

Empowering Women means giving them a voice in decisions at home, in society and in politics.

A. Introduction

Throughout history women were suppressed.

True empowerment of women starts from changing the history and providing them opportunity to speak from home to society.

B. What Does Women Empowerment Means?

C. Empowering Women By Having Voice in Decisions at Home

- (i) Providing women with an opportunity to decide about her educational attainment and career choice.

Case in Point: Constitution of Pakistan; Article 25-A and

- (ii) Taking their consent and opinion about marriage.

Case in Point: Currently 84% male decide about it (Status of Women in Pakistan Report 2023)

- (iii) Giving women right to make reproductive and maternal decisions.

Case in Point: Female Sexual Slavery by Kathelene Barry

(iv) Not only providing them voice but also listening to their interpretations and stance leads to empowerment in decision making

Case in Point: Men Explain Things to Me By Rebecca Solnet

(v) By ~~reporting~~^{speaking} against any kind of discrimination or violence faced.

Case in Point: Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into opportunity by Kristof & Hoyer

D. Empowering Women By Giving Voice in Decision in Society

(i) Opposition towards treating women as inferior to man and changing societal narratives.

Case in Point: Second Sex by Simone de Beauvoir

(ii) Providing women equal opportunity as men are given.

Case in Point: Vindication of Rights of Women by Mary Wollstonecraft.

(iii) Opposing the false interpretations of religious doctrines that are used to limit women.

Case in Point: Misperceived Religion by Muhammad Qutub.

iv) Opposing the sexual harassment that working women face.

Case in Point: Book - Working with Sharks

v) Advocating that women is not fragile.

Case in Point: Samina Baig, Mountaineer

• Empowering Women By Providing Voice to Make Decision in Politics

i) Changing the popular narrative that politics is job of men.

Case in Point: Gender Performativity Theory by Judith Butler

ii) Prioritizing the choice of female voter rather than dictated by male members.

Case in Point: Emancipated Decision Making by Robert Whittaker.

iii) Registering and mainstreaming female voters into electoral process.

Case in Point: 3.5 M unregistered female voters - ECP.

iv) Providing an enabling environment to female parliamentarians to make women centered laws.

Case in Point: Feminist Theories -
Egalitarian Liberal Feminists

(v) Opposing anti-women laws and legislations.

Case in Point: Hudood Ordinance by Zia ul Haq.

F. Case Study of States Where Women Are Listened At Home, Society and Politics

In Nordic and Scandinavian countries, women are fully facilitated that results in their empowerment.

Case in Point: 92.6% Gender Parity Index of Iceland 2025

G. Conclusion

Unless women are not ~~empower~~ given voice at home, in society and in politics, women empowerment will remain an utopian concept.