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Compare and contrast the contributions and limitations of two distinct feminist theories (Liberal vs Marxist Feminism) in analyzing root causes of gender inequality. Which theoretical lens do you find most compelling for addressing contemporary challenges and why?

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

There are multitudes of theories which explain the process through which contemporary challenges can be sort out.

Among all Liberal plays a significant role which ensure the equality of right and equality of Law before all.

Additionally, Reproductive right and bodily autonomy is the significant case which explains the true image of ending discrimination at domestic level and at market level.

Juxtaposition Between Liberal and Marxist Feminism

Liberal Feminism

→ Equality in Existing System

→ Education and Economic Equality

→ Bodily Autonomy

→ Political Participation

→ No Discrimination at work place

Marxist Feminism

→ Criticise the Existing System

→ Patriarchy is oppressive system

→ Emancipation is only solution

→ System Exploit Gender

→ Capitalism is Faulty

Compare and Contrast of Liberal and Marxist Feminism

Before proceeding, below mentioned are the arguments of Liberal feminism.

(1)

Equality in existing system inspite of revolution.

Liberal Feminist demand of equal laws for male and female inspite of oppressive systems.

Case study: US grant suffrage right to women in 1920.

(2)

Seeking for Education and Economic Rights.

Argument of Liberal feminism is for equal opportunity for education and equal pay act.

Case study: US end wage disparity in 1973.

(3)

Body Autonomy and Reproductive Rights

Case study: Roe vs Wade case of US court is highly influenced by Liberal feminism. They demand access for abortion.

Following are the argument of Marxist Feminism who want to get emancipation for capitalism.

(1)

Criticise the existing system of patriarchy.

Marxist Feminist argue that Patriarchy and Capitalism are mutually influencing male dominant society. End of Capitalism is the solution to end the subjugation of women.

(2)

Emancipation from prevailing system to ensure gender equality.

Argument of Marxist Feminist is to get emancipation from prevailing order.

Case study: 46% of agriculture labor is women, capitalism exploit them.

(3)

Capitalism subjugates the economic conditions of women.

Capitalism is a system which exploit the economically women by providing meager wages.

Case study: Bangladeshi Industry.

**Liberal Feminism: Most Compelling
for addressing contemporary
challenges.**

No Discrimination

Equal Laws
For Male
and Female

Reproduction Right
and Bodily
Autonomy

Education and Economic
Equality at all Level

Political Participation
without any
discrimination

Liberal Feminism most compelling to address contemporary challenges

Below mentioned are the arguments in favor of Liberal Feminism.

(1)

No discrimination at work place and Equal pay.

Case study: USA end the concept of wage disparities in 1973 by passing out the act.

Demand of Liberals is to end discrimination at work place and concept of glass ceiling.

(2)

Equality before Law for both gender.

Liberal Feminist argue for the same and just Laws as are of the man to ensure the equal treatment of women.

(3)

Reproduction Right and Bodily Autonomy.

Reproduction right and Bodily Autonomy is their stance and access to contraception and alternative for child birth.

(14)
Education and Economic opportunity for all.

Equality in Education and Economy plays a significant importance for the development of any state.

Case study: Iceland became the first country to provide equal economic opportunities to both gender.

(15)
Political participation to counter the gender against policies.

Political participation is the stance of Liberal Feminist to counter the gender against policies:

Case study: Rwanda championed 30% seats of women in parliament.

(16)
Peaceful struggle to counter the gender sensitive narrative

Liberal Feminist are not in the favor of revolution. They are peacefully struggling to counter the sensitive narrative and ensure women empowerment.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Hence, several feminism provides the different mechanism to counter the contemporary challenges faced by women. However, liberal feminism provide solide mechanism to counter the prevailing challenges. As Liberals argue: "Provision of rights to women is basic step of Human rights?"
— Treauden