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ENGLISH ESSAY :

IF WOMEN ARE NOT PROTECTED

SOCIALLY, CAN LEGAL ACTIONS

PROTECT THEM? "

Outline

1) Introduction

Thesis statement: Women cannot be protected socially, but legal actions can protect them. Making new laws ^{of women protection} and their strict implementation is the only way forward to protect women.

2) Why society has failed to protect women and legal actions are the only way forward.

3) Women can be protected by legal actions (Thesis)

a) Legal actions can control many crimes so they have potential to control

the crimes against women to protect them.

b) Laws are equally applicable on everyone, so this can bound people to follow women protection laws

c) Legal actions and strict punishments can pave the way towards women protection

d) Legal actions can involve use of technology to track offenders to protect women.

e) Legal actions can boost the confidence of women to report the violence against them and to seek protection

4) Legal actions lack potential to protect women (Anti thesis)

a) Increasing crime rates across the globe shows the weak efficiency of legal actions so they cannot control crimes against women.

b) Influential people and some conservative societies do not consider it to follow women protection laws.

c) Societal norms can oppose such legal actions which can hinder the implementation

d) Many countries especially third world countries lack technology to implement such laws.

e) Women do not report violence against them due to cultural and social taboos so legal actions cannot protect them.

5) Despite all the hurdles, Legal actions are the only way forward to protect women
(Synthesis)

a) Legal actions are efficient to control crimes against women by their strict implementation

b) Countries/People who do not consider important to follow women protection laws are isolated by international community

c) Strong legal actions can overcome the societal norms to protect women

d) Countries are collaborating in technology ^{advance} field to provide poor countries technology

e) Due to awareness and education the number of women reporting violence is increasing and they are seeking legal support

6) Conclusion

A Spanish TV journalist was touched inappropriately by a passerby while she was live on air reporting a robbery in Madsid on 16 Sep 2013

The incident sparked public outrage. Then legal action was taken by the concerned authorities and they arrested the man. This incident shows how legal actions can protect and provide justice to women. Women in many societies are still not protected physically, financially ^{and} psychologically. This protection can be assured to women only by taking the strict legal actions.

Women cannot be protected socially, because a society is not able to ensure proper protection to women. This is because every person considers himself socially liberal. They do not give much importance to social laws as there are no proper punishments to violate them. That is why women cannot be protected socially. Therefore protecting women by proper legal actions is the only way forward.

As we see in this modern world, every sovereign country has proper legal framework and laws to follow and to maintain the law and order situation in country. This is because they know only legal actions can control the crime rates. For example in Afghanistan there was no stable government and laws for decades. But now they have a government which has taken legal actions to control crimes. According to Afghanistan crime rate & statistics for 2021-2022 a 39% decline in crimes from 2020.

This shows proper legal actions just like other crimes can also control the crimes and violence against women and can act as a catalyst to protect the women.

When a country makes laws, then all its people are bound to follow these laws and everyone is equal in front of legal actions. Therefore making women protection laws and ensuring

that they are equally applicable on every citizen can pave the way for women protection. For example the former US President Donald Trump has been accused of sexual misconduct by some women. So he is facing several charges and trials. This shows legal actions are same for everyone and can protect women.

Legal actions ~~and~~ ~~can~~ and strict punishments can protect women. When people know that if they ~~to~~ violate the women protection laws they can face legal actions and strict punishments, this can help to reduce the domestic violence against women. Therefore legal actions can protect the women.

Legal actions can also involve the use of technology to protect the women. It can provide different forums to file complaints against their exploitation

of rights. For example in Punjab, Pakistan, under the law 'Protection of Women against violence, 2015' it was ensured to deploy GPS bracelets to track the perpetrators. So legal actions with the help of technology can protect women.

Another importance of legal actions is that they can boost up the confidence of women to report the crimes against them.

This can help the authorities to take actions. This is how, legal actions can effectively save the women.

Despite the fact that legal actions can contribute to protect the women but still they have many shortcomings and have failed to meet the desired results. So, legal actions are not a way to protect women.

Due to increasing inflation and poverty world wide, the crime rates are increasing

globally. According to World Crime Rate & Statistics for 2020 was 5.61, a 0.74% increase from 2019. This surge has put a question mark over the efficiency of legal actions to combat the crimes. So, this trend shows that legal actions are not a way forward to control crimes against women and to protect them.

No doubt, many sovereign countries have laws, but in many countries we see that influential people and conservative societies do not give much importance to laws. In those countries women protection related laws cannot work. For example, despite criticism Afghanistan Government has banned women education and stopped them to work with any NGO. So this is because they do not consider international women protection laws important to follow. So laws and legal actions cannot ensure the women protection.

Societal norms can also affect legal actions and deteriorate their essence.

In many societies, the people consider women as their own property and do not let anybody to talk about their protection of women. According to UN 2023 Gender Social Norms Index, 25% people believe that it is acceptable for a man to beat his wife. Such norms hinder the implementation of legal actions when they say that women protection is their internal domestic matter. So legal actions cannot protect women.

Many countries, especially third world countries do not have advanced technology. Therefore they cannot involve technology in legal actions to take measures for women protection. Legal actions lose their essence without technology. Therefore in a major portion of world i.e. poor countries, legal actions are not

efficient to protect women.

Another reason for the poor efficiency is that women do not report the violence against them to legal authorities due to social, cultural or religious taboos. According to a survey conducted by Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, only 32% of women in Pakistan reported that they experience physical violence. So unreported violence hinders legal actions to protect women.

There is no doubt that legal actions face many difficulties to protect women, but as socially we have failed to protect women so now legal actions are the only way forward to protect women.

Legal actions, despite all trials, have efficiency to control the crimes against women. The strict implementation of women protection laws

can strengthen the legal actions to protect the women.

Countries or the people who do not give importance to women protection are isolated by international community. For example, as the Taliban regime in Afghanistan, is hampering women in all aspects so international community has isolated Afghanistan. They are not even recognizing their regime and not giving them aids. Therefore it is not possible to survive in globalized world with isolation and will align themselves with global legal actions to protect women.

Strong legal actions have ability to overcome the societal norms. The legal teams and legislators can spread the importance of legal actions in those societies to protect the women. Strict implementation and punishments can even force people to follow

the laws because everyone is equal in front of law. Therefore legal actions can protect women despite social norms.

The world has seen an increasing trend of case reporting by women against violence they face. This is because of education and awareness. According to Domestic Health Survey, 46% women with education seek help to end violence. Legal actions give them confidence to report and to provide them justice. Therefore legal actions can protect women.

In summation, as socially it is not possible to protect women, so legal actions are the only way forward. Only wise and strict legal actions can ensure the women protection. Legal actions can provide protection to women physically, financially and psychologically.