is natural process where power and dominance are vested in the hand of men. Therefore, it is easy to assume that it is a society which makes a woman on the basis of her sex. It is a society that gives name to a woman that she is weak and fragile. In addition to this, men are proved on their strength and power.

Does society not consider a woman as silly and emotional? Does men not dominate and subjugate to women? Are women getting equal opportunities? Is society not judging a woman on the basis of sex? Although women play a vital role in developing the society, women are still considered as silly and emotional on the basis of sex.

One is not born, but rather becomes, a woman. This is a famous saying by ~~Rousseau~~<sup>Simone</sup> in which he depicted that women are not given equal rights and opportunities because

of cultural and societal norms. It is society that makes a woman. In his book, "The Second Sex", Simone de Beauvoir voiced in the rights of women because they were being suppressed, depressed, and oppressed by male dominated society. He further more emphasized that men, in order to maintain his power, started calling women as weak and fragile. Thus, it is easy to assume that one is not born, but rather becomes, a woman due to societal norms.

It is a matter of fact that whenever women have given chance to prove, they have successfully done it. For example, there are various countries which are considered as global powers owing to the equal rights and opportunities, such as United States, United Kingdom, and Finland, etc. Similarly, the founder of Pakistan Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah said, "No nation can grow until it works with women shoulder by shoulder." He himself was well aware of the worth of women. Therefore, he emphasized the positive role of

a woman developing nation.

At stark contrast, women are denied their basic and fundamental rights. Most obvious evidence is that women are considered as silly and emotional. Rousseau said that women cannot do anything in their lives because they are very emotional and silly. Therefore, they are born to serve and do house chores.

Similarly, many other writers were of the same opinion, such as Aristotle and Plato. They believe that men are superior and female is inferior. According to the famous Labelling Theory, no one is born criminal, it is society that makes criminal. Likewise, women are considered as silly and emotional because men have given this title to women persistently, so at the end of the day, women themselves start considering them weak and emotional. Thus, one cannot deny that it is society that makes a woman silly and emotional.

Apart from this, women are often judged on the basis of sex. Due to their biological structure, they have been

filled as woman because are born to serve and do house chores. On the basis of sex, they have often kept in houses so that they cannot see the world and remain down under men. Biologically, women are weaker than men. Owing to this point, men consider themselves as superior due to their physical strength. Hence, on the basis of sex, women are given less opportunities.

Not only this, but sense of woman is also deeply rooted in culture.

There are various culture in the world which exists as a source of direction. Among them, considering women ~~are~~ as weak and fragil is also included. In our culture, it is clearly lucid that women have to remain subjected under the men. For example,

**A Doll's house by Henrik Ibsen**, in this book, Henrik explained the character of a woman, namely Nora, who had been touched by his husband, Torvald. Due to cultural norms, Nora endured too much because she was even not allowed to do anything. She always

wanted to please Torval, but he usually ignored her. As Norg said, "I'm tired of playing tricks now." she said that she is exhausted from pretending that she is happy, but she is not. Hence, the sense of women is inculcated in culture.

Like the sense of women is deeply rooted in culture, women are also considered as weak and fragile due to their physical appearance. This plot has deeply rooted in our society because people still believe that women are fragile and they cannot do anything in their lives. For example, in the novel, *Twilight in Delhi*, it is clearly shown that how females are kept in four walls. Even though women are capable of doing anything, they are not allowed. Thus, one can easily understand the situation of women in society.

In addition to this, it is a male who can do anything due to patriarchal approach where male is dominated and woman is ought to follow his commands. In male dominated society,

Women is not allowed to do anything without the permission of male because it will go against the norms and culture that is manmade because "biology is not destiny." In order to maintain their hold, men have emphasized that biology is a destiny and women are born to live under the sheet of male.

Furthermore, it is a society that force women to realize that she is a women because male are always given reverence in the society. even though he does nothing. However, women do not revere in the same way because they consider women as weak and fragil. For example, if a boy borns, family will start dancing and celebrating. While, if a girl borns; their faces will be like a roasted ~~food~~ flower. As a result, women are still serving to men.

Along this, women are often labelled that they are born to serve to male irrespective of their own identity and existence. Society has played an important role in labelling



to women. For instance, in the novel "To the lighthouse" men are portrayed as extra ordinary whereas women have to serve it. Like Mrs. Ramsay did in order to serve Mr. Ramsay. There is another character in the novel who chastigates women by saying that they are born to serve, not for painting. So, from this, one can understand how authors and male dominated society treat women.

Owing to male-oriented thoughts and feelings, it has abjectly affected women through various ways. One of the first impacts is gender inequality. Women are not treated same as men due to fabricated culture of male oriented society. Women are often chained in houses so that they cannot get education and freedom. Even, in same house, boys are preferred over a girl. So, it has extremely discriminated by society.

Apart from this, women do not have freedom of speech due to male dominated society. In current culture, women are often refused

to speak in front of male because male can take discussion only.

As Dr. Hamidullah says, Allah has given equal rights for women and they have authority to express their views and opinion. Unfortunately, in today's society, their rights have been ignored.

Not only this, but also their right of education is being ignored.

As our Holy Prophet (PBUH) said, "education is compulsory upon every muslim".

Despite the hadith of our prophet, people have not given right of education to women. Even they are constrained in house and emphasized to do house chores instead of education.

As a result, many women are deprived of getting education and this will ultimately impact the growth of nation.

Furthermore, Allah says in Surah Banu Israel, "Certainly, we have honoured the children of Adam".

Allah Himself depicted in Quran about the dignity of women. Unfortunately, this too is breached and women

are often humiliated. Owing to lack of protection of dignity, many women have been raped in current society.

For example, Noor Mumtaz case, and Lahore highway road rape. There are several cases in Pakistani society that shows how the dignity of women is being humiliated.

In addition, women are not given equal wages at workplace because they are girls so they do not deserve same pay as men.

Despite their enough struggle, women are discriminated at workplace.

It has not only affected women, but it also affects the development and growth of nation. As a result, country leads towards default and economic crisis. Therefore, at particular level, women start considering themselves weak and fragile due to male dominated society and culture where women do not possess equal rights and privileges as men.

Considering women as weak and fragile not only affect the existence of women, but it has

also affected the prosperity and development of the world. Therefore, it is necessary to resolve the issue.

One of the most important solutions is to provide equality in the light of Islam. As Allah says in Surah Nisa, "We have created you from one soul." Thus, it is a dire need that women should be given equal rights and opportunities irrespective of any gender discrimination.

Apart from this, freedom of education is necessary for upbringing of women. As our Holy Prophet (PBUH) said, "education is compulsory upon every muslim". Therefore, it is pertinent that women should be given right of education because it will develop sense of awareness among women so that they can fight for their rights.

Furthermore, provision of Justice and Property is one of an important way to promote women.

As Allah says in Surah Nisa verse 34 and 54, "that women should

be given justice if there is something wrong. Allah, furthermore, explains that there should be right of property. Women have right to possess property. So, it is necessary for men to pursue the order of Allah and give equal rights and opportunities for women. Thus, it will create sense of awareness to all women and they can fight with the societal norms that have made them, "Inomen".

To cut the long story short, one cannot deny the fact that women can play positive role in developing the society. Unfortunately, their rights and status have been denied in 21st century due to their sex. As a result, people consider them silly, emotional, fragile, and born to serve men. Consequently, it has badly affected the status of women in all sphere of society which ultimately leads to the downfall of women. Thus, it is a dire need to improve status of women in the society.