

# THE BEST PROFESSION FOR WOMEN IS MARRIAGE

## OUTLINE

### 1 INTRODUCTION

Thesis Statement: Throughout history, women have held multiple roles in multiple domains such as politics, science, leadership, business and much more. Their role and mark in their respective fields is proof that women can excel in various professions, not just marriage.

### 2 MARRIAGE is the best profession for women (THESIS)

2.1) Women are wired to become homemakers.

2.2) Job of women to raise children

2.3) Religions and customs require women to remain limited to homely affairs

2.4) Women are emotional and 'soft' beings, therefore unfit for other professions.

### 3 Women are dynamic beings capable of having careers (ANTI-THESIS)

3.1) Patriarchy has conditioned women into believing they only excel in homemaking - Simone de Beauvoir

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3.2) Women have held leaders throughout history.

Case in point: Queen Elizabeth, Jhansi ki Rani.

3.3) Women's exemplary role in Politics

Case in point: Margaret Thatcher, Benazir Bhutto.

3.4) Women in Science.

Case in point: Marie Curie.  
17 women Nobel Laureates in history.

3.5) Women in Law

Case in point: Ruth Ginsburg of USA. Asma Jahangir in Pakistan.

3.6) Women in Business

Case in Point: Women topping Forbes leaders list. Hazrat Khadija.

3.7) Women in Sports

Case in Point: Maria Sharapova.  
Sana Mir.

3.8) Women as change-makers

Case in Point: Malala's role in education.

Greta Thunberg on Climate Change.

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3.9) Religion on the role of  
women

Case in point: Al-Quran 2:228

4 CONCLUSION

## THE ESSAY

On a cold December day in 1955, a <sup>black</sup> woman, named Rosa Parks, refused to give up her bus seat to a white man. This small but defiant act progressed to become a major turning point in the American Civil Rights Movement. Eventually, it led to the abolition of slavery in the United States. A small yet courageous act of an African-American woman was the catalyst that freed her people from the cruel shackles of slavery. History is rife with examples of women like Rosa. Although the role of women has always been undermined and their status kept subservient to men, their contributions tell a different tale. Since a young age, women are taught about their role in home-making. They are taught how to be complaisant, soft, and to never stand their ground. They are taught that their role is to breed and care for their children. However, there are case studies from all walks and spheres of life, detailing the exceptional role women have and continue to play in them. Their contributions

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in Politics, Science, Business, Law, Education and sports reflect the potential they have. It reiterates the fact that women can excel in any profession they desire and not just marriage. Thus, irrespective of their marital status, women throughout history have made a name for themselves due to their efforts in their fields <sup>and</sup> not because of their contributions in their married life. Therefore, marriage is not the only profession of women.

Firstly, this essay explores why marriage has been ~~the~~ dubbed as the best profession for women.

To start with, women are biologically and intellectually inferior to men. They have different capabilities and qualities than those of men. Women are nurturing, they are understanding, they are aware of their feelings. These qualities make them best suited to raise and care for children. On the contrary, men are emotionally tougher, they are aggressive in nature and they are physically stronger which makes them suitable to carry out various jobs and fulfill

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their role as breadwinners of the house. Men are providers and women are caregivers. This is how nature has constructed this system. Therefore, keeping with the laws of the nature, the best profession for women is marriage.

Moreover, it is the job of women to raise children as men are the primary bread-winners. It is a fact that children are more closer to their mothers as mothers are their first letter to the world. This emotional connection can only be nurtured by the mother. As primary bread-winners, men are unable to mimic that connection with their children. Therefore, it is the duty of women to raise and care for their children as it is a job best fit to their skillset.

Furthermore, religions and customs require women to be limited to their roles as 'wives' and 'mothers'. Religion is a divine law. As divine law posits that women must keep to their homely roles, the masses are bound to follow such roles. As religion plays the role of a

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guiding light in an individual's life, the divine law for a woman's natural purpose in life must also be followed.

Additionally, women are unfit to take up other professions due to their sensitive nature. They are also physically weaker than their male counterparts. This excludes them from jobs that are physically demanding in nature. Further, their emotionally sensitive nature makes women unfit to survive in a cutthroat capitalistic environment. Thus, the only profession where women can thrive according to their nature is marriage.

So far, the essay listed <sup>out</sup> the common arguments which peddle the idea that women are only good as homemakers. Now, this essay shall explore the dynamic role of women throughout various professions.

First of all, women have been culturally conditioned to believe that their gender is only good at

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homemaking roles. The female sex is different from her male counterpart in physical aspects. The connotations attached with the gender female are socially constructed. By saying that women are 'emotional' and 'nurturing' are not traits which constitute the biological sex of women, rather these traits have been attached with women. The author Simone de Beauvoir in her book "The second sex" asserts that women have been led this idea in cultural settings, literature, and history that they are subservient beings. Therefore, proving that marriage is not the only suitable profession for women.

Throughout history, women have led from the front resulting in significant historical and cultural events. This can be witnessed from the life of Queen Elizabeth I, who ruled over great Britain for decades. She was the only female of her time ruling over a vast empire as the likes of the British empire. In a time where women were considered mere commodities, her ability to

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rule over such a magnificent empire is a testament of her skill as a leader. Another example can be drawn from the life of Jhansi ki Rani, a subject of Queen Elizabeth in colonial India. She rose up against the tyranny of the british forces during the 1857 war of Independence. A woman taking charge against the mighty british army is no small feat. These examples from the leaf of history are proof that women have potential far beyond the constraints of marriage.

Another sphere where women have played a crucial role is that of politics. Benazir Bhutto was the first woman elected as Prime Minister in Pakistan and the muslim world. She played a leading role in movement for restoration of democracy in Pakistan all while she faced constant arrests and death threats. Her contributions include restoring democracy in Pakistan and defeating a cruel democracy. Another impactful name in history is that of Margaret Thatcher. She served as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom in a time when separatist movements within the

the kingdom threatened to inflict permanent divide across the country. She successfully resolved the conflict with Northern Ireland and the Irish Resistance Movement. Northern Ireland remains part of the UK due to her services. Thus, the monumental role played by women <sup>in politics</sup> throughout history proves that marriage is not the only option for them.

Science is another domain where women have tirelessly rendered their services. A household name is that of Marie Curie. She is known for her work on "radiation". Tragically, it was the very work that ultimately resulted in her death yet her discoveries continue to drive the field of science till date. Moreover, a total of 17 women have been awarded the prestigious Nobel Prize in economy, biology, physics and chemistry. The contributions of these women have triggered innovation and growth and new revelations in the field of science. Therefore, the claim that marriage is the best profession for women is widely unfounded.

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Furthermore, the contributions of women towards the field of law cannot be undermined.

A notable case study is that of Ruth Ginsburg, a judge of the US Supreme Court. Ruth was among the only nine women in her law school in a class of 50.

After graduating at the top of her cohort, she was unable to find any job due to her gender. Believing in the power of law, she

tirelessly fought case after case using law as a force of equality.

Another prominent name is of Miss Asma Jahangir who challenged the dictatorial powers in Pakistan through the tool she knew best:

law. Asma Jahangir played a key role in protecting and preserving the sanctity of the Constitution of Pakistan, 1973.

Thereby, these women are proof that women are capable of much more than just marriage.

Moreover, the role of women in economic affairs is another proof to discredit the notion that marriage is the only saving grace for women. History finds an example 1400 years ago in Hazrat

Khadija, the wife of the Holy Prophet. Before meeting the Holy Prophet (PBUH), Hazrat Khadija was a trader. In the pre-Islamic world, when women were being burnt alive, Bibi Khadija was an entrepreneur. She sets an example that even during the dark ages women were not confined to only their marriages. A more recent example can be seen from the Forbes 30 under 30 or Women entrepreneurs list. These curated lists are dominated by women who are leading the race in business affairs. Some examples include, "Huda Beauty" owner Mona Kattan and "Fenty Beauty" founder Rihanna. Both are women that build an empire from their brands. Therefore, women have proved time and time again that they are much more than just their marital status.

Further, women have also conquered the field of sports. The most prominent name in sport is of Maria Sharapova, a Russian tennis superstar who has garnered international acclaim and accolades. More examples include, Sana Mir, of Pakistan who was inducted in

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the International Cricket Council (ICC) hall of fame, an arena dominated by male players. Women are also a source of national pride. The women's England Football Team endowed their country by winning the 2024 Women's Football World Cup, an honour which has evaded their male counterparts. Thus, the notion that women are only built for marriage is a far cry from the truth.

Additionally, women have been at the front seat of global movements in the modern times. A case in point is of Malala, the youngest Nobel Laureate in the history of the award. Malala was shot in the face by Taliban for speaking for her rights. Later, she became a global symbol for resistance and education. Today, the Malala Foundation awards of scholarships to girls from underprivileged backgrounds. Another instance is that of Greta Thunberg, a young Swedish girl advocating for climate justice. Greta has steered the climate change conversation and created awareness on what is the greatest threat facing humanity.

Thereafter, the current global leaders in the shape of women further discredit the idea that women are only limited to marriages.

Lastly, the religion of Islam, the third largest religion of the world, has ensured equal rights and opportunities for women in all spheres of life similar to that of men. Although religious misinterpretation has become an impediment to women's progress. Critics misuse the Quranic texts to wrongly interpret the message for women. However, the Quran is clear in its message. The Quran says, "Women have similar rights over men as men do over women." (2:228). The Quranic text mandates that women enjoy equal rights as men. This means they have the right to work and take up jobs in any profession as they desire. The Quranic text does not discriminate against what professions are best suited to women or whether they should only focus on their marital life. This is, therefore, proof that the idea of women only limiting themselves to their marriage is an entirely manmade concept.

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To conclude, it has been seen  
and witnessed, time and time again,  
throughout history and in the