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Is education the only way of empowering women?

Outline :

1. Introduction

Thesis Statement : The question whether education is or is not the only way of empowering women is of great debate. However, the ratio of educated empowered to uneducated unempowered women makes it the only way of their empowerment. Women are empowered in politics, governance, economy and environmental adaptation only when they are empowered.

2. Education as a way of women empowerment or not : an overview.

3. Education is the only way of empowering women (THESIS)

a) Women can exercise their ~~administ~~ empowerment in administrative sector only when educated on governance.

b. Empowerment in politics is guaranteed only through political awareness through education.

c. Education provides entrepreneurship skills ensuring economic empowerment.

d. Education breaks the shakles of patriarchy ensuring social empowerment.

e) Empowerment boosts manifold when women are educated to participate in IT.

f. Education empowers women to act at forefronts in climate adaptation.

g. Education teaches women their rights and duties, empowering them to shun suppression.

4. **Education is not the only way to empower women (Antithesis).**

a. Without the education of men, even educated women cannot act empowered.

b. Society is the only factor responsible for women empowerment.

c. Religion also empowers women, negating the necessity of education for empowerment.

d. Many educated women are not empowered.

e. Many uneducated women are empowered.

5. There is no better way of empowering women than educating them (Synthesis).

a Education of men will be very easy if their mothers are educated.

b Society can only act responsible when all genders are equally educated.

c Religious education is mandatory to understand its true empowerment of women.

d. That is because women are willingly surrendering to act as empowered homemakers.

e. Uneducated empowerment is short lived and tempory.

6 Conclusion

ESSAY:

The idea that g women empowerment is ~~not~~ possible without education could have been true had the global Gender Gap Report of 2025 not potrayed it

otherwise. Namibia, an economically small country, jumped leaps and bounds to secure 1st position in Africa and 8th globally in closing gender gap. with their cabinet made up of 57% of women to women leading small tech firms. The only factor that changed the entire scenario for females in Namibia is education. The unwavering support of government to educate every women has led to the tremendous empowerment of women. The question whether education is or is not the only way of empowering women is of great debate. However, the ratio of educated empowered women to uneducated unempowered makes it the only way of their empowerment. women are empowered in governance, politics, economy and environment adaptation only when they are empowered. This is quite true because women can exercise their administrative,

political and economic responsibilities and powers only when they are educated in it. Along with that, women can ~~bet~~ perform their social roles, participate in Information technology, adapt to climate change, and know their rights and duties only when they are educated. Many people assume that education is not the only way to women empowerment and consider educating men, the society or religion important to women empowerment. But that is not at all true. Educating men can be made easy by educating their ~~wom~~ mothers, society needs to be equally educated with emphasis on women education, and religion must be truly understood to let women empower. Thus, by and large education is the only - also the most effective - way of empowering women.

The question that education is or is not the only way of empowering women

has a very simple answer. Yes, it is. Almost all developed countries show that their women are equally important in their national progress. This equal importance comes when women are equally equip with education that is the backbone of progress.

With education as the only empowering tool for women, it enables women to be educated on governance; hence, ensuing administrative empowerment. Society is composed of equal amount of both genders. To rule it administratively only by one gender will cause suppression and discontent to the other. Hence, educated women can show their empowerment in administrative setups. Education along with maternity skills of women can do wonders to administrative setups and progress. Dr Ruth Pfow, a name not new to any Pakistan, through her brilliant

administrative skills, eradicated an entire illness from Pakistan. It was only ~~through~~ education which empowered her with such administrative skills. It clears the stance that women can exercise their empowerment in administrative sector only when educated.

Along with administrative empowerment, empowerment in politics is also guaranteed only through political awareness through education. Women can only exercise their political rights and participate in it when they are aware of it. This awareness is promised by education. In Namibia, the President, vice President, and 57% of Cabinet is formed by politically empowered women. (World Economic Forum, Global Gender Gap Report, 2025). This implies that women are politically empowered only when they are educated.

Not only political empowerment but education can also ensure economic

empowerment by providing entrepreneurship skill. True empowerment comes when someone is economically independent. The same is true for women. And this empowerment is provided by education in the form of job opportunities and entrepreneurship skills. According to Tehmina Durrani in her book My Feudal Lord (1991), women can only think of their freedom and empowerment only ~~with~~ when they are educated. This justifies the fact that education provides ways to empower women economically.

Besides economical empowerment, education gives women the strength to break the shakles of patriarchy, ensuing social empowerment. Only by knowing their honorable place and position in the society, women can fight against her oppression. This only comes with education. If it weren't true, Mukhtaar Mai would have not

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put efforts to build schools for girls to empower them to not fall prey to evils of patriarchy like herself. This and many examples show that only through education women are empowered to fight social evils like patriarchy.

Equal to social empowerment, education also empowers women in modern fields like Information Technology. Keeping women out of IT is ~~the~~ depriving the world of half the progress it can make. This deprivation can be overcomed when ~~other~~ women are educated in Information technology. No better example can be provided than that of Marie Curie, who through her educated mind was able to develop Radium and Polonium. These two elements are used to detect X-Rays, an effective aspect of modern IT. Hence, it is education that can be attributed to empowering women

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in Information Technology.

Along with education of IT, educated women can act on foefronts on climate adaptation. Climate crises has reached its highest point in todays era and women are the fist ones to recieve it. Educated women ~~can~~ know the dos and don't in climate crises and are empowered enought to prevent maximum distruction. Educating women with the right ~~stralegies~~ can ~~can~~ make the the front-line warrios in climate adapatation (Zahid Hussain, The conundrum of Climate Crisis, Sept. 2025). Educating women is empowering them to fight modern challenges like climate crises thuough climate adaptation.

All along climate adaptation, education also teaches women their rights and responsibilities, empowering them to shun

suppression. It is only through education, that women can be awared about their rights and responsibilities. When a woman knows her rights, she will be empowered to raise a voice against their voilation. The most brilliant example of this can be none other than the youngest Nobel Laureat, Malala Yousafzai, Through her education she was able to fight for her rights which were suppressed. Her famous quote says: "One child, one pen, one book and one teacher can change the world". This highlights that only education can empower ~~if one~~ women enough to shun down suppression.

Some arguments against education as the only way of women empowerment states that without the education of men, even educated women cannot be empowered. This holds true to

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the extent that only an educated man will respect the importance of women empowerment. Unless a man is educated, he cannot ~~take~~ accept the empowered role of women. It holds true because education creates tolerance and the acceptability of empowered women. In patriarchal society like the one we live in, ~~has~~ the ~~empower~~ education of men is compulsory to let a women be empowered. Hence, to empower women we need to educate men fist.

Along with the education of men, another argument is stated that society is responsible for women empowerment. The social ~~factors~~ ~~and~~ norms and cultural setups decide to let the empowerment of women of be not. Women A in America might be

free to exercise her politically empowered role of voting while women B in North Waziristan may not be allowed the same role by the society despite good education. This signifies that it is society, not mere education that empowers women in one way or another.

Along with the society as a responsible factor, religion is sought by many as an empowering tool, negating the necessity of education. Many religions hold women high in esteem as members of the society and truely empower them to take their roles as members of the society. The religion Islam also empowers women to step in from political to administrative, and from economic to social spheres. The best example is Hazeat Khadija - the wife of Prophet (PBUH) who

used to run a business without proper education. The religion allowed her full empowerment without proper education, negating the necessity of education for empowerment.

Another debate against education as the only way of empowerment is that many educated women are not empowered. The social structure that exists in many countries allow education but not empowerment. This is due to a number of stigmas attached to women empowerment. According to Economic survey of Pakistan 2025, only 30% of women joins work force in Pakistan dispite women literacy rate at 42%. This highlights the fact that not all empowerment comes with education.

There is also a vice versa, that is along with many educated

women, there are hundreds of examples of women who are empowered without education. Education cannot guarantee all the prerequisites of empowerment. Some in-built qualities like confidence, in-built skill also ensures empowerment to women. For empowerment confidence is the key, which is gained from ~~at~~ various sources without education. One such example from the entertainment industry is Zar Sanga. From the far flung areas of KPK she rose to the heights of empowerment without education. This shows that many uneducated women are empowered.

With this being said that there is no better way of empowering women than educating them, education of men will be very easy if their mothers are educated. The argument that education of men

is necessary is true. But it itself justifies the education of women. As an educated women can peform the role of educating men bettre than anyone. As Mohammad Ali Jinnah has said: " Give me an educated mother, I will give you an educated nation". Hence the educating of women, can make the education of men easier and effective.

The argument that society is the only factor responsible is true but it can not act just when ~~one~~ all genders are equally not educated. An educated woman will understand the role of women better in the society than an educated man. Hence, it is necessary to empower women equally by educating them. This is like ~~a~~ trying to drive a

car with the wheels on ~~wore~~ one side puncture. Hence, society can only act responsible in women empowerment when both genders are equally educated.

Religious education is mandatory to understand its true empowerment of women. Our society often clips the wing of women in the name of empowerment; however it is quite the opposite. Women are granted equal ~~extract~~ exalted state in the religion. This can be predicted from a Hadith: "Strive for education, even if you have to go to China for it". This Hadith do not discriminate gender to strive for education yet it is interpreted as so due to lack of religious ~~edu~~ education.

The argument that many educated

women do not act empowered it's not entirely because of education. Many educated women wants to adopt to role of homemakers. Education makes them better homemakers and they act empowered in their home affairs. Many brilliant ladies have resigned from their jobs willingly and that is acceptable.

Only a fraction of women - compared to the large majority - is empowered without education. This kind of empowerment comes with alot of hurdles and obstructions. This empowerment is handicapped and halfhearted. Education can solve all the conundrums of ~~of~~ empowerment. Empowerment without education is like a dying human being on ventilator - short lived and temporary. Hence, education brings longevity and permanentness to empowerment.

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In a nutshell, it is proved that education is the only way to empower women. If as a country, we have to drive fast on the lane of progress we need to empower women by education. Women when empowered through education can take up their administrative and political roles with so much sensibility. Likewise, women can ~~the~~ take economy to new heights with their education as Hillary Clinton has rightly said, "When women participates in ~~politics,~~ economics, everyone benefits." This participation would not come without education. Women also play a fundamental role in breaking social norms that are derogatory to the society with their education. They are indeed the herbinger of national progress

only when empowered with the right amount of education.