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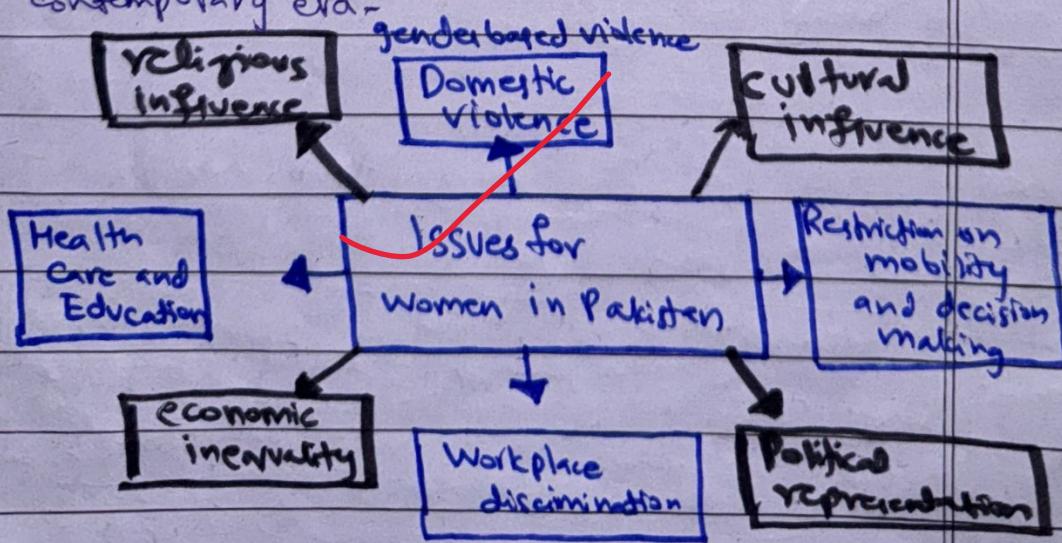
Issues for Women in Pakistan

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Pakistan is one of the country which has these issues existing since long. It is deeply rooted in our social norms. From a child birth, these issues of inequality between men and women starts. Family in rural areas put pressure on women to give birth to a baby boy first. Illiteracy is the main reason behind this stereotypical society of Pakistan. Following are some of the issues a women is facing in Pakistan in this contemporary era.



- Gender-based violence

The foremost issue a women is facing in Pakistan is gender-based violence which includes domestic violence, sexual violence and honor killings. Pakistan state has reported high rate spousal violence reports every year. Man in every culture of Pakistan behaves as a superior authority in every household. Traditionally man is a bread winner and decision maker of a house and women is responsible for household duties only. And even if a women is working officially outside she has to take up both responsibilities of household and work at the same time.

Rape cases reported more often now in Pakistan as men mentality seeing women as weak and fragile as they believe in

Shakespearean 'Frailty thy name is

woman' - Sana Yousaf case recently reported

in Islamabad which was murdered on the issue of rejection to a man. This type of

gender based violence is the main issue for women in Pakistan.

- Work-place discrimination

The secondary issue women of Pakistan is facing is workplace discrimination between male and female in respect to their wages and responsibilities. Females are often underpaid as of men in the same company. John Smith in his book "Imperialism in the 21st century: Globalization, Super-Exploitation and Capitalism Final Crisis" says that women are low paid everywhere because there male boss believes that there pay is just like a supplement to their house hold as the primary pay of a man runs a family that's why they are paying low. This workplace often lacks safety for women protection also. Sexual harassment at work place, lack of safe and affordable transportation, wages all are part of issues faced by a woman now a days.

- Health care and Education

The third important issue is related to a woman health and her education. In rural areas of Pakistan, there are limited access of

Female teachers that why these families are not comfortable to educate their girls in that schools especially is top and south Punjab. According to Pakistan Economic Survey (FY 2024-2025), data reveals that out-of-school children at 38%, overall with 42% of female. This is a huge figure for a nation who wants to be developed as education of women is equally important in nowadays as of men. Then there is limited facilities of reproductive health services especially in underdeveloped, marginalized and rural areas of Pakistan. As a state, policy should be made to improve health and education structures in Pakistan's backward areas to literate the maximum children as they are the upcoming future of Pakistan. This is only possible when our society treats men and women equally.

- **Restriction on mobility and decision making**

Due to the patriarchal society and norms of Pakistan, men of every household put restrictions on mobility of a woman.

They found environment as a non-safe actors for these girls but actually men are the ones who can make it better for a woman. There are barriers for women in even their own life decision making. Women faced discrimination and pressure in the issues like **inheritance, marriage and divorce**.

They obey their elders to live in a society. A woman should make autonomous decision of one's life to eradicate this issue from the root and men should support them in that.

- **Economic inequality**

Women itself is the plural

Pakistani women face issues in job opportunities also. Men are prefer and the foremost priority of a company everywhere in Pakistan due to the protection and safety issue of Pakistan. According to Asian development bank report 2022, 70% selection firms hires only males while only 20% of firms hire females within which 69% of women do not get any maternity, parental leaves and wages.

Moreover, there firms do not provide pick and drop off service transportation which results in sexual harassment and inappropriate

behaviors from male passengers and drivers also. Data shows that every years there are more girls enrolling in mbbbs than of boys but their ratio of practising medicine afterwards is so low as compared to men due to gender discrimination and household issues. Men prefer a girl who take responsibility of their household fully and ~~have~~ forced them to leave these jobs. These issues prevail for a very long time in Pakistan's society resulting in poverty, unemployment and limited opportunities for a girl.

• Political representation

Number of political representation of women in Pakistan is far less than that of men. Government of Pakistan took very effective steps to include women quota in every field exemplified, in National assembly 60 out of

342 seats are reserved for women but the problem is that women are facing discrimination here too. These ideas, thoughts are given less importance ~~of~~ men and they're very less say in decision making bodies.

These issues are prevailing in 21st century also.

- Cultural and religious influence

- Pakistan enacting President Asif Ali

Zardari passed a **child marriage bill**

which says that minimum legal age of marriage is 18 which is opposed by

many religious leaders of Pakistan - It

shows how they interpret Islam for their own benefits only and makes people

separate with one another. Modern problems

need **IJmaa, IJtihad** according to which

a problem is interpreted according to

Quran and Sunnah. But these religious

influences are eradicating the rights

of women especially and making the

youth mindset blurred. Additionally these

things deeply entrenched in our culture and

people are behaving in same way with women as of the time of 'Jahalat' in Arab before Prophet P.B.U.H where women are buried alive but the difference is that today women's independence and autonomy is buried under male dominance -

• Critical analysis

Islam gave rights to women from its life to inheritance and more. People should follow the real Islam and its interpretation to live their lives according to that. In a book "Geometry of God" by Uzma

Aslam Khan, she says how a single ideology is forced in the minds of people and through interpretation of Islam in a single way disturbs the ideology of whole society. These issues of women in Pakistan

can only be solved by working on three dimensions which are parity, equity and

equality - Parity refers to the equal enrollment of both men and women in schools whereas equality refers to the equal opportunity provided to them, both on the

other hand equality refers to the freedom, equal rights and equal opportunities to the woman. Both men and women are equally important to make a society better living place for both of them.

- Conclusion

No doubt, Pakistan has ~~implemented~~ ^{made} many policies for women empowerment and it has the momentum and potential to eradicate gender inequality especially issues with women in best possible way by implementing equal, inclusive and strategic policies all over the Pakistan particularly in marginalized and under-developed areas.
