

ESSAY: Women's empowerment in Pakistan: obstacles and Reforms.

Outline

I- Introduction

(a) Hook

(b) Background

(c) Thesis Statement: Women in Pakistan facing many obstacles that limit their autonomy and become an obstacle - Many perspectives like patriarchal norms, Gender discrimination, child Marriages, physical and psychological abuse, and Government failure covers those way that degrade women - But reforms should be taken in Pakistan to overcome these challenges such as laws preventing abuse, promote gender equality, Women's right in inheritance and Divorce, Acts regarding elimination of child Marriages, and Educational reforms.

II - Ways that resists women to become confident and empowered.

1. Societal attitudes

(a) Patriarchal norms and values of society

(b) Pakistani societies push women to serve men.

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2 - Gender discrimination

(a) Domestic violence, women inequalities

(b) Gender discrimination is common challenge in Pakistan.

Example: 2025 Gender gap report — 148 out of 148

3 - physical and psychological abuse

(a) Rape, beating, differences in thoughts, mental traumas

(b) Rape of women and traumas due to suffering in Pakistan.

Outcome: 5 year girl rape in school.

4- Child Marriages

(a) Before their age girls are pregnant, loss their identity and serve family.

(b) Child Marriages in Pakistan a greater obstacle. For instance, A video viral on internet in which a girl (child) walking on street with growing ~~and~~ appearance (like pregnant women).

5- Government Failure

(a) Lack of resources, ignore victimized areas

(b) No legal action against women issues in Pakistan
e.g. Punjab college girl raped — ignored after some times.

III - Reforms taken by the Government of Pakistan

1. Promote gender equality

(a) Raise voice on inequalities, campaigns

(b) Programs celebrated in Pakistan like Women's day.

Example: Childrens give some presents to their mother to appreciate them - Mother's day.

2. Laws preventing abuse

(a) identify causes of abuse

(b) Laws making in Pakistan to remove hurdle

For instance, 2025 report - Abuse is not just physical

3. Women's rights in inheritance and Divorce

(a) equitable rights, protect constitutional acts

(b) Ibrahim Khan v/s Saima case in Pakistan,
Abbas Hussain v/s Bibi Shahida dispute.

4. Acts regarding elimination of Child Marriages.

(a) Child rights in Pakistan constitution

(b) CM restraint acts in provinces - Punjab, Sindh, KPK, Balochistan.

5. Educational Reforms

(a) Women's strength/enrollment in universities

(b) Govt of Pakistan give prizes for toppers (male and female)

Cases: 5 universities in Pak allows women studies programme in Pakistan.