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Introduction:

There are different types of feminism that provide ways to elevate the status of women in different societies. In the case of Pakistani society liberal feminism and marxist feminism can be applicable to end women subjugation.

Understanding liberal feminism:

The liberal feminism talks of equal political, voting, working and education rights of women. They believe that women can only emancipate when they are given right to vote, right to education, equal pay according to equal work.

One of the major advocates of liberal feminism is 'Mary Wollstonecraft'. She talks of political, voting and educational rights of women in his book 'vindication of women rights'.

The next advocate of women rights is John Stuart Mill who with his wife Harriet Taylor Mill wrote an essay "on subjugation of women", where they recognized the women as an equal part of society and worked for the rights of women.

The next woman that talked of emancipation of women is Elizabeth Cady Stanton, she first time in 1848 in the Seneca Falls Convention talked about voting rights of women. And that finally resulted in 1920, when 19th amendment in the ~~of~~ US constitution was made, and voting rights were given to women.

There are two types of liberal feminism. One is classical liberal feminism that does not see state as an important player to end women oppression rather consider culture as an important pillar of ending oppression. The second one is egalitarian liberal feminism that talks of personal and political autonomy of women. They consider state

as an important actor to end oppression.

How liberal feminism raise status of women in Pakistan:

The status of women in Pakistan is not good as in other countries. The women are out of schools, in many areas of Pakistan. Almost 52% of girls aged 14-20 are out of school. There is less number of women seats in provincial and national assembly. In our society, women are kept out of job market that has lead to country's downfall.

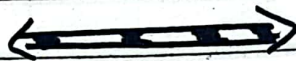
Liberal feminist believe that if women are given political, educational and job rights there status in the society can be improved. Our culture plays an important role in ending the women oppression. If certain fault lines in the culture are corrected.

According to egalitarian liberalism state can play a positive role in ending improving the status of women.

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The status of women can only be improved if they are given equal job opportunities.

The work should and pay be equal to both male and female members of the society.



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Nature vs Nurture debate:

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There is a debate between sex and gender, and nature vs nurture. There are different theories that consider sex as naturally constructed phenomenon while gender as socially construction.

Sex is Naturally Constructed:

Sex is naturally constructed and it has been proved by many evidences. A research was conducted by John Hopkin institute, where they took 14 children whose male reproductive organs were not completely developed because

they were suffering from a disease called cloacal Exstrophy. This disease occurs in boys only. These all 14 children were treated as ~~for~~ girls. So that they should adopt and behave like girls.. But After 14 years these all children were male typical in nature. So it showed that sex is a naturally constructed ~~pheno~~ thing.

Primary and Secondary Sexual Characteristics.

Primary Sexual Characteristics:

There are six anatomical features that vary from individual to individual.

① Chromosomal makeup:-

The chromosomal make of male and female is different. like (XY) in male while (XX) in female. while (XXY) is in intersex where testosterone is not normal and sperm count is very low.

There was a South African athlete named Caster Semenya. was male typical

was suffering from 5- α (alpha) reductase deficiency.

(2) External Genitals:

The external genitals of male and female are different in appearance. That gives a proof that sex is naturally constructed.

(3) Internal Genitals:

The internal genitals are also different in both male and female.

(4) Gonads:

There are testes in male while ovaries in female as reproductive organ.

(5) Hormonal state:

The progesterone releases in female while estrogen testosterone releases in males.

(6) Secondary Sexual Character:

It consist of facial hair, voice present in male while in female we don't see hair on face and pitch of voice is high in females.

This above discussion shows that sex is naturally constructed

Gender is Socially Constructed:

Gender is a socially considered constructed phenomenon. There are six theories that prove gender as socially constructed term.

① Gender performativity theory:

This theory was proposed by Judith Butler in his book **Gender trouble** where he says that, 'Gender is nothing but it is a name of performance. A person can be Gay, Bisexual, & spirited depending on his psychological thinking. He says that Gender is fluid and it is subjected to change.

The concept of heterosexuality is temporary and this person can be transcended to Homosexual depending about the situation.

② Gender Schema theory:

This theory was given by Sandra Bem, where it talked of influence of memory in shaping the role of gender in a society.

The concept of gender is result of psychological factor.

Sigmund Freud gave two concepts known as oedipus complex, where boy is attracted towards his mother and Electra complex, where daughter is attracted towards his father.

This theory explains that psyche of individual shape the gender of human.

③ Gender role theory:

This theory was given by John Money, which talks about that gender is nothing but a role of that is performed by individual. like homo sexuality, bisexuality etc are all roles.

④ Queer theory:

This theory was proposed by Judith Butler, but its founder is Michael Foucault

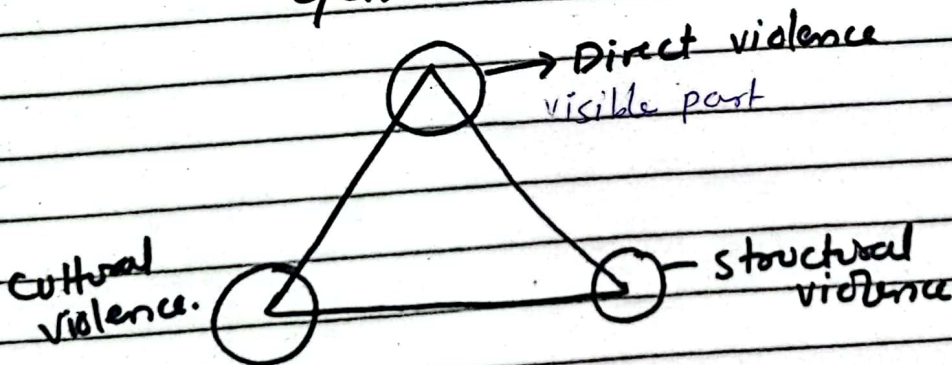
This theory talks about the fluidity of identity i.e. Heterosexual, homo sexual, Bisexual. It denies heterosexuality as a normal phenomenon but it talks of multiple genders in the society. This theory challenges the notion of fixed identity i.e. Male, female and intersex.

⑤ **Masculine and Feminine Culture:**

According to every culture Gender roles varies from society to society. This theory was given by Geert Hofstede. The role of female and males changes from society to society.

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Gender based violence:



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Gender based violence:

The violence on any man, women, transgender based on its gender. This violence can be direct (physical, mental and sexual)

Structural and direct violence in Pakistan on women:

The structural violence on women is invisible and it can be in the form of patriarchy in the Pakistani society. Where male is the dominant in all affairs of family. While the direct violence can be rape, murder and physical violence on the women.

There are four theories that discussed the violence on women.

Evolutionary theory:

According to this type of theory women is suffering invisible violence like patriarchy in Pakistani society. Because according to this theory there is a gender based violence on man, women and transgender

② New to physiology:

This theory was given by Schledin that believes that there are certain genes hormones that release more in man and it becomes cause of violence. In Pakistani society there are many examples present when women experience violence from man because the male member is suffering from this disease.

③ Psycho pathology:

The gender based violence will be done by man based on his psychological condition. The psyche of man disturbs because he will be taking drugs that make him to commit do physical violence on women. Pakistani women are also suffering this violence in their household because their spouse are indulged in drug taking.

④ Learned-helplessness theory:

There are many women in the areas of Sindh and Punjab where they feel that they can't

do anything and they are too learn to ~~has~~ to bear violence from the society. This behaviour feed in their psyche that they can not do anything so they bear violence.

Conclusion:

The examples of murder, rape, house abuse, violence in work places are examples experienced by Pakistani women in their life period.

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Third wave of feminism:

The third wave of feminism started in the 1990s, and it talked about women's rights activists and a long movement was started for women rights. The advocates of ~~these~~ this movement wanted to create a mainstream movement that was inclusive of the various challenges women from races, classes, and gender identities

were facing.

These were different incidents that are credited for inspiring the rights of women. The first one was Anita Hill hearings that sparked national feminist support when Hill testified against a supreme court nominee for sexual harassment. This led to an era of new women rights. This new case Hill case helped the expansion of women rights movement across the globe. The third wave of feminism provided a way for the rights of women.

6 Post modern Feminism

This type of feminism was introduced between 1998-2000. It talks of that there are certain factors that are trying to make women inferior in the society.

According to Judith Butler in his book "gender trouble" 'women than gender is fluid and it is ~~char~~ subjected to change.

The other advocate 'Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak in his book Thus spoke

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the subaltern' where the marginalized women started talking. However, Michael Foucault, a post modern feminist talked about race, and sexuality, where he discussed women marginalized women.

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