

The controversial issues of feminism: the way forward.

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Thesis statement: In this contemporary world, feminism faces various issues such as cultural resistance, misinterpretation of religion, violence against women and exploitation. These challenges can be overcome through awareness and implementation of laws.

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Cultural resistance is a challenge to feminism

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Exploitation of women is an issue of feminism

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Violence against women is an hurdle to feminism

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Patriarchy poses threats to feminism

4. Recommendations to overcome the challenges of feminism:

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Promote awareness by the help of NGOs and civil society about the rights of women

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Prevent cultural resistance by the implementation of laws

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Provide security to women across the globe

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Combat digital harassment against women

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The Essay

During the world war-2,

when the troops' supplies were dangerously running low. A British officer contacted President Franklin D. Roosevelt, seeking urgent assistance at home. Ships and weapons could be arranged but there was dangerous labour shortage at home. With millions of men mobilized to frontlines, offices, factories and farms faced horrible labour shortage. Later women were mobilized across the Europe. They controlled supply chain, took offices and produced military weapons. Despite such historical contribution to the growth of economy and education, feminism across the globe still faces horrible issues. Cultural resistance poses serious threats to feminism. Besides, misinterpretation of religion harms the movements of women. Similarly, lack of implementation of laws make women vulnerable across the world. Exploitation of women is still an issue of feminism. Moreover, patriarchy poses threats to feminists worldwide. However, these challenges can be overcome through awareness and laws implementation. Likewise, nations should provide quality

education to women and combat digital harassment. Moreover, financial support and security are essential for the success of feminism across the globe. Therefore, in this contemporary world, feminism faces issues such as cultural resistance, violence against women and misinterpretation of religion. These challenges can be overcome through awareness and the implementation of laws.

The term feminism refers to the movement that resists for the rights of women. Currently, women face economic, cultural, political and educational inequalities as compare to others. They face not only violence but also patriarchal structures in societies. As captured by Simone de Beauvoir "Second Sex" "Talking about women is a crime of billions of dollars." Therefore, feminism experiences resistance and hurdles of blames across the globe.

In this era of globalization,

cultural resistance is a challenge to feminism worldwide. Cultural resistance discourages women education, freedom and right to vote across developing world. Even cultures resist reforms and policies which talk about women's freedom. For example, **Aurat March in Pakistan** is being associated with the conspiciencies of the west.

Similarly, cultures not only resist the feminist movements but also they blame the marches. In short, cultural resistance poses horrible challenges to women's education, profession and participation in decision-making across the globe.

Besides, misinterpretation of religion poses threats to feminists in all walks of life. Individuals such as head of homes, tribal lords and uneducated class misinterpret religion for their personal purposes. They use misinterpretation of religion as leverage to control women. This was how **Malala**

Yousafzai said "Islam is a complete code of life but people intentionally hide its principles" [UNO speech] ²⁰²⁰

In this context, people enhance misunderstanding

of religion to contain women's Freedom and resist the platforms that stand for equality. To sum up, misinterpretation of religion poses horrible threats to women and their peaceful movements.

In this era of democracy, lack of implementation of laws makes women vulnerable to oppression. Laws exist on papers but absent in public life. There are tremendous laws such as workplace acts, anti-honour killing laws, harassment acts and anti-women discrimination acts but these above mentioned laws lack implementation across different societies. For instance,

Pakistan's Constitution 1973 from

A-1 to 25 provides legal protections but still there is implementation issues. In this regard, lack of implementation of laws make women movements vulnerable to cultural resistance. Thus, lack of implementation of laws poses serious challenges to Feminists.

Likewise, the exploitation

of women is an issue of the feminism. Women have been exploited at homes, workplaces and in institutions. Individuals and companies exploit women for their economic, political and personal purposes. According to **Global Gender Gap Report 2025**, women in informal economies of the South Asia and Africa experienced huge wage gaps. Now reducing women exploitation not only in informal economies but also in homes has become a challenging task to feminists. In a nutshell, the exploitation of women poses threats to feminism worldwide.

In this era of education, violence against women is a challenge to feminists. Women experience physical, emotional, economic and psychological violence across the globe. They face rape, torture, discrimination and abuse every day across diverse regions. According to **UN Women**, after every five minutes, a woman either experiences discrimination or violence. Besides, feminist movements face hurdles due to culture, bad governance and patriarchal structures to overcome the challenge of

violence. To conclude, violence against women limits the progress of feminism.

Furthermore, patriarchal structures pose serious threats to feminism. Patriarchal structures reduce women freedom, economic participation and education. Patriarchy also discourages women not to participate in decision-making.

This was greatly captured by **Tamina Durrani "my Feudal Lord"** that male domination contributes to the exploitation of women in developing nations. Besides, patriarchal structure resists feminist movements and reforms. Therefore, patriarchy poses threats to feminist ideology.

However, the challenges of feminism can be overcome through awareness. Nations should promote by the help of NGOs and civil society about the rights of women. Involving religious scholars to encounter misunderstanding of religion and its rumours can change public opinion regarding women. In this

context, women may chance to get education, participate in decision-making and economy. Therefore, promotion of awareness is through NGOs and civil society is essential for the success feminists.

In this era of modernity, nations should prevent cultural resistance by implementing women protection laws. Nations should discourage the notion of cultural barriers through the implementation of laws. For instance, the implementation of laws can discourage honour killing, association of family respect with women, rape, abuse and discrimination. Laws enactment can result in women participation in politics, education and economy. Thus, the prevention of cultural resistance is essential for the empowerment of feminism.

Furthermore, nations should provide security to women across the globe. Women feel insecure at offices, in streets and in public spaces. Through surveillance and fast communicative teams, threats to women can be

encountered across the region. Security can enable women to participate not only in democratic processes but also to achieve dreams without fear. Thus, providing security can enhance the goals of feminism and discourage violence against women.

In this era of digitalization, combating harassment against women is important for protecting the interests of feminism. Feminists across the globe stand against digital harassment of women. For instance, the **4th wave of feminism** started in **2010** even aims to reduce the exploitation of women digitally. Governments should introduce laws on digital harassment of women and implement at time. Thus, women may be encouraged to get progress in this world.

Besides, vocational women education is essential for freedom and development. Nations should build vocational centers and conduct seminars for women to gain skills. Through

Formal women vocational education, they can gain professional expertise, technical skills and logical ethics to secure jobs and become independent.

'As ~~for~~ captured by Nelson Mandela " Education is the most powerful weapon which can change the world." Thus, educating women is the need of the hour.

Similarly, in this era of economic growth, empower women through financial assistance. Nations should assist women economically through programs and projects. Economic assistance will not only empower women but also it will boost their capabilities to participate in nation-building. For instance, **Benazir Income Support in Pakistan** assists millions of women nationwide. Thus, providing financial assistance is essential for the development of feminism.

Additionally, nations across the globe should discourage conspiracy theories. Through strict implementation of laws, opponents of feminism must be discouraged that not to

become barriers on the progress of women. This can enable women to resist reforms and their rights across the society. Therefore, discouraging the opponents is essential for the progress of women.

To conclude the entire passage, it can be said that "We are the victims of evil customs, we keep our women within the four walls of perisons which is a crime against humanity" (Muhmmad Ali Jannah). Exactly, feminists stands for the freedom of women though they face cultural resistance and misinterpretation of religion worldwide. The call for the action is loud and clear. Nations should provide quality education to women. It can enable women to play a key role in nation-building. Similarly, governments must prevent cultural resistance by implementing women protection laws. It can encourage women to participate in politics, education and

economy. Therefore, in this contemporary world, feminism experiences cultural resistance, exploitation of women and misinterpretation of religion which prevent women's progress. These can be overcome through the implementation of women protection laws and awareness across the globe.