

The status of women in Pakistan

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2. Hurdles in girls Education

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2.3 Parent see girl education less profitable to them as compared to boy's education

2.4 Social constraints

2.5 Lack of safe transportation and safety concerns

2.6 Limited access to online education

2.7 Girls stop attending schools due to early marriages

3. Limited health access

3.1 Women in rural areas lack near healthcare facilities

3.2 Hospitals in rural areas are mostly under resourced or poorly equipped.

3.3 - Many women die during pregnancy due to shortage of hospitals

3.4 Unfortunately, Pakistan is among those countries having highest rate of maternal mortality

3.5 Shortage of female doctors in rural areas.

3.6 Poverty limits the health access to women

3.7 Malnutrition

4. Early Marriages

4.1 In Pakistan a bad custom of marrying daughter in early ages still exist.

4.2 Due to poverty people wants to get rid of their daughter's responsibility by marrying them early.

4.3 Early marriages causes different health related issues i.e pregnancy at early ages mental health problems

4.4 Further it overburdens women regarding responsibilities.

5. Low rate of participation of women in workforce

5.1 Women have less opportunities to get a job compared to men

5.2 Sociatal pressure as society accept women as a housewife only.

5.3 office toxic environment towards women discourage women to participate in job market

5.4 Many women usually quit jobs or force to do so after getting married

5.5 Low wages for women

6- Honour Killing, acid attacks and Rapes

6.1 Pakistan ranked first in global honour killing

6.2 Many women have been killed by their own family members due to their presence on social media.

6.3 Women are being killed due to rejection

6.4 Burden of defending the honour of family.

6.5 Most women are not allowed to choose the partner of their choice as it is considered against the family honour.

6.6 Many rape cases goes un-noticed

6.7 Women face victim blaming in rape cases and harassment cases

7. Limited Access to justice

7.1 women have limited access to justice as compared to men's.

7.2 Conservative portion of society always creates hurdles of any law that protects women.

7.3 Whenever, a bill passed to protect women, there is a serious backlash from a portion of society.

7.4 Male dominant society force women not to talk about violence committed against them.

8. Harassment

8.1 - Women are being harassed in school, bazaar, offices, even in homes.

8.2 Domestic violence against women is seriously high.

9. Gender inequality

9.1 Discrimination on the basis of gender is high.

9.2 people discriminate among daughters and son while distributing property.

9.3 Most of women abandoned their due right in property by force of emotional blackmailing or as a ritual custom.

10. Conclusion

The Essay

"No Nation can rise to the height of glory unless your women are side by side with you" - Quaid Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. In Pakistan, where half of the population comprises of women, giving rights to the women is not a form of charity but a necessity for national progress. The status of women in Pakistan is shockingly disturbing as Pakistan stands at 145 out of 146 at gender equality index. Although Pakistan has signed many commitments to the international communities to minimize gender discrimination but the reality lies far from the promises where the situation of women in Pakistan has not been improved till date. Gender based inequality has not only stagnated the women but also hindered the development of the whole country. This essay will discuss different obstacles that include difficulty in getting education, access to health care, social norms, patriarchy and stereotypes, honour killing, societal barriers,

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