

Frailty is no longer the name
of woman

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Since time immemorial, men were always considered superior to women. Literature is full of feminine portrayals of the weak and destitute. Shakespeare made the character of Hamlet despise his own mother when Hamlet called her frail. This concept of viewing women as weak has now changed. Women have indeed broken the stereotype of damsel in distress. Now, they are contributing equally as men in their households. Even in the field of academics, they are shaping the intellectual discourse. Moreover, women politicians make very impressive leaders. Due to this, they are now viewed as symbols of hope by the downtrodden segments of society. This essay would discuss why women were considered frail in the past, and how this notion has now changed as women can no longer be linked

to frailty. Women were considered frail in the past for a number of reasons. Their inherent physical and physiologic makeup was incorrectly compared with men. The apparent shortcomings like shorter height, less muscle mass etc. was used as an idea wherein women were considered weaker than men. Not only this but also the emotional nature of women was misconstrued as a weakness. The depictions of female characters like Tess in Hardy's Tess of the d'Urbervilles and Juliet in Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet portrayed them as weak and frail. Therefore, incorrect comparisons between men and women led to women being considered frail.

The previous paragraph explained why women were considered frail in the past. The upcoming discussion would revolve around the thesis that women are no longer considered frail.

Women are now making a significant contribution in the economic

sector. They are no longer dependent on their husbands or other male members for earning. They prefer to earn money themselves. Especially following the feminist movements of 1980s and 1990s, women at the start of the new millenia were actively involved in the corporate sector; ~~to~~ ~~the~~ their economic independence has ^{now} increased. Working mothers are becoming the new norm for the future. Thus, by ~~earning~~ economically empowering themselves, they ~~can~~ can no longer be considered frail.

How can women be considered frail if they are courageous enough to shape the intellectual discourse of the 21st century? They are making enormous leaps in the academic milieu. At times, their work has had even more impact than men. The rise of Greta Thunberg, a young girl was seen by the world in 2020 when she raised her voice for climate change mitigation in 2020. She was honored

by Time magazine as their Person of the Year for her efforts. Thus, women are no longer frail as they are making huge strides in the intellectual discourse of the world.

Some young women even venture into politics and their impressive leadership can not be considered as frail. Women politicians in general are seen to be better managers than men. Germany's ex-chancellor Angela Merkel was seen by many as a brilliant statesperson. Similarly, the tough British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was known as the Iron Lady due to her determination. More recently, countries governed by females heads of government saw the minimum damage caused by Covid in 2020-21. Hence, women are no longer frail as their impressive leadership skills shows it.

Leaders and other women entrepreneurs are also the hope that inspires the weaker segments of society. The

past decades have seen the emergence of inspiring young women like writers, actresses, singers. Women like Taylor Swift and JK Rowling are not only globally popular for their respective works but also because of their humanitarian ^{efforts} appeals. They personally run various charities that can actually emancipate the ~~war~~ poor and downtrodden segments of society. They also serve as ambassadors of various UN agencies like UNDP and UNICEF to draw global attention towards important social issues. Therefore, women are no longer frail as they are the sources of inspiration and society now looks upto them.

To sum up the discussion, this essay explained how women are no longer frail and weak. The reasons why they were considered weak were also discussed. The economic empowerment of women has definitely made them better off than in the past. It is also a fact

that they work as very efficient leaders. Furthermore, they are now inspiring other weaker segments of society. All of this is a welcome change. If women of today are considered weak, the future is very bleak. However the future looks bright as frailty is no longer the name of woman as this essay has discussed.