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# Is Education the most Effective Tool for Achieving Gender Equality?

## Outline

### 1) Introduction

Nelson Mandela quotation

Thesis Statement

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### 2) Education is the most Effective Tool for Achieving Gender Equality.

a) It ~~inculcates in women~~ a sense of right to live. ~~to~~ ~~survive~~

b) It Empowers ~~women~~ to fight for their rights;

c) ~~Increases~~ women's participation ~~in country's progress.~~  
e.g., ~~Asian~~ March

d) Countries with ~~higher~~ ~~female~~ literacy rate ~~are~~ ~~are~~ coming top.

e) It gives ~~authority~~ to women choose their life partners.

f) It ~~inhibits~~ ~~a~~ ~~sense~~ ~~of~~ ~~women~~ ~~being~~ ~~considered~~ ~~as~~ ~~equal~~ ~~citizens~~ ~~in~~ ~~most~~ ~~consciousness~~ ~~to~~ ~~preservation~~

g) It increases women's ~~participation~~ ~~in~~ ~~politics~~;

e.g., Melloni, the first ~~woman~~ P.M. of Italy.

h) It ~~produces~~ ~~a~~ ~~sense~~ ~~of~~ ~~self-dependency~~ ~~in~~ ~~women~~.

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3) Counter Perspective which argues that Education is not the most Effective Tool for Achieving Gender Equality.

a) It does not ensure women as equal as men;

e.g., Aristotle believed a perfect wife is just like a perfect slave.

b) It does not ensure women to get higher position of a state;  
e.g., The US, the most advanced country, does not have a single woman as a president.

c) The most educated do not consider women's opinion or their right to live;  
e.g., Nawab Akbar Bugti's views about women

4) ~~Strategies to Achieve Gender Equality.~~

5) Conclusion

~~Education~~ is the most effective weapon with which you can change the world, said, the former ~~✓~~ President of South Africa, Nelson Mandela. This illustrates that education can be used to achieve gender equality in society. As education instills a sense of right to live because due to illiteracy women are ~~not~~ aware of their rights. Moreover, it strengthens women's morale to stand against the oppression and injustices, and fight for their rights. Furthermore, it increases women's participation in employment, increasing their role in country's progress. In addition, education is the evidence that countries where there is high literacy rate are the countries ~~with~~ among top in gender parity index. Additionally, it gives authority to women in choosing their life partner, as many women suffer from abuse of due to lack of education. However, there exists another school of thought which believes ~~✓~~ that education is not the most effective tool for achieving gender equality. As they argue ~~to~~ that it does ~~ensures~~ women as an equal citizen of society because giant philosopher considered them as submissive and their right to dominate them in every aspect of life.

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However, in today's world these misogynistic ideas can be expelled from the society by educating men to consider women as equal citizens of society. Hence, it can be deduced that education is the most effective way to achieve gender equality.

To begin with, education is the most effective tool for achieving gender equality. As it imparts in a woman a sense of right to live. In traditional times, for instance women used to be burned with her late husband, a ritual commonly known as Sati. However, today it has mostly been vanished from society, thanks to education. It is because of education that people came to know the ill effects of this ritual. Hence, education is the most effective tool to achieve gender equality.

Moreover, it empowers women to stand against oppression and injustices, and strengthens their morale to fight for rights. Due to education women knows their value, and they ensure that their due rights are given to them. Moreover, when these rights are denied, they stand up and start marches towards the higher authorities, e.g., ~~Abolish~~ March. Furthermore, women in France stood against oppression of the monarchy, thanks to Mary Stonecroft's writings of Vindication of rights of women. Therefore, it is the education via which gender equality

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can be achieved.

Apart from these, education also enhances women participation in employment, thereby increasing their role in country's progress. When women are educated, they avail employment opportunities. When more women are employed, the country's economy progress by leaps and bounds. As we can see in Bangladesh women's employment in industrial and textiles sector has contributed to the country's economic progress. Hence, by education women get employment and make their names in country's progress, thereby ensuring gender equality.

Furthermore, developed countries with high literacy rates are among top countries in gender parity index. This illustrates when a country invests in education and ensures that is given to every individual apart from gender discrimination, its development in every sector is due. Moreover, education promotes sense of equal ownership of resources among all genders, thereby reducing gender disparity. For instance, Finland's education is believed to be top-notch and it results in Finland among the top countries in gender parity index. Hence, it can be said that education is the most effective tool for achieving gender equality.

Additionally, education makes man realize and consider woman

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as a equal citizen of a society. It teaches man that between man and women, there is only biological difference nothing more than that, as women are also capable of doing anything men do. It inhibits a sense in a man that there should be no discrimination between man and woman based on gender. Moreover, it also inculcates a sense of compassion and respect in man for women, as educated man is more respectful to women than an uneducated. Therefore, it is the education that gender equality can be achieved.

Moreover, it gives women an authority to choose a partner, who is respectful. As many women due to illiteracy do not resist ~~but~~ in marrying a man who is torturous and cruel in nature. However, when a women is educated, she thinks rationally and do not involved in a marriage where is no mutual respect. Furthermore, education ~~also give them~~ an authority that their life partner are more helpful and understanding, so that they be free of torturous and stressful life. Hence, education is a tool to achieve gender equality.

In addition, education increases women's representation in politics. As in ancient times women did not ~~have~~ have the right of franchise, but due to education women start demanding their right to vote. As a

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result of their struggles, an amendment was passed in America to give women their right to vote. Today, due to education, many women ~~at best~~ <sup>not only</sup> ~~because~~ have the right ~~to vote~~ ~~and~~ ~~but~~ ~~also~~ also are becoming state representatives. For instance, Georgia Meloni has become the first-ever female Prime minister of Italy. Hence, ~~by education~~ ~~so~~ gender equality can be achieved.

Lastly, education produces a sense of ~~over~~ self-dependency in women. As when women are educated, they can get jobs matching their skills, and can also start their start-ups to support themselves and their families. When women are self-dependent they do not get stuck in toxicous ~~relat~~ and abusive relations. ~~They~~ Moreover, ~~when~~ they choose their life by living on their own rules without being dictated by anyone else. Therefore, through education achieving gender equality is possible.

However, ~~on~~ on the other hand, the school of thought believes that education is not the most effective tool for achieving gender equality. The opposite school of thought argues that education does not ensure women being considered as an equal citizen to men. The great philosophers have believed that women ~~are~~ are submissive and ~~so~~ they should be dominated. They believe that women are irrational.

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and should remain busy in doing house chores. For instance, Aristotle believed that a perfect wife should be like a perfect slave. However, these ideas are still exist in society, but they can be expelled from society, as many educated people do not believe in these ideas.

Hence, by ~~expelling~~ <sup>improving</sup> education gender equality is still achievable.

Moreover, they also argue that it ~~does not ensure~~ women getting to top position or ~~be~~ head of states in developed countries. They believe that advanced countries still believe in the idea of Pluto that women are irrational, and they cannot be entrusted ~~to~~ top position to run a state. For instance, in the US, ~~the super power of the world~~, there hasn't been a single woman as a president. However, these misogynistic ideas are slowly vanishing from the American society, as more women are being considered to be given top positions. For instance, Kamala Harris, a woman, became the first-ever vice-president of the US and she ~~also~~ contested 2024 elections ~~as~~ the presidential candidate for America. Hence, it illustrates that even misogynistic societies change because of ~~education~~, and promote gender equality.

Finally, they argue that even the most educated people ~~do not consider~~ women as equal to men. They believe that a

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woman is a man's property. They also deny their right to live and expression of their freedom. As Nawab Akbar Bugti, a graduate of the Oxford University, justified killing of a woman, who chose to make a marriage with her choice of partner. He mentioned to an English reporter that by killing that woman honour and justice was restored. However, this thinking is also being vanished with the death of Nawab Akbar Bugti. As many women are coming from Balochistan to mainstream media, expressing their views about social injustices and getting and men follow them. For instance, Matriang Baloch, a women, talks about social injustices being done to people, especially women, where men are sitting in their homes. Hence it can be concluded said that by promoting effective education the <sup>theoric</sup> ~~stereo~~ of gender equality can be turned into reality.

There are some strategies to ensure education so that notion of gender equality can be achieved. It should be made compulsory in constitutional frameworks that ~~that~~ education is a mandatory for everyone regardless of their gender. The ~~state~~ should initiate parenting counselling so that they do not discriminate between their children. It should be responsibility of parents that their children are getting education. Moreover,

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religious scholars should ~~not~~ introduce importance of education in their speeches. For instance, by mentioning prophet's sayings they can encourage people to get education, as people are more influenced by religion. As by mentioning the hadith of the Holy prophet (PBUH) that, "Get education from cradle to grave." Hence, by doing so more people will get education, increasing the chances of achieving gender equality.

In a nutshell, it can be concluded that education is the most effective tool for achieving gender equality. As by getting education, women are self-aware of their rights and they do not get oppressed. Whenever, they feel any injustice being done to them they stand against those oppressions as witnessed in humankind history. Moreover, it increases their political representation by not only becoming parliamentarians but also heads of states.

Furthermore, they resist ~~and~~ becoming part of any relationship which is abusive and tyrannous, thanks to education. Moreover, education makes women ~~of~~ self-dependent by allowing them to get employments and start their startups. However, the opposite school of thought believes that ~~education~~ is <sup>not</sup> the most effective tool for achieving gender equality.

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They argue that it does not fully ensure women to get top positions of positions in developed countries. However, In contrast, it is opposite as due to education many countries have witnessed females as their first-ever head of states. Hence, it can be said that education is the most effective tool for achieving gender equality. However, further effective strategies can be applied to promote education across every part of the world to ensure that gender equality theories turn into reality.