

From Homefront to Frontlines: Women's Impacts on National Security and Stability

① Introduction

1.1. Attention grabber

1.2. Thesis statement: Women's role not just as homemakers but as frontline fighter is highly remarkable in contemporary times. Their contributions in areas like social issues, terrorism, foreign policy making and others plays instrumental role in national security and stability.

② Women contributing to stability

2.1. At institutional level

2.2. To boost business or entrepreneurship in a country

Eg; Shazia Syed's success

2.3. Women; a voice for social issues!

③ ~~2.4~~ Women's contribution for nation's security

3.1. Fight for terrorism

3.1.1 women participation in jirga at KPK.

3.2. Women's struggle against enforced disappearances.

3.3. Securing border.

3.3.1 Nigar Johar's valour

3.4. Effective policy making to ensure nation's security

(4) From home front to frontline, women can do all!

4.11 Men at work do not mean men at home but women performs both.

(5) It is not all gold
s.i. Loopholes that requires attention

(6) Way forward
critical analysis

(8) Conclusion.

"I raise up my voice - not so that I can shout, but so that those without a voice can be heard... we cannot succeed when half of us are held back"
(Malala Yousafzai)

women that we see today were not the same decades back. Today women are empowered in all areas of life. But back in colonial era it was not the case. The empowered and successful women that contributes to nation building today, did not had right to live decades back. In the colonial era, women were buried alive as soon as they are born, and those who were not killed they were given life worst than an animal. Women were not allowed to get education, job, freedom of expression and even freedom

to express emotions were not allowed for women. Then various events happened like advent of religion like Islam which raised awareness about women rights and their status. Then, women themselves burned the midnight oil to get their rights and an elevated status. The feminist waves, women's participation in workforce, women rights organization, women's protests and the most important part was stepping out of home! All these struggles of women at different times contributed to their current elevated status and role as women at home front and at front line. Women like Nigar Johar, Shazia Syed, Hilary Clinton, Jacinda Ardern, Sarah Ahmed and many others are hallmarks in the name of women. Their role in stability and security of their nation is truly remarkable!

women with their great instinct and strength are playing tremendous role in institutions that provides security and stability in the country. ~~Previously~~ Previously, women were confined to one role only which was of homemaker but today women are playing instrumental role in a country's institutes to maintain stability. The institutes like police, educational institutes, media, NGOs and other such entities have been a source of stability because of women's role in them. The ASP Sheherbano Naqui of Pakistan is one of the case in point. While she was on duty on a normal day, she came across a possible mob attack that could have resulted in loss of many lives in 2024. This happened when people saw a woman wearing a dress with something written on that dress

with Anabik, people went chaotic considering that some sacred words were written on that dress. The crowd went frenzy and wanted that woman's life. It was at this time that Sheherbano restored the order and said that those were not sacred words. Only after her statement people got calm and stability got restored. Such women are a pride for nation and a big asset to keep the society in order and harmony.

A nation's stability highly depends on a country's economy and business growth, which is rightly taken care by women along with men. Women makes half of the population in almost every country and ~~if~~ when half population is not contributing to nation building then that nation can never achieve stability. The developed nations

are not the only type of country where women are empowered but the significance of women participation is now well known to developing countries too.

~~Pakistan is the case in point~~

→ women are working hard in developing countries and to maintain stability in the country. The contribution of women for the growth of business is now well recognized internationally too which shows the actual contribution of women.

Forbes high profile list mentioned two Pakistani women; "Shazia Syed and Shauha Asif" in the list of "100 Most Powerful Businesswomen 2024". This shows how well and significantly women are contributing in nation building and stability.

"When women participate in the economy, everyone benefits"
(Hillary Clinton)

with a gender which women; from being
to make them heard is needed help
now a source of raising voice
for weaker sections of a society.
This empowerment of women did
is doing wonders for the
society. Since women have been
through the oppressed phase, where
they struggle to be a successful
and productive part of society, they
are well aware of the pain of
other weak sections of any society.
The social issues of a society are
taken and, resolved and shown
to the world by women. Different
women are contributing in different
ways to resolve the social issues.
Some women want to resolve the
issues by making them heard
at national and international
platforms so that the law enforce-
ment agencies can take effective
actions against those social issues.
Shameen Abaid Chiny, a filmmaker

portrays Pakistan's issues at international level by making films like "A girl in the river" and others that shows the issues being faced by the society. Then, there are other women like Sarah Ahmed who works for social issues through institutions. Sarah Ahmed is ~~now~~ awarded with Tamgha-e-Imtiaz for her work in issues related to child abuse. So, women work for the social issues to maintain stability in the society.

women are not just participating and contributing at the front for stability but also for security. The role of women in maintaining security of a nation is evident from their role in politics, policy making and securing the lives of those fighting at borders. Women's participation in jirga

conducted by Pashtun Tahajuz
Movement (PTM) in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa,
Pakistan against terrorism shows
that women are now at the
frontline in contributing for a
nation's security not just in
urban areas but in rural
areas too. This step is crucial
for the empowerment of women in
rural areas where women
are most oppressed.

Enforced disappearances is ~~a~~ the ~~one~~ one of
the most highlighted issues of
rural areas of Balochistan and
KPK, Pakistan. This issue was
raised and made heard by
legal authorities by not a
man but a woman; named
Mahrang Baloch. She is a
Baloch activist who made her
and other thousands voices
heard through protest. She
protested for many days with
several other Balochis to

raise the issue of enhanced disapp-
earances. Such activism by women
shows their contribution in
securing citizen and nation as a
whole.

Nation's security
always requires the services of
its educated people; those
educated people includes
marvellous women like Nigar
Johan. She is the first and only
woman of Pakistan to reach
the rank of lieutenant general
of Pakistan. She has served
army medical officer, giving
healthcare and other support
needed for health sector of
army. Women like Ayla Majid,
who became the first Pakistani
head of ACCA. Such achievements
and contributions makes a
nation strong in the map
and increases the security
of a country.

Effective foreign policy
incorporates measures for a nation's
security. Women are now participating
in that too. The champion of
women's foreign policy making with
respect to women's rights is
none other than a woman
herself by name of Arancha
Gonzalez. She created an
effective feminist foreign policy.
She is also a founder of
"She Trades" which is an initiative
designed to empower women
through greater integration in
global trade and investment.
These initiatives and contributions
of women highly ~~confer~~ adds to
the nation's security and integrity.

Although women are
flying high in the sky but they
are not to forget their respon-
sibility as a mother, wife, daugh-
ter, sister and other such roles.
This is the beauty of women - she

performs her job and career
and at home she performs
her responsibility too. Let's
consider a common Pakistani
household where a woman
comes back from job at
home and then she will
not rest but she will
look for her kids, house
chores and other such work
which is expected out of her.
While, a man will come to
home and ask the same
wife to ~~go~~ bring him food.
So, women really do use
best of the both world! — she
performs best at home and
at the frontline as well.

All seems good
but actually not "all" is good.
Women empowerment is no more
a myth but for some it
still is. The developed countries
are performing really well in
women empowerment but the

developing countries like Pakistan still faces issues ~~to~~ when it comes to women empowerment. Following are few of the many issues or loopholes ~~to be~~ in women empowerment,

Technology-facilitated gender based violence (TFGBV); Although, the world is heading towards technological development still ~~we~~ but without a focus on the honours of it. Technology is used to do gender based violence against women specifically. This violence has been on rise specifically after COVID-19. As COVID-19 shifted women as well to the internet usage. In 2024, the cyber crime wing of FIA carried out province-wide raids ~~on~~ to arrest the TikTokers who spread false news about rape of a college students. This news

news of girl's rape incited news students and general public protests throughout the country causing instability country-wide. Online harassment is also one of gender based violence being done through technology.

According to Economist Intelligence Unit, 85% of the women worldwide reports experiencing some form of online harassment. Rural areas traditionalism, the

Taliban regime in Afghanistan have stopped women from taking courses and other courses. They are depriving women of their basic rights including right of movement, education and earning.

Environment of danger for women exists; women still faces environment of danger when she steps out of home for job. UNICEF estimates shows that over 370 million women and girls have endured rape or sexual

violence before the age of 18. Such horrible state shows the un conducive environment for women's movement which restricts them to play their part in nation's security and stability.

The issues are ~~many~~ prevailing which still prevents women to of some areas to contribute in nation's security.

But the remedies are also present already and just needs implementation. The framework and policy for women empowerment adopted by developed countries is a good initiative to be considered by countries like India, Pakistan to not just empower women but also to recognize their current contributions; other ways of women empowerment, to make their part inclusive in nation's stability and security includes,

Male are given leadership training by their parents but this is not the case with females. The law is not externally only but the law lies internally in our mindset too which influences the upbringing of both male and female. The mindset of people needs to be changed first! The psychoanalytic theory of gender studies also highlights the same concept; the roots of women subjugation lies within the human psyche. This theory and in practice, both shows more or less same reasons behind women's subjugation. The reasons includes early childhood development as the reason which creates psyche of women subjugation. The females needs to be given equal chances of life opportunities as the male. There should be awareness programs

For people of specially rural areas to let them know about women rights. Such programmes and seminars should be conducted by women and only for women participants. The recent 16 days activism regarding women human rights highlighted the women rights too. Such programmes should be done more frequently.

Pakistan needs to be more vigilant and proactive in ensuring women's safety in online sphere. Currently, the cybercrime of Pakistan have reactive approach which calls for action after the crime is down and dusted. There should be TV ads to ensure let the people know about guidelines of using online platforms more securely and safely. #. Guidelines like using

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strong ~~2FA~~ password,
having 2FA, managing cookies
and such guidelines needs to
be given by the cybercrime
wing ~~of government~~ in collab-
ration with the government.
These things will create a
proactive approach for
securing women online.

Despite the fact
that we live in 21st century
and women empowerment is no
more a myth, still some parts
of this some world do not
give women their right of
movement. Afghanistan is one
of those unfortunate parts of
the world. Women who
were already deprived of advan-
ced education and opportunities
are now not entitled for
movement and other such
rights as well. This needs to
be bring in light and work-
ed on by the activists

and certain organizations who works for women rights. The women rights organization like Medica Mondiale is working in this context. This organization have local partners organizations which have worked to lower the number of violent attacks within families by talking and discussing with families about women empowerment. Such actions needs to be taken by organizations and activists to ~~eat~~ give ~~the~~ such areas women their rights on atleast awareness of it.

women are effectively contributing to ~~be~~ any nation's security and stability but we are still left with some loopholes to address. Every country has women as half of ~~the~~ population its population, it means the contribution of women in a nation's security and stability is a crucial

aspect. This is evident from the growth and advancement of developed countries as such countries have a high rate of women participation as compared to the developing or underdeveloped countries. where women participation in a security and stability matters is low. The political participation of women in US is more than 20% while for Pakistan it is less only 4.5%. This great disparity shows that nations which includes women in national security and stability reaches to high levels of development. So, the countries where women participation is low in nation's security needs to work on its loopholes on urgent basis.

conclusively, women's role has elevated from being just a homemaker to being a ~~savior~~ saviour at the frontline, although there are some

