

(Note: kindly give marks for the outline)

Culture is sometimes used as a shield to justify gender inequality.

1. Introduction

- Misinterpretation of religious doctrines, patriarchal thinking and acceptance of violence towards women along with other factors prove that culture is used as tool to advocate gender inequality.

2. Understanding Relationship Between Culture and Gender Inequality

3. Justifying Gender Inequality By Using Culture as a Shield

3a. Societal acceptance towards anti women practices

Case in Point: Yani and Sawara

3b. Societal belief that women in marriage becomes

subordinate of husband.

Case in Point: Book - "Female Sexual Slavery" by Kathleen

3c. False interpretation of religious doctrine

justifies gender discrimination.

Case in Point: Misperceived Religion by Muhammad

Qutub

3d. Patriarchal thinking and actions reinforce

gender inequality.

Case in Point: Honor killing of Qandeel Baloch

3e. Societal belief that women are supposed to be housewife only.

Case in Point: Gender Performativity Theory

3f. Acceptance of violence towards human by society intensifies gender inequality.

Case in Point: 80% of Acid Survivors are women -
Acid Foundation, Pakistan

3g. Reinforcement of notion, that ^{baby} girls are burden and baby boys are assets strengthens gender inequality.

Case in Point: 12-3 M women out of school (Status of Women in Pakistan-2023 report)

3h. Societal acceptance that women should not fight for their rights and needs to be submissive.

Case in Point: Inheritance Issues in Pakistan

3i. Wages disparity between male and female is validated by different cultures.

Case in Point: Radical Feminists

3j. Cultural belief that politics is men's job make women alienated from political participation.

Case in Point: 3-5 M women have not taken part in 2024 General Election - E.C.P.

3k. Equating the worth of women with material things lead to gender inequality

Case in Point: Practice of Dowry

3l. Cultural practices and employment of women in pink collar jobs leads to gender inequality

Case in Point: Marxist Feminist

4. Way Forward

4a. Correct interpretation of religious doctrines

Case in Point: Article "Hidden Women in Islamic History"

4b. Male allyship with women is potent for driving change.

Case in Point: He for she campaign

4c. Gender tolerant parenting leads towards change in thinking.

Case in Point: Psychoanalytical Feminism

5. Conclusion