

Write a note on the colonial and capitalistic perspectives of gender. Throw light on the thesis that development is the new name of coloniality in context with the emerging perspective of gender.

Exordium

Colonialism and capitalistic perspectives have played an important role in creating gender binaries. These two perspectives caused many wars and damaged generations in history. However, the conspicuous damage they did is still on gender. The history of world is full of colonialization, Spaniards, Britishers, Dutch and French colonized America, Africa and most parts of Asia. Capitalism emerged in 2nd century by arrival of 'Industrialization'. Capitalism deepened the wound of colonialization. This is an illusion and in reality a new name of coloniality.

1) Colonialism and gender

Colonialization is a process when a dominating power captures a weak group and then exploits them for their

own use. Homi K Bhabha, Edward Said and many other theorists contributed in understanding of colonialism. From perspective of genders, colonizers refer to men and colonized refer to women. Colonizers use many ways to subjugated colonized people. The colonized people not only face physical and mental confinement but in all sphere. They controlled women physically and mentally. Therefore, they use laws, norms and perspectives to make them mentally slaves. The arrival of black slaves in America as products to serve European masters. Europeans destroyed indigenous culture of America further, they colonized Africa and use them as 'commodities'. There is detailed explanation of effects of colonialism on gender.

a- Double marginalization

Men of colonized party was marginalized. But, woman was doubly

marginalized. Firstly, by the colonizers and secondly by their own male counterparts. Harriet Tubman, was a black slave in America, her sisters were sold. However, she is a name of woman power as she saved many slaves along with her own family.

b. Damage to indigenous culture:

Before colonialism, there were many matriarchal societies in America. These Europeans damaged and took away the indigenous culture. Chinua Achebe writes in 'Things Fall Apart' that colonizers took culture which was source of unity and now things are falling apart.

c. Establish gender identities

Previously females were respected in society. They were involved in almost every sphere of life. Colonizers brought their perception of gender and establish gender identities that males are superior and females are inferior.

4. Patriarchy and heterosexuality

Matriarchy was switched with patriarchy by Europeans. They made colonized people as mentally slaves and engraved so called patriarchal standards in their minds. They focused on the notion that women are irrational and must be subjugated. Moreover, they highlighted heterosexuality as standard approach and who goes against it must be eliminated from society.

6. Indigenous gender

Transgenders were considered as respected part of society and representatives of God. As they are neither male nor female so they are special and close to god. Also, females were respected and males used to take advice from them in important affairs.

7. Categorization and control

The colonial powers created two categories. First, males are educated

civilized, developed, good and superior.

Second, females as uncivilized, evil, barbaric, undeveloped and inferior.

The negative qualities associated to woman and negative is evil, evil should be controlled. So, woman must be controlled.

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g- Sex slaves

The colonized males were used in physical labour and females as sex slaves. The colonizers also made it a part of law to add mother's name with name of child. It is to hide their children from black slaves. Zora Neale Hurston in her novel "There eyes were watching god" portrayed how a female was raped by his master, then her daughter raped by school teacher and then her grand daughter. The generational sex slavery.

2) Capitalism and gender

Capitalism is emerged in 20th

century mainly but its roots can be traced back as well. Capitalism is an economic system where one class of society holds all means of production. The bourgeoisie controls proletariate and the same way male controls female. Capitalism is a key in outcome of colonialism. The damage they did to gender includes

a. Commodification

The crown of capitalism is 'commodity' and women were also 'commodities' for them. Women were sold, used and subjugated like object. Under capitalism, women was source of materialistic gain.

b. Wages to women

The women get job very with difficulty. Then, they received half wages from males. They were deprived in domestic roles and also in industries. They struggled to shift from domestic life

to industry but it was of very less use.

c- Genders disparities in Labour

The factory owners exploited workers and specifically female workers. They sacked out easily any female worker they want. The damage is still evident in present time as very less number of females in social, political and economic zones. The males are continuing the legacy of capitalism.

d. Use of body in media

Women was consider as for only pleasure purpose. That's why every advertisement showed women with revealing outfits. They used females as advertisement of products.

e. Role of education and policies

Bourgeoisie holded the crown of policy making. They reinforce patriarchy by policies and education. In education, they designed such curriculum to reinforce

their ideas. Karl Marx suggested that if want to empower someone, empower them economically. The capitalists are barriers in economic empowerment.

3) New Name of Coloniality

Colonialism mainly subjugated physically and made them slaves. However, capitalism is one step ahead and apparently proletariat is free class but in reality they are mentally slaves. Therefore, woman is now visible in economic, social and political domains but they are still marginalised. Patriarchy enslaves their minds that it seems almost impossible to free them.

a- Politics

In cities, woman is aware of political issues and she casts her vote rationally. But, in many villages woman is still supposed to cast vote by choice of male members.

b- Economy

Colonialism took economy from colonised areas. Capitalism halted whole economy themselves. When one is not economically free, she can not be empowered. As Virginia Wolf notes in "A Room of one's own." In bank accounts, only 20% female's bank accounts and 80% male's bank accounts.

c- Education

Colonialism did not focus on education to rule them easily. However, capitalism set such curriculum which can not educate them in true sense. Also, patriarchy and feudal system hinders in Pakistan. Female literacy rate is only 48%.

Denouement

Capitalism is just new face of colonialism and it is neo-colonialism. Capitalism reinforcing patriarchy and all ideas prevailed in

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woman nor capitalism did. Hence,
development is the new name of
coloniality and it is an illusion