

Topic: Each Time a Woman Stands Up for Herself, She Stands Up for All Women

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1. Women's own unwillingness to change;
 - a. Many a woman criticises feminists during second wave of feminism
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 - a. The book: The Veil and The Male Elites by Fatima Mernissi

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There is no force more powerful than a woman determined to rise. William Edward Du Bois. Each time she stands up for herself, she stands up for all women.

An individual demands for the political recognition lead to suffrage rights for all.

Similarly, single voice against domestic violence encourages all women to challenge patriarchy.

Precedence to education and ^{single} steps, toward job market pave the way for socio-economic empowerment for all women. When a

woman cowardly participates in tremendous jobs, she sheds the tag of feebleness from all women. In the same way, being a part

of elit class societies and decision making bodies, she changes the public mindsets toward gender role. She ~~can~~ also formulates better policies to address women issues.

However, there are some hurdles that restrict the woman's role toward oneself rather than empowering all. First of all, women's own unwillingness to change.

Similarly, rigorous societal traditions or norms that restrict the women toward domestic roles. However, with some effective

actions, the collective women empowerment can be ensured. First and foremost is

by raising awareness about women's own fundamental rights through campaigns.

and seminars. Similarly, by making organizations for women's collective empowerment, women's ^{fundamental} rights for all women - can be achieved. To cap it all, a woman's single voice for socio-economic rights leads to empowerment of all women.

To begin with, individual demands for political recognition leads to suffrage right for all. When a woman demands for equal representation, she actually highlights the discriminatory attitude of society.

She demonstrates the women's absenteeism in political arena. Resultantly, the states have to provide political rights to all the women. For instance, a feminist, Susan B. Anthony, demanded for political representation of women. After years of struggle, in 1920, United States amended their constitution and granted right to vote to the women. Hence, a single voice leads to political participation of women.

Similarly, a single voice against domestic violence encourages all women to challenge patriarchal mindsets. She denies any discriminatory attitude and any violation against own right. It also encourages other women also to deny any fierce attitude toward themselves. As a result, they no more oppressed under domestic violence. For

Very first time in Pakistan's legal history, Justice Ayesha Malik ensured gender sensitive judgement and encouraged ^{the} women of Pakistan to speak against violence. Hence, when a single ^{woman} refuses violence against own right, all women stand up against patriarchal mindsets toward them.

In the same way, when a woman gives precedence to education instead of traditional role, she opens the door of educational right for all. She chooses education instead of early marriages etc. As a result, other females also recognize the other options or one can say their fundamental rights. Accordingly, the paths toward social rights like education are opened. For instance, in 2012, Malala Yousafzai fought for the educational rights for the girls of her area. It encouraged girls and their family to break traditional role and educate their girls. It shows that how a single struggle for educational right educates many a woman in a region.

In the same vein, participation of a single woman breeds the economic empowerment of all. When a woman becomes prominent figure of job market, a paradigm shifts from domestic role to

to a working woman. The job sectors equally become the empowering sector for man and woman. For instance, in the book, thinking about women, author argues that when a single woman stepped in in job market, it became the empowering sector for all women. Hence, economic empowerment of women is breded from a single struggle.

Furthermore, remarkable participation in tremendous job sheds the tag of feebleness from all women. They do not consider fragile any more, and consider as strong and coward as men. No one dare to challenge them in any domain. Saima Bhaig is considered as first Pakistani mountaineer. Her remarkable achievement changed the male's attitude toward women. People started ~~there~~ ^{there} considering as strong and powerfull individual.

In addition to this, being a part of high class society, changes the public mindsets toward gender role. People do not restrict them toward home anymore. They become strong pillar of elit class society. Kamala Harris, former Vice President of United State, brought a paradigm shift from being only family member to being a member of elit class society. Hence it

Can be said that presence of single woman in upper class society changes the public mind-sets toward all.

As well as, When a woman becomes part of decision making bodies, she formulates those policies that can address issues of all women. She transforms the whole systems or policies toward the inclusivity. The laws or institutions are become women centric. For instance, when Razia Sultana, first female ruler of Delhi Sultanat, retained power, she started making laws for women. Many a woman came to court room and discussed their issues. Hence, woman presence in decision making bodies or ^{being a} law maker can better formulate women centric policies.

The preceding paragraphs have substantiated how each time a woman stands up for herself, she stands up for all women; The paragraphs ahead will demonstrate the hurdles that restrict the woman role toward oneself rather than transforming the role of all.

First of all, women's own unwillingness to change. Many a woman restricts herself toward domestic job. They feel pleasure in house job and do not consider themselves a part of socio-economic sector. As

result, they do not empower in any sphere of life. For instance, many women of traditional societies criticized second wave of feminism. They considered it unethical or immoral. Hence, women's own restriction to become empowered keep them oppressed.

Furthermore, rigorous societal norms also leave no space for women to change. Although they get education, they still cannot participate in job market. They acquire skills but find no space to utilize those skill. So, one can say, despite education, skills or opportunities, many ^{women} still remain deprive from being empowered. The reasons behind this are the rigid societal norms. In the book: *The Veil and The Male Elites*, author, Fatima Mersissi argues that some time traditional norms rather than opportunities become barrier behind women empowerment. Thus, the societal norms resist the role of women.

The following paragraphs will highlight some actions to promote collective women empowerment.

First of all, by raising awareness about women's own fundamental right can pave the way for women empowerment. Many women have no knowledge about

their right. When one recognise one's rights, the demands for their provision increases.

Furthermore, ~~they~~ by formulating organisations for women empowerment also pave the way for collective advantages. Campaigns or seminars under these organisation will help to make them familiar about laws, policies and projects of women empowerment. As a result, women take action for own socio-economic sustainability. They can work side by side the men.

To conclude, it can be said that a single voice leads to empowerment for all. Through an individual efforts women become familiar about their right. They demand equality in political sector. Furthermore, when one woman perform gain any ground breaking achievement, she sheds the notion of feebleness from all. Similarly, when a woman become part of decision making, she highlights the issues of other women and makes better policies. However, there are some hurdles that restrict the roles of woman toward oneself rather than empowering all. First of all, women's own unwillingness to change ~~that~~ keep them oppressed. Furthermore, the rigorous societal norms toward woman that leave no room for

them to empower. Nonetheless, with certain efforts women empowerment can be ensured. First of all, by raising women's awareness about own right, their socio-economic status can be ensured. Last but not the least, by making organizations that can work for women's better life.