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PAKISTANI WOMEN HAVE SAME CHANCES AS (OF) MEN

Improve thesis statement

Thesis statement must be an answer to Essay topic:

I. INTRODUCTION:

Thesis Statement: Despite making an equivalent population, women in Pakistan are still not getting the same chances as men.

II. PAKISTANI WOMEN DO NOT HAVE SAME CHANCES AS MEN:

1. Negligible representation in Politics

• UN Women Organization

Report, 2024

2. Lower voter participation

• ECP Report, 2024

Adopt formal language

Exclusion from decision making

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• Examples from daily life.

4. Lesser labor-force representation

• World Bank report, 2024

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5. Limited access to financial services

- Dr. Raza Bagh report, 2024

6. Lower literacy and enrollment rate

- Literacy rate report, 2024

7. Deprivation (from) of inheritance rights

- Demographic and Health Survey, 2017-18

8. Deprivation (from) of legal rights

- Case study of Sobia Batool.

9. Health and Nutrition disparities.

Proper use of words

Pakistan Business

Frequent grammatical mistakes

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10. Disparities in sports

- Comparative Analysis of Men & Women PCT

11. Mobility and Safety issues

- Salman Sufyan report, 2024

12. Digital divide

- GSMA report, 2024

III CONCLUSION

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Pakistan has been ranked 148/148 in Global Gender Gap report of 2025, published by Women Economic Forum. It is an alarming situation that clearly indicates about the gender inequality. Though, women are weak physically, but it does not mean that they can not do the work as men. History is full of examples that speak loudly the contribution of women. Unfortunately, in Pakistan

women are treated as second-class citizens. For example, in Politics, there is negligible representation of women. Similarly, there is lower voter representation during elections.

Apart from this, women are often ignored in decision-making. Women plays a vital role in boosting economy of a country, but in Pakistan there is lesser labor-force participation. The plight of women in the field of education is also appalling. There is much lower literacy and enrollment rate. Moreover, women face disparities in the field of Sports too. All these points indicate the injustice faced by women due to patriarchal mindset.

Despite making an equivalent population, women in Pakistan are still

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not getting the same chances as men.

To begin with, there is negligible representation of women in the field of politics clearly indicates that how they are sidelined in an important field of country. Politicians are representative of people. They have an important role in policy-making. Policy-making is basically done to resolve the issues being faced by people. If there is lesser representation of women in politics, there would not be any effective policies for women too. According to the report of UN Women Organization, only 20.47% seats are held by women in national parliament of Pakistan. This fact clearly indicates the under-representation of women in politics - not getting the same chances as men.

In addition to this, there is lower voter participation of women in elections. Elections are held to choose a candidate that is suitable for ~~you~~, according to ^{people} ~~you~~. Here suitable means, someone who will listen to ~~your~~ their issues and will try his best to

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resolve those issues. Casting vote is a basic democratic and constitutional right. Despite this basic right, there was very low voter turnout in the elections of 2024 - only 40% women have casted vote. This shows that how women are deprived from this basic right - they couldn't choose a leader of their own choice. Hence, women do not have same chances as men.

Moreover, women in Pakistan are ignored during decision-making - decisions of someone else are imposed on them. Decision-making is an important factor in every walk of life. They have the potential to reshape the destiny of one's life. Unfortunately, in this patriarchal society, women do not possess this right - whether in home or at workplace. For instance, women do not have right to choose their life partner or their career in many areas of Pakistan. It's the men - her father or her brother, who will decide it. Hence, women in Pakistan do not have same chances as men.

Further, in Pakistan there is lesser labor force representation of

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Women Labor-force tells about how many people are doing jobs and earning. It is directly related to the development and growth of the a country. Unfortunately, labor-force participation of women in Pakistan is only 22.6%, according to International Labor Organization. This means women are not doing jobs - particularly due to dogmatic norms of male-dominated society. Thus, women in Pakistan do not have same chances as men.

Furthermore, women have limited access to financial services. This is a surprising fact. Women do not have autonomy over their money. A woman may have various issues on require money for basic needs, and for that every single penny, she is dependent on a man. According to Dr. Reza Bajir - Former Chief SBP, only 29% women have bank accounts. This is a very low number. These facts clearly indicates that how women are being treated as second-class citizens. Hence, it is a proven fact that women in Pakistan do not have same chances as men.

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Moreover, in Pakistan women have low literacy and enrollment rate. Education is the basic right that has been given by ^{both} religion and Constitution ~~both~~. Women are often discouraged from getting higher education in the name of religion, but teachings of Holy Prophet (PBUH) clearly mention that education is an obligation upon Muslims regardless of gender. It's a pity that literacy rate of women is 52% as compared to men, i.e. 72%. Despite having both, religious and constitutional right, women are sidelined in the field of education - leading to major women issues in future. Therefore, it is of no doubt that Pakistani women do not have same chances as men.

Apart from these, women have been deprived from their right to have inheritance since the very first day. Like education, inheritance is also a religious and constitutional right. In Islam, women have fixed share of inheritance, but unfortunately, a country that's ideology was based on Islam, is depriving women from their basic rights. In 2017-18, a Demographic and Health Survey was conducted

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that showed only 3%. women own property in Pakistan. It is like drop of water in an ocean. Those 97% are still facing the illness of patriarchal mindset. Hence, this argument clearly supports the point that women in Pakistan do not have same chances as men.

Not only that, women are also deprived of their legal rights. Legal rights ensure one's safety or role in the society; however, implementation of these legal rights require societal acceptance. Otherwise, these laws are nothing less than a piece of paper. Unfortunately, in Pakistan rape, honor killing, and gender-based violence is on surge for the past few decades, but there is nobody coming forward to stop these. For instance, Sobia Batool, a Pakistani women, was attacked ~~by~~^{with} axe by his father and brother. Her mistake was (that) demand of divorce. Luckily, she survived but no action was taken against the culprits. Things like these are common and became a norm. In these situations, nobody can claim that Pakistani women have same chances as men.

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Similarly, Pakistani women are facing disparities in health and nutrition too. Women are physically weaker than men. They require balanced diet and nutritional food to maintain their health like men too. However, during pregnancy, they require intensive care, as they are going to give birth to a life, but there is a greater mortality rate of women in Pakistan — due to poor diet and health facilities. Apart from this according to Pakistan Business Recorder Report, 41% women are anaemic while 22.4% are having Vitamin A deficiency. These facts speak loudly about injustice being done with women. Hence, it will be wrong to say that Pakistani women have same chances as men.

Apart from these, Pakistani women are also facing disparities in sports. There are a lot of women athletes in Pakistan who represent the country at international level in various sports. Like other professions, in sports, too, women are standing shoulder by shoulder. Moreover, they have had an excellent performance too. However, women are facing disparities in this profession too. For example, the category A players of men team received higher

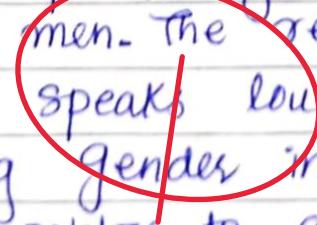
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Salaries than category A players of women team. Women also play matches like men team, but they are getting much lesser Salaries than men, and often being criticized on losing a match more than men. People say that they should leave cricket and wash utensils at home. So, it is crystal clear that from politics to sports, Pakistani women do not have same chances as men.

In addition to these, women in Pakistan face mobility and safety issues while men can go anywhere, anytime. In most of the areas of Pakistan, whether it is rural or urban, women are restricted in home. They are not allowed to go outside without the company and permission of a man. This is because of the growing issues of harassment and violence. According to a report by Salman Sufyan, women cannot travel from one place to another without men. This is the reason many skilled women are not allowed to go for job because they may be the next subject to violence. This report shows that how men are free to roam but women cannot go anywhere, even for a meaningful work. Thus, this restriction clearly shows that Pakistani women do not have same chances as men.

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Furthermore, Pakistani women are also facing digital divide. This is the era of digital technology. Every single person has right to utilize this technology for their benefit. One can use this a tool to raise one's voice or earn for one's living, but unfortunately, most of the Pakistani women have not access to even mobile phones. According to the GSMA report, only 34% of Pakistani women have access to digital technology. This report analyzes how women are deprived of one of the most basic right in this era. Hence, whether it is their fundamental rights or technological rights, Pakistani women do not have same chances as men.

To conclude all these points, it is evident that Pakistani women are yet to break many barriers to achieve the same chances as men. In every field, they are much behind than men. The reports, statistics, and facts  speaks loudly about the rising gender inequality in Pakistan: from politics to economy and from education to technology. The literacy rate of women is too less than that of men. Similarly, women in

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Pakistan are deprived of inheritance and legal rights - despite being enshrined in Holy Quran and the constitution. Apart from these, women are facing disparities in health and sports too. Due to these issues of gender inequality, Pakistan cannot utilize the potential of many women. Pakistan needs to adapt structural changes and make ~~more~~ effective strategies to grant women the same chances as men. For example, Pakistan needs to educate more girls and this is only possible when Pakistan will bring reforms in education sector. Similarly, Pakistan must reform other sectors to incorporate women too. Only through giving balanced chances to both men and women Pakistan can prosper and for that the nation's mindset about role of women should be changed. If a woman can give birth to a ~~man~~ man, the same woman can play her role to make Pakistan a successful country.