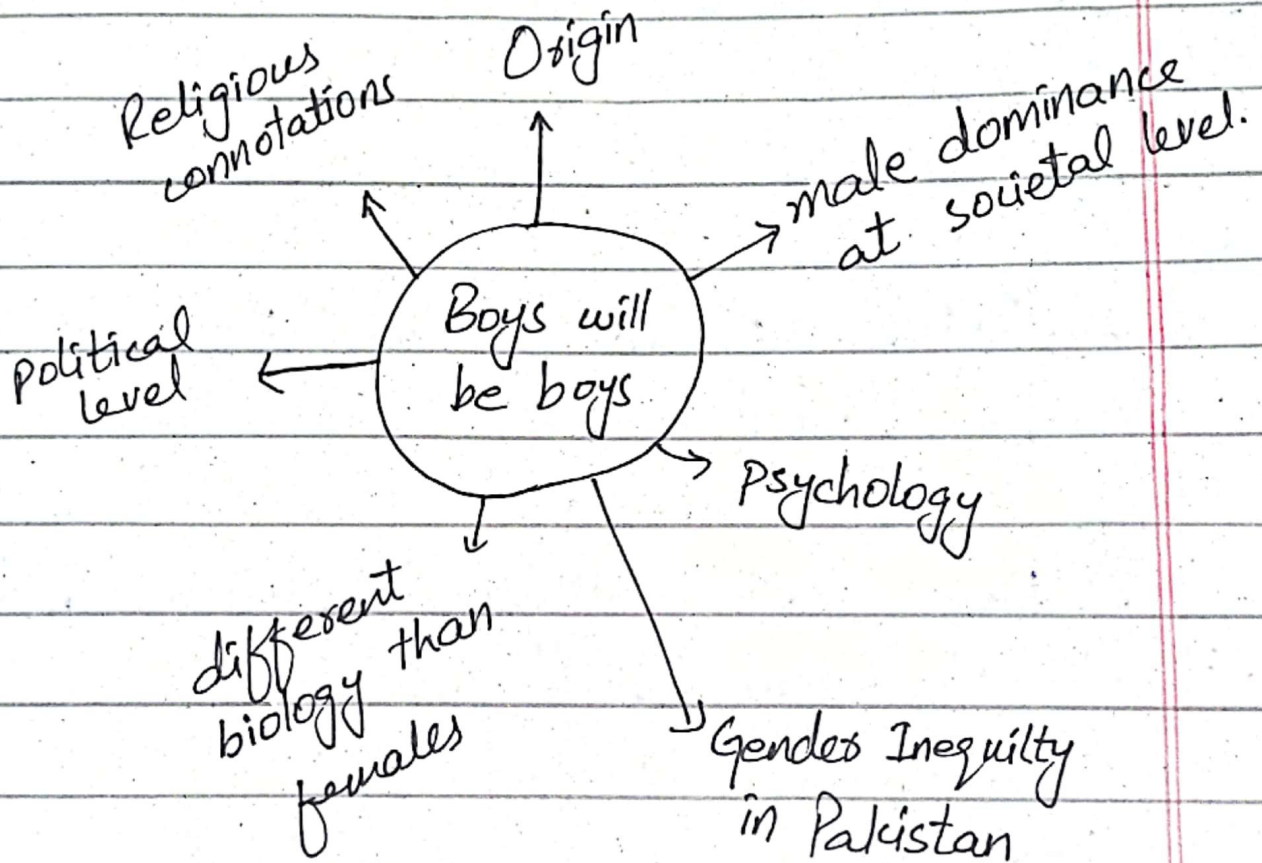


# "Boys will be Boys."

## — (Brainstorming) —



# Outline

## 1) Introduction:-

Thesis statement:- "Boys will be boys" is the phrase which justifies the dominance of males at individual, family, societal and political level and their role in enhancing bad activities due to their more privileges provided to them.

## 2) Origin of the phrase "Boys will be boys."

## 3) Boys having different biology and psychology than girls:-

- a) different hormonal level
- b) different emotional level

## 4) Boys will be boys at individual and family level:-

- a) more privileges to men
- b) home heads - only men.
- c) responsibility to look after families

## 5) Male dominance at societal level:-

- a) freedom of marriage and careers
- b) more recruitment opportunities to males.

## 6) Negative consequences on males:-

- a) lead to increased bad activities by males
- b) increase emotional and physical abuse to females (case study from DAWN)
- c) reinforce gender stereotypes:-
  - masculinity - aggressive, dominant, political, abusive
  - femininity - emotional, soft, adaptive

## 7) Conclusion.

Beginning with a saying, "No country in the world can yet say they have achieved gender equality." It means that even the country is developed, it can not be successful without dealing its all citizens equally. Today, still the people have to face gender-based discriminations. Being a boy is more preferable than being a girl. But it is wrong concept which have prevailed globally. Many countries are working on breakdown of gender-based stereotypes by empowering women and promoting equality of gender. This attempt has now become much more successful. But still, it is limited to an extent. The need of the hour is to involve women also in all important departments in a country for a successful future. The given topic is a phrase which explains male dominance in different aspects of life and the negative impacts of male dominance in the society which is <sup>being</sup> provided to them. As, it is

famous quote, "No nation can rise to the glory unless your women are side by side with you."

The origin of the phrase "Boys will be boys" is a book by **Clemetine Ford**, first published in 2018. With the editions of 2019 and 2020, this book was retitled as "Boys will be boys: Power, Patriarchy and Toxic Masculinity". It was well-received by critics. This book presents several aspects of toxic masculinity typical of the upbringing of boys, arguing that patriarchal upbringing is damaging for adult men.

Humans are created by Allah Almighty in a very beautiful and the different way. Men are made in the different and females have different biology. Females have high serotonin levels, while males possess high testosterone levels and low serotonin levels. These hormonal levels make them more reactive to stress and anxiety. They feel much depressed so early than that of females.

Like biology, males have different psychological level as compared to females. Males react so fast to every situation and become angry easily. Some men remain aggressive for a long time which affects their health too. As it is the Quranic saying that; those who spend (freely), whether in prosperity, or in adversity; who restrain anger, and pardon (all) men; for Allah loves those who do good.

In a country, there are different kinds of people living which have different mindsets too. In the backward areas or illiterate families, people provide more privileges to their sons in contrast to their daughters.

Among those privileges, first one is good nutrition. They provide good food and healthy diet to their boys only as they have a misconception that boys must be physically strong because they have to go out for a better earning. But it must be considered that healthy food is essential for

females too as they have to conceive and give birth after marriage.

Second privilege is education. Still, it is a myth that only boys should be educated and go to the universities for higher education. Girls remain deprived of education and their parents believe that girls are created only for marriage and to look after the domestic affairs. The significance of education for a successful society can be idealized by the quote, "The ink of scholar is more sacred than the blood of martyrs."

Third privilege is clothes and basic necessities. Men are provided with more and expensive clothes while the females have to face criticism on this basic necessity of life too. Females have to survive with such normal clothes in a less quantity. People spend more money on clothes of their sons as they think that they go out, meet their friends, relatives or others. But females are deprived of clothes as well.

Boys are considered as home heads. Because they go out to earn money, they bear all expenses of family including grocery, food items, electricity expenses etc. They are also considered more preferable as they earn money and due to this preference, they become more side to their family. Because they took this favour as a power and authority.

They have the responsibility to look after the needs of their families. If their parents become ill, they have to take them to hospital and bear all expenses for their better treatment. Similarly, if their kids and wife become sick, they look after them too. They take their family out for shopping and also amusement. Only men are given this opportunity to look after their families but not to women. Because women can do the same, in fact, in a better way than men.



Being dominant in individual and family level, men are dominant at societal levels also. They face less family pressure of marriage. Females are considered as home-makers only and they get married soon in a very small age. But on the other hand, males marry according to their desire, when they want to do.

Another aspect of marriage is that, females have no choice to select their life partner themselves. Only parents choose a partner for them and they have to surrender in front of their parents. If a daughter expresses a wish to marry any guy, she is considered shameless and murdered also in the name of honour killing. In Pakistan, a couple from Hangu was murdered in the federal capital for love marriage, news received by media. Similarly in the Vehari district, another case of killing two sisters for love marriage filed by their father, brother and relatives.

In the society, males are provided more recruitment opportunities as compared to females. Different departments of Pakistan allocate more seats to males than women quota.

Among those departments, the first one is Armed Forces. Army, Navy and Air Force provide more seats for male citizens and less seats to female citizens.

Second department includes the bureaucracy civil services, which also offers less quota to females.

Third one is agriculture and irrigation department. They also provide more job offers and vacancies to males. Females are deprived in this department also.

Fourth one is medical sector. More male doctors are recruited as compared to female doctors. In the hospitals and clinics, only male doctors can be seen in a large number. Female doctors are allocated also but with less seats.

Next comes the education sector. Teaching and inspection staff are employed with more men's seats and less women's seats.

Last but not the least, there are more seats allocated to females in the courts and assemblies. Women lawyers and women political leaders suffer to get seat for their practice.

All the preferences given to men lead to the serious negative consequence on their personality and function in society. They become more adaptive to bad activities because they think that they have no fear of anyone as they are considered superior.

These bad activities include killing, drinking, smoking, sexual rape, domestic violence and other crimes like theft, bribery etc. They murder people very easily and don't care consequence of this act. They made a habit of smoking and drinking. This drinking habit also leads to the ingestion of drugs either orally or intra-venously.

They rape women and this act has become very common. Doctors even every field of women are the targets of these so-called rapists. Recently, India became target of these rapists where a noble doctor was raped and brutally murdered by 6-7 rapists. This is the situation of gender discrimination.

Besides rape, they are also involved in domestic violence. They do not forgive even their wives as well. Throwing acids and beating women have become more common today.

They commit crimes like theft and bribery. Even they don't feel any shame for doing this. The crime ratio is very much higher in men than in women as males are considered more powerful and dominant in the society and this male dominance leads to the downfall of society which automatically affects the development of country.

Emotional and physical abuse to females have increased today. Females face criticism along with the violence of their basic rights to freedom too. It is published in DAWN that **UNFRA** estimates **32%** of women experience physical violence in Pakistan.

A case study was explained in DAWN newspaper about physical abuse. A girl named Saba, hailing from a prosperous family by societal standards, married an educated man holding a high-paying job. Her husband was described as caring and kind by his former wife but his inability to control his temper led Saba to become the unfortunate target of brutal physical violence. He used to beat her at night and ask for forgiveness next morning.

Saba lost her child also by his husband's brutal physical violence and right now she is seeking trauma survivors therapy.

to deal with physical, emotional and psychological events of trauma.

Moreover, this type of male dominance leads to the gender stereotypes about masculinity and femininity. This dominance explains that if a person is male, he must be aggressive, political and abusive. He should be arrogant and react to every kind of situation rudely. He should be abusive to his family.

On the other hand, if the person is female, she should be soft and kind to everyone, polite in every situation, adaptive to each type of circumstance and be quiet on every sufferings even on physical violence too.

To conclude, male dominance is a threat to the society at all levels. It still exists today and must be lessend to improve the condition of a society. Otherwise no country can make progress.