

Gender Equality Is A Myth

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Gender equality is not only an issue of women alone but it is an issue of all. Because gender inequality affects various sectors of the state. Women even in the modern era are not enjoying equal rights. They are far behind in every aspect of life. Very talented females remain in the houses due to restrictions. There are some reasons which support that gender inequality is present in society. There are unequal opportunities in education, technology, health, politics and property. While others are harassment, early marriages, sexual abuse, honour killing, cultural traditions, poverty, hazardous climatic effects.

and minimal representation in sports. Hence, gender equality is a myth.

There are some solid arguments given below which indorse that gender equality is a myth.

Firstly, women have unequal opportunities of education. Females face issues of expenses and distance. Similarly, in patriarchal society girls are not allowed to get education even to secondary level. For example according to Pakistan social standard and living survey 2024 literacy rate of females is only 48% while literacy rate of males is 71%. Hence, women are not enjoying equal rights of education.

Secondly, there exists a gender gap in the field of technology as well. Women in

rural areas do not have laptops computers and mobile phones. They are unable to use modern technology and equipments.

For instance according to world bank gender and digital participation survey 2025 ~~indicates~~ only 12% women in rural areas of Pakistan have access to modern technology. So, women do not have idea of modern and advance technology.

Thirdly, gender inequality is present in health sector also. Obviously a lady has to give birth to a children to grow a nation. Young mothers are at risk of maternal death. Moreover, females death is also common due to post partum complications. For instance world health organisation reports that

223 females out of 1,000,00 die during child birth. Thus, women are more vulnerable to mortality than men.

Fourthly, women are mostly victim of harassment. Harassment can be physically ~~on~~, verbally or online. Young female workers in offices face harassment from male colleagues. Similarly, during travelling in public transport, harassment is the foremost issue which is faced by university female students. Furthermore, few research tells that 1 out of 5 women faces online harassment. Hence, females are being harassed more than 1 males in society.

Moreover, women also face issue of early marriages. Early marriages means to get married ^{at} ~~on~~ early age like

fourteen and fifteen years. In patriarchal society daughters are considered as burden and it is considered easy to send them to next home. Early marriages are increasing day by day. For instance world bank reports that 19 million girls marry before 18 years. So, young girls get married at early ages than boys.

Furthermore, females also have become victims of sexual abuse. Sexual abuse means unwillingly and forcefully intercourse with a girl. Similarly cases of rapes are reported in large number every day. Women can experience issue of rape everywhere ~~any~~ at anytime at workplace and at home as well. For example a lady was travelling from Sialkot to

Lahore via motorway back in 2020 and unfortunately she was raped by a gang. Hence, girls experience more sexual abuse than boys.

In addition there is also gender inequality in politics. Through political activities one can change fate of society by making effective policies. But women do not have equal opportunities in politics as compare to men. Female politicians are unable to form policies of nation. For instance national assembly of Pakistan has only 20% reserved seats for women and through election there is also minimal participation of female candidates. So, females do not have equal political rights as that of male politicians.

Furthermore, females

are also victim of honour killing. Honour killing means that murder of a woman by father, brother and relatives only because she fulfills her desires. Girls are not allowed to choose their life partners. Similarly women are not allowed to live their lives according to their own will.

For example, Sandeel Baloch was shot by her brother because she started acting. Similarly, a honour killing case was reported in Balochistan of a couple. Hence, honour killing is only a reaction against girls.

Moreover, gender gap also exists in culture. Cultural traditions and norms are only restricted to patriarchy. Females have to give up many wishes due to cultural restrictions. This culture hampers the growth of

family in society. For instance writer Mujeeb Ullah in his article in Express Tribune published on 2 November, 2025, tells that he met a family in a village. The elder daughter was sent to her home back because she did not take luxury dowry for his in-laws. So, gender disparity is present in culture as well.

Besides these, gender gap is also present in poverty. Poverty is having less resources to enjoy a good life. Women are poor across the world, because they become ready to do jobs even at low wages. Females in industrial units work for long hours than males but in return they are paid less. For example according to International Labour Organisation women in the world only earn

80 cent of every dollar earned by a man. Thus, women are poor than men.

Additionally, females do not enjoy equal opportunities in every aspect of life. Women cannot go to even vocational institutes. They cannot contribute to the economy and welfare of the community. For example in Afghanistan, Taliban government does not allow females to go to work and even to drive cars as well. On the contrary, males in Afghanistan are enjoying more liberty. They can take part in every social and political activity. Hence, both genders do not enjoy equal opportunities to uplift their standards of living.

In addition, women suffer more from climate change than ~~the~~ men. Climate change results

into floods and cyclones. Women feel difficulties due to natural phenomena of menstrual cycle and pregnancy. During floods in camps women face problems in maintaining hygiene. For example a study given by Oxfam indicates that most of the women suffered during cyclone Sidr 2007. On the whole climate change affects females more than males.

Further, gender disparity also exists in field of sports as well. Females are not encouraged to play footballs and hockey. Similarly they are also not allowed to participate at national and international sports competition. For instance UNESCO highlights in 2023 females only got 4% of the total global sports coverage. Hence, women are not encouraged to participate

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in extra co-curriculum activities and sports.

Last but not least, daughters have not equal rights to hold lands. ~~For~~ patriarchal society allows only boys to have property. Girls are not given even their wealth from father's property. Women make a large amount of population of the world but are unable to have their own homes. For instance according to world bank only 20% of the females across the world are the landholders. In a short, property is not holded by both genders equally.

In a nutshell, gender equality is a myth. Because females do not have equal opportunities of education, technology, health, politics, sports

and property. Moreover, women are more prone to harassment, honour killing, sexual abuse, cultural restrictions, poverty, unequal opportunities to work and climate change. So, women are not enjoying equal status to that of men and it is true that gender equality is a myth.