

Provide an outline and explanation of three major waves of feminist movements in the west. In your opinion what type of fem can elevate socio-economic status of women in Pakistan.

## I INTRODUCTION:-

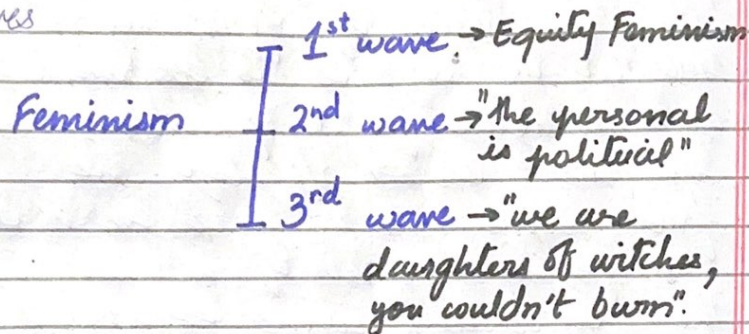
The waves of feminism emerged in response to discrimination and injustice faced by women in every sector of life. The first wave emerged with emphasis on political rights of women. The succeeding wave expanded the scope with addressing the socio-economic challenges of women. The last major wave focused on expanding the members and remaining inclusive. Each wave emerged with addressing challenges of previous wave. In Pakistan, women ~~face~~ faced heavy discrimination in socio-economic sector. This can be elevated by 2<sup>nd</sup> wave, whose focused is primarily on enhancing the socio-economic status of women.



## II Defining the 'Feminism':

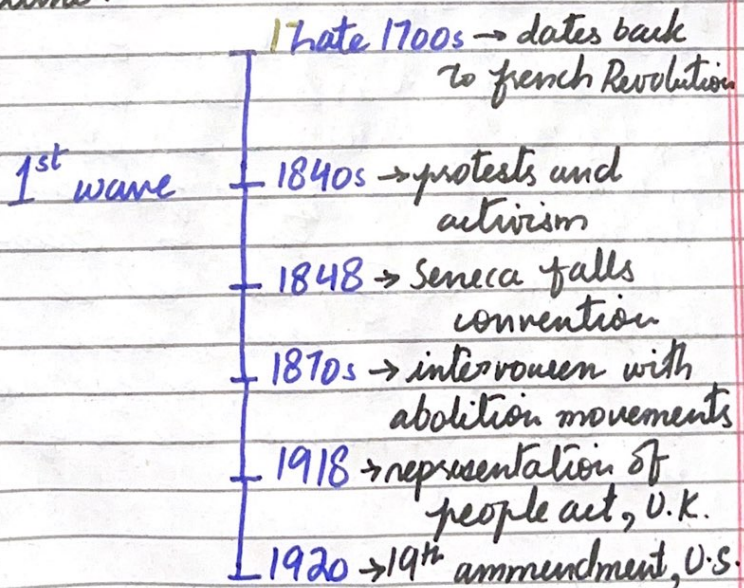
feminism is a range of movements and ideologies that share a common goal. That is to define, establish, and achieve equal political, economic, cultural, personal and social rights for women

Feminism has been divided into three waves



## III 1<sup>st</sup> wave of feminism:

### III.A. Outline:

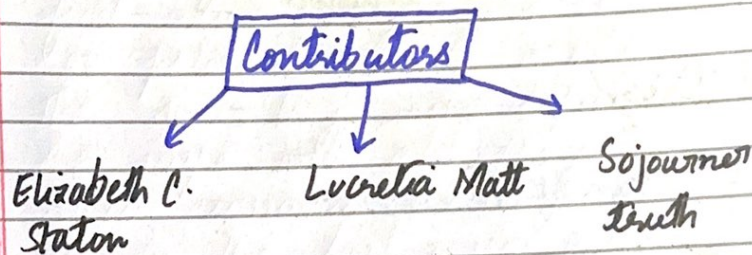




### III. B. Objectives and center focus of wave

This wave condemned patriarchy, citing it as the prime ~~cost~~ reason behind the subjugation of women.

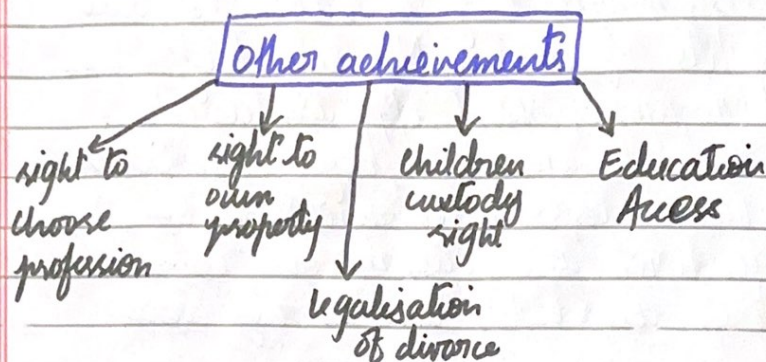
Patriarchy was branded as "irrational, illegitimate." They advocated for due rights of women. Not only they fought for equal rights, opportunities and gender balance but they demanded that women's contribution should also be acknowledged. Following are the writers that contributed towards this wave



### III. C. Success achieved through it

This wave focused much on political aspect of 'right to vote'. The movement has been quite successful in achieving this goal. In US, 19<sup>th</sup> amendment was passed in 1920 which granted women right to vote. Similarly, the success reached to ~~Europe~~ other parts of west. In U.K., representation of people act 1918 granted women, over age of 30, right to vote. These are the most prominent

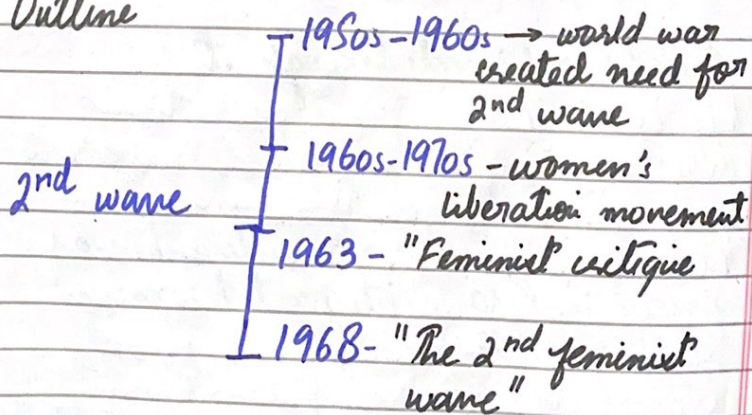
success achieved by the wave. These are, however, success achieved in other areas as well, this is mentioned below



III. Criticisms

IV. 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of Feminism:

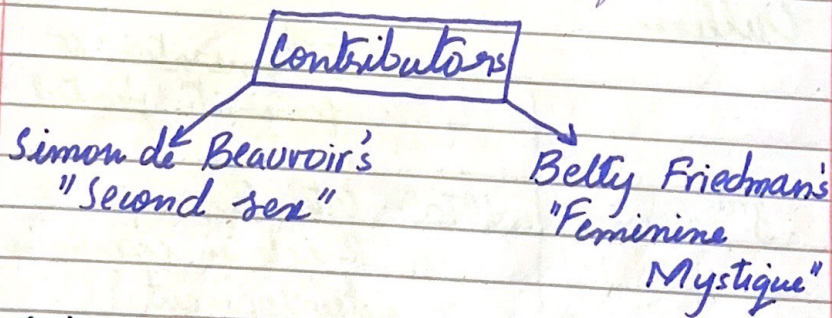
IV.A. Outline





#### IV.B Objectives and Key event:

The second wave of feminism was focused more on women liberation. Its focus was to change the structure of society, coinciding with radical feminism. The focus has expanded from political to social domains. **Women liberation and consciousness raising groups** were central to this wave of feminism. Many obvious issues have been recognised like health issue, violence, harassment etc. Activism was carried out in full bloom. In 1969, a protest was carried out to show that women ~~to~~ were paraded like cattle. This protest was carried out close to pageant. Key contributors were as follows.

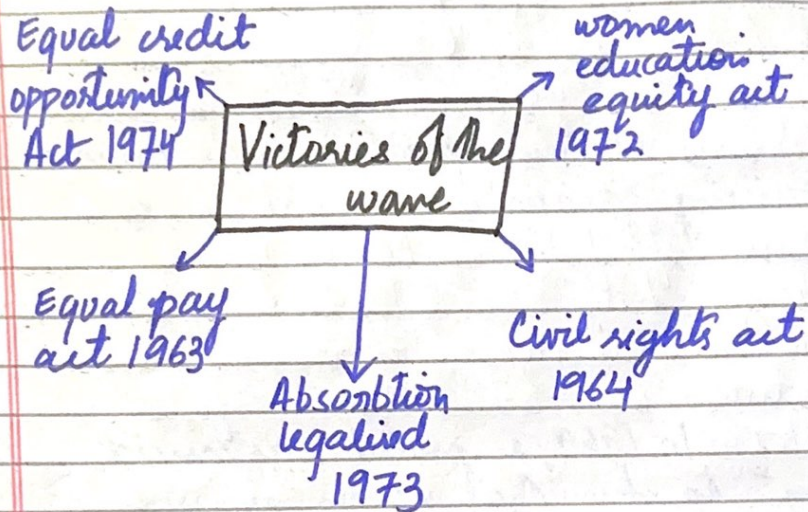


#### IV.C Achievements of the wave:

The wave has successfully passed several acts, making the economic and social rights and condition of women better. The acts passed

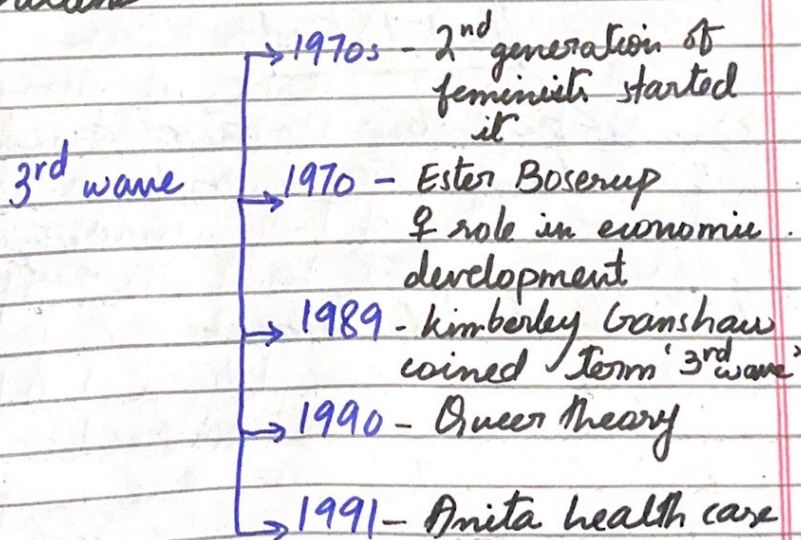


outlawed the gender discrimination.  
women were also provided with liberty  
in personal life, through reproductive  
rights and increased sexual autonomy



## IV 3<sup>rd</sup> wave of feminism:

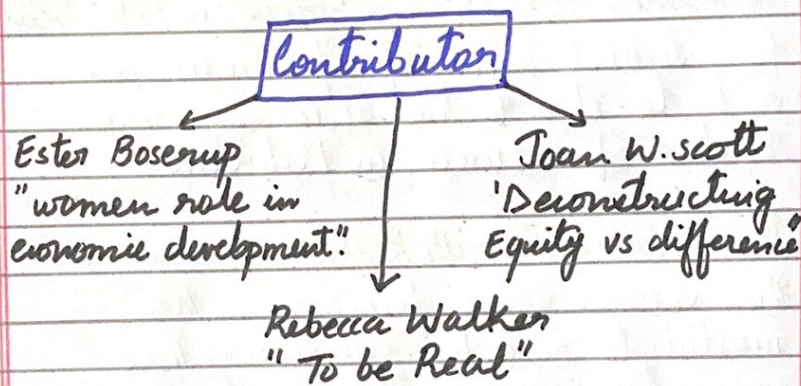
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## V.B Objectives and focus:

This wave was originated, owing to limitations brought by 2<sup>nd</sup> wave. The second wave feminists condemned the use of makeup. This wave wanted to change it and it focused more on individual identity. It emphasized that **individual choice is central to empowerment**. It also emphasized on broader inclusion, **taking interest and queer theory and intersectionality**. Major writers that contributed to this wave are as follow

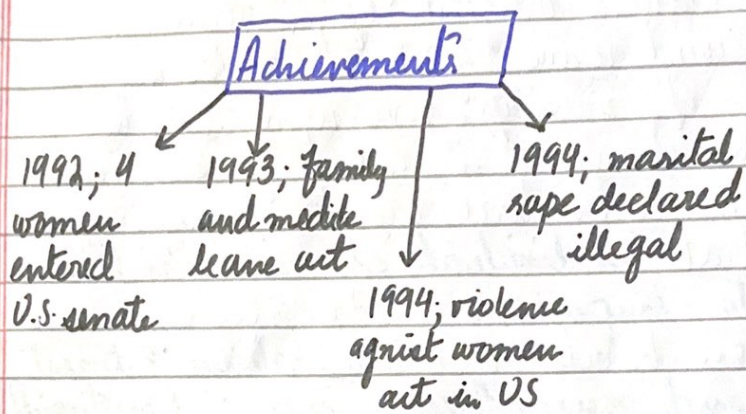


## V.C Achievements of 3<sup>rd</sup> wave :-

The prominent achievement of 3<sup>rd</sup> wave is its broad scope that addressed the issue of being too narrow. **Inclusivity brought other people under movement**. Apart from that there are other palpable achievements related to social, economic,



and political aspect as demonstrated below



VI Second wave could elevate socio-economic status of women in Pakistan:

The second wave of feminism can aid to elevate the socio-economic status of women in Pakistan.

VI.A It's association with Radical feminism:

The second wave feminism refer mostly to radical feminism. This association would help to elevate socio-economic status of women in Pakistan. Radical feminism calls for structural change in fabric of society and in Pakistan, this kind of change is required to address women's issues.



VI.B **focus on conscious raising groups:**  
The second wave focused much on women liberation and conscious raising groups. In Pakistan, where there is illiteracy prevalent in many parts of the world, conscious raising groups are needed to raise awareness among women. They should be made cognizant of their rights. This goal can be achieved by means of such groups.

VI.C **Women entered into professions; increasing economic participation**  
The women entered into different professions in large numbers. In US, women entered into **military academy, US armed forces, NASA, supreme court etc.** The second wave elevated the socio-economic status of women in US, same can be hoped for women of Pakistan.

VI.D **Gender discriminated outlawed in economic aspect:**  
The gender discrimination came to its end with passing of **Equal pay act 1963**. one of the major discrimination faced by women in socio-economic respect is



low wages, and Pakistan is no exception to it. The second wave can eliminate this discrimination enhancing socio-economic status of women in Pakistan.

### VI.E Focus on education, increasing economic opportunities for women:

The second wave focused on women's education which is the first and foremost step to improve the socio-economic condition of Pakistan. **Women education equity act 1972**, has resulted in some gender balance in education sector. This wave could help to enhance the socio-economic status of women in Pakistan.

### VII Conclusion:

To conclude, the three waves of feminism consisted unique objectives. The both succeeding waves were emerged as a result of limitation imposed by former. The wave dealt with various issues with their scope getting broader. Given the socio-economic fabric of Pakistan's society, its challenges can be best addressed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of feminism.