

Write a detailed note on colonial and Capitalistic perspectives of gender.

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I INTRODUCTION.

Colonelism and Capitalism exploited genders for their purposes. Colonizers empowered patriarchy, justified women subjugation and entrenched gender inequality in a society. While capitalistic perspective of gender perceives gender roles as a functional to their wealth maximization.

They exploited genders like gendered labour division, feminization of labour, and commodification of the women bodies. The following pages will shed light on

these perspectives in detail.

III UNDERSTANDING COLONIAL AND CAPITALISTIC PERSPECTIVES OF GENDER.

(A) Colonialist Perspective:

The colonialist perspective of gender is that the colonizers defined gender roles and empowered patriarchy systematically. While other genders suffered from their policies and decisions.

(B) Capitalist Perspective:

Capitalist perspective of gender is that capitalism

used gender roles function to their profits and benefits. Women are subjected and exploited for male-dominated companies.

III COLONIAL PERSPECTIVE OF GENDER:

Colonialism did not only impose economic exploitation but also defined structures of society that what it means to be man and what it means to be woman.
(Merve Levens)

Colonialism exploited genders in the following ways.

a) Imposition of Patriarchal mindset of Europe.

Colonizers empowered male section of the society. They showed man as resolute and breadwinner. While women are victim and inferior.

Pre-colonial Asia was egalitarian, colonial policies marginalized them.

F. Fanon:

(The Wretched Earth)

b) The deceptive narrative of civilizing women.

Colonizers exploited women lives by giving them false hope of civilizing them like Europe.

Irony was that while
men was saving brown
women from brown
men. _____
Gayatri Spivak

c). Increased Economic inequality.

Colonizers promoted
males in trade, labor,
and jobs. This pushed
women in subjugation
and exploitation.

was
Colonialism ~~and~~ not only
conquest lands and
peoples but also conquest
of women bodies and
liberties. _____
(Merve Mre)

d). Preference of males
in politics over females.

In all colonies, colonisers
preferred men over women
which undermined
political representation.

For example, in South Africa
for almost 100 years during
reign of colonisers there
were only 1% females
in politics while 99% were
males.

IV CAPITALIST PERSPECTIVE OF GENDER.

~ Today's gender inequality ~
is the outcome of
capitalism.

Karl Marx

Following are some postulates which shows that Capitalism exploits genders.

a). Gendered Division Labour:

Capitalist systems have defined categories for men and women empirically. Women are concentrated in insecure, low wages paying jobs.

b). Feminization of Labour.

Capitalist system have pushed women to do low paying jobs without career opportunities. Certain jobs like nursing and teaching are only suitable

for women. This is exploits women talent.

{ Capitalism have feminized }
{ everything even jobs, }
{ roles and lives. }
(Sheryl Sandberg)

c). Commodification of Women lives and sexuality

Women are used by modern companies as a thing consumer appeal.

Women are ~~not~~ considered as a commodity ~~for~~ used for profits.

For example in hotels and banks women are ~~account~~ appointed as an accountant to attract more customers

d). Burden of Unpaid work and Care economy.

Capitalism have justified unpaid work of women. Women are considered only machines for giving births to children for the companies.

~ Capitalism considers women machines which produce labor for ~~the~~ profits.
(Karl Marx)

V CONCLUSION.

Both colonialism and capitalism have exploited women. They impoverished women and for their interests.

Women were denied of
their political, social and
fundamental rights in their
eyes.