

What are various forms of Gender based violence? What type of violence is more prevalent in Pakistani society? In your opinion, how it could be eliminated?

What is Gender based violence?

The violence that is committed against women on the basis of gender is known as gender based violence. For example, acid throwing on women, women harassment case, domestic violence, honor killing, Rape cases, Killing of a girl on the basis of gender, Arson killing, etc.

Violence that is more prevalent in our society

(a) Domestic violence in our society:-

In 21<sup>st</sup> century, the domestic violence is more prevalent in Pakistan. To expound it, the beating of a wife by a husband. For example, According to the Gender index, 55% of the cases reported on domestic violence. So, the cases of domestic violence are increasing due to patriarchal society.

(b) Honour Killing:-

The Honour Killing is increasing in our society. To elaborate it, killing of a girl by brother or father to feel them dishonored and brought them disrespect.

Forexample, the honour killing of Gandeel baloch for earning them disrespect.

### (c) Harassment at the workplace

Many <sup>women</sup> people are unable to work outside home due to the harassment. To flesh out, verbally abuse them or trying to besiege them. For instance, the ratio of harassment cases are increasing day by day. Therefore women are lagging behind and are unable to do anything.

### (d) Rape Case have been increasing

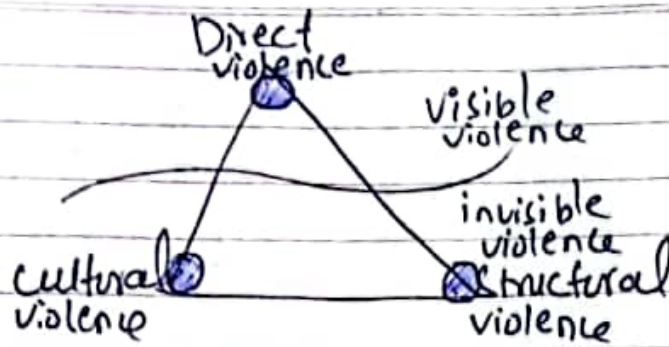
Girls have been raped. They are unsafe. Even children under the age of 5-16 are not protected. Forexample, Zainab had ~~been~~ raped by a young man. Zainab like other girls in our society facing this brutality.

## Types of violence

There are 2 types of violence

- (1) visible violence.
- (2) Invisible violence

Direct violence falls into the category of visible violence while structural and cultural violence falls into the category of invisible violence.



## Direct violence

Physical violence means bullying in school, fighting of soldiers, hitting, beating, bombing is a physical violence. Domestic violence, raping, Acid attacks, killing, sexual torture is a form of direct violence.

## Indirect violence-

In indirect violence, the system inflicts harm to the person or society. The use of political or economic power to harm a person or society. This is known as indirect violence.

There are 2 types of indirect violence

### ① Cultural violence

The panchayat system makes many illegal practices legitimize to resolve the disputes of sects. For example the practice of vani is common in the rural areas of Pakistan. In this practice, girls are used as compensation.

### ② Structural violence

Structural violence is ingrained

in economic, social and political structure  
 In this type of violence, poor people  
 are kept deprived from resources.  
 Making the poor poorer through the  
 structural method of corruption is  
 an example of structural violence.

How Gender based violence could  
 be eliminated?

Prevention plays a central  
 role in efforts to eradicate and remove  
 the root causes of gender-based  
 violence. Conduct seminars to give  
 awareness to women.

- ② Empower women through many  
 women empowerment programmes  
 that government should conduct.
- ③ Empower women economically.
- ④ Role of media should be enhanced  
 to make efforts towards the eradication  
 of violence
- ⑤ Ulema and religious scholars should  
 be taken on the board to  
 endorse the true meaning and  
 status of women in Islam

Conclusion

In a nutshell, women  
 have been facing direct, cultural and  
 structured violence since the inception of  
 Pakistan. It is facing direct violence  
 more because the reported cases ratio  
 of direct violence is more although direct violence  
 is not reported.

Discuss the three waves of feminism.  
Also, highlight the impacts of these movements in Pakistan.

### Introduction:-

In 19<sup>th</sup> century, women had been facing discrimination. Women had suffered a lot and raised their voices against discrimination. Different waves had been started that demanded different rights in different waves period. The Agenda of different waves had been different. After gaining some rights the waves influence declined but these waves influence reached far and wide and these <sup>waves</sup> impacted many countries almost the world.

### 1st Wave of Feminism

First wave of feminism started in 20<sup>th</sup> century in 1920. The main advocates of this wave were Mary Wollstonecraft, Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton. Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton had joined a conference where they had not been allowed to sit. They after facing discrimination they had formed National <sup>American</sup> <sup>Suffrage</sup> Women's Association of women (~~NAA~~ to ~~NWA~~).

Susan B Anthony and Elizabeth focused on right to vote, striking down marriage laws and gain access to education and employment. These goals were enshrined in Seneca Fall Convention in 1848.

1st wave of feminism confronted the ideology of Cult of true womanhood. It was believed that women are born to be subordinate to men. Different Amendments were passed to end discrimination.

The main motive of 1st wave of feminism was to give the right to vote. The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment was passed that <sup>had</sup> given women the right to vote and after 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment 1st wave <sup>had</sup> declined. In the end of first wave of feminism, <sup>black</sup> women had not gained the rights. Sojourner Truth speech 'Am't I a woman', critiqued exclusion of black women from feminist movement and condemn the Injustices of slavery.

Ida B. well member of NAACP formed this Association for colored people to fight against discrimination. Middle class women who were <sup>white</sup> gained the right to vote but yet Black women were fighting.

## Second wave of Feminism-

Different organizations were formed eg American Association of University women and Business professional women. These organizations put pressure on government to legitimize legalise to prohibit discrimination at the workplace.

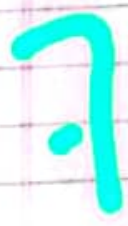
At that time Equal Right Amendment was supported by Business professional women because it will end discrimination. But was rejected by YWCA organization.

After WWII, African American men returned back and saw segregated society. They had to take the subordinate position again. Then civil right movement started that challenged de jure and de facto segregation. Civil right movement gave birth to second wave of feminism.

How Civil right movement gave birth to second wave of feminism?

In 1955 Rosa park refused to give seat to passengers on Montgomery bus she showed that she had not isolated. After this incident, Black women refused to use bus and boycott Montgomery Buss. Also sit-in staged, sparked in Greensboro where 4 students refused to leave a segregated lunch counter.

Sit-in movement led to the formation of Student non violent Coordinating Committee. SNCC students had taken participation in Freedom rides.



of 1961 and Freedom Summer Campaign in 1964. Freedom rides of 1961 challenged the Jim Crow laws of South and Freedom Summer Campaign brought white women from North to support southern Civil right activist. Black women participated in SNCC. In 1964, Civil right Act was passed. Second wave of feminism challenged gender inequalities. But this wave faced discrimination criticism because of ignoring racism, class oppression.

### 3rd wave of feminism

It was influenced by 3rd wave of feminism. In 1980's feminism took no of forms. Characteristics of 3rd wave of feminism are:

- (a) Identity politics - refers to political movement having same identity but different form of oppression experienced
- (b) New tactics

It politicizes the feminist issues and demands

Act-up (AIDS Coalition to unleash power) used powerful street theatre brought the death of people with AIDS. In 1990's Act-up activists formed Queer Nation to challenge homophobic violence and heterosexism.

3rd wave of feminism used avenue of activism cultural production. It included the Riot Grrrl Movement. New websites, magazines and online blog used as an alternative

Practices



Source of Feminist Knowledge production  
3rd wave of feminism impacted the world.

## Impacts of Feminist Movement in Pakistan:-

Since the inception of Pakistan, women have been discriminated in separate/different spheres of life. Fatima Jinnah has fought for election against Ayyub Khan. Behind that women had put their efforts to achieve end discrimination. Democratic Women Association, WAF and other organizations were formed.

During Zia era, the Islamization affected women badly, Feminist stand against it and in 2006 women rights bill was passed. Feminist of Pakistan have been fighting for the rights of women since inception and had been influenced by western feminism.

Then Quota system was introduced to gain political equality. Before that women's only few seats were reserved. To give women's political participation different steps had been taken in the past due to the efforts of feminists. The Convention of elimination of all form of discrimination was formed to eliminate discrimination against women.

In Year 2018, the Me-too Movement gained momentum. The slogan of this movement was "my body my will", that has been <sup>not</sup> interpreted in Islamic Society. This movement was influenced from western feminists and west feminism. The efforts and struggles of women are still underway to end discrimination against women.

### Conclusion

To wrap up, different waves had been run in the west that influenced other countries and also impacted Pakistan. Due to this<sup>no</sup> influence, Me-too movement started in Pakistan. It demanded certain right for women.

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