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**Frailty: Thy name is
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Essay

Believing that women are weak and frail is a misconception. Women have performed strongly as well as men in every field. In politics women have performed very well and proved their strength.

They have contributed in the literary work and revolutionized the literary world.

In the field of science women have great contributions.

They have made many discoveries in science. In the education

women performed magnificently.

Even they are dominating in many department and universities. Women are contributing

in the security forces, that is challenging the misconception of women weakness. Women

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have universally acknowledged as strong as ~~women~~. Societies having lower literacy rate spread the false belief that women are weaker. The unawareness about the contributions of women spread the mindset of woman as frail and weak. Patriarchal ^{system} also empowers that kind of misconception about women. This perception can be wiped out by promoting education and awareness in the society. Prevalences of stereotype can be eliminated by discouraging the gender biased material. Therefore woman goes strong as men. They have proved their strength in every field of life including politics, literature, science, education and Armed forces.

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First start with politics, women have proved them stronger in politics. By playing crucial role in politics on many occasions women proved them as strong as men. From the start of Pakistan movement, women has been playing an important role.

Firstly, Fatima Jinnah played a crucial role in Pakistan movement. She lead the women for Pakistan movement. She was front-line women leader and worked side by side with Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and proved that woman should never be behind in matters of national importance.

Secondly, women also actively participated in the Khilafat movement. Muslim women collected efficient funds for the protection and financial support of Ottoman

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empire. Begum Muhammad Ali lead the movement. Women donated their jewellery and collect funds for the families of war prisoners. Women arranged rallies and speeches for the emphasize on the protection of Ottoman Empire and Khilafat.

On the same pattern women also proved them much stronger through leadership and administrative qualities. Benazir Bhutto served as the first female prime minister of Pakistan. Sheikh Hasina has served as prime minister of Bangladesh for 20 years. She secured the longest tenure of prime ministership in Bangladesh. Sonia Gandhi served as the president of Indian National Congress party. Margaret Thatcher had remained a prime minister UK. Therefore, women have proved them

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strong in political arena of the world.

Women have also proved themselves strong in the literature. By writing literature they eliminate the misconception of lack of thinking and mental ability of women.

J.K. Rowling has been a great and prominent literary worker. She wrote the most popular and famous series of Harry Potter. That series remained the best seller in the world and has been sold million of copies. Harry Potter is the biggest achievement in literature. It has popular and influential role on literature and attracts children towards the book-reading. Book reading improve the educational skill and improve critical thinking among the children. Helen Keller is another well-known personality due

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to her work. She played a significant role in spite of disabilities. She was deaf and blind from childhood but she wrote most prominent literary work to challenge disabilities and misconception of frailty. She wrote many literary work including "The story of my life" and "The world I live in". Her literary work inspire and motivate the people to overcoming the obstacles of life. Parveen Shakir is also a prominent figure in the literary world. Last but not the least, Umaira Ahmed is also a prominent personality, who wrote many famous novels and plays. So, it has proved that women also have critical and strong thinking ability that rejects the misconception of frailty of women in critical thinking.

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Science itself witness the fact that women are as strong as men. Women have revolutionized the scientific world. Seventeen women have been awarded by the Nobel prize in physics, chemistry, physiology or medicine. It is a huge number in such a short time. One of the leading woman scientist named as Marie Curie recorded history when she awarded the noble prize for second time. She got noble prize in two different fields. Caroline Herschel research on astronomy. She detected three nebulae in 1783 and 1786 and she became the first women scientist to detect or discover a comet. Likewise, Rachel Carson, an American biologist and conservationist, worked on revolutionary measure

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For the Global environment. These are many other women scientists who have contributed in the field of science and made many inventions and discoveries. These numbers could be increased if women were supported. Unfortunately women got very limited chances to prove themselves but she proved well and changed all misconception about the capability of women.

The unparalleled performance of women in education is evidence of the fact that women are not weak. According to the report of PMC female students are dominating in medical fields. In report 80% of female students are enrolling in the medical. In Pakistan it

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has a lot of competition but female student enrolled more than male student. Even powerful countries also has ~~the~~ almost same statistics. Russia has 70% of medical staff in the form of female doctors, same case in other field. Almost every department has more female student than male. Female enrolment in the universities is higher than their counter-partner male. Moreover Pakistani citizen student Malala Yousafzai is an educational activist who won the Noble prize at the age of ~~seventeen~~ seventeen. Therefore, women proved themselves in the field of education by their excellent performance.

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Armed forces. In modern time women fight side-by-side with the man. By participating in Armed forces women have been breaking the misconception of about their being delicate beings. As of report 2013, around 4000 women had been serving in Pakistan Armed forces.

Even women have worked to the top of the Armed forces hierarchy. Lieutenant (Lt.) General Nigar Johar, Mangha e Intiaz (TI) is the first Pakistani military officer, who proved that no matter how hard field is, women can handle it with courage and grace. Thus the armed forces also found women as equally strong as men. During war in Terror America deployed women soldiers in Afghanistan.

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against the war in Texas.
During World War II Princess of England participated in war against Germany. She served in the auxiliary territorial services (ATS) as a driver and mechanic. All these contributions of female in Armed Forces shows that women are not weak.

Certain factors are responsible for generating the misconception about woman in which illiteracy comes first. Illiteracy is the root cause of misconception about women in the society. People suffer from false belief in that societies where most of the people are illiterate. In these societies believe on every false information. It is very difficult to find reality in those societies where illiteracy exist. Illiterate can't easily

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differentiate the false information and reality. Illiterate have many misconception about the frailty of women. On the one-hand, unaware people fail to recognize women's works. On the other hand they don't give them the respect they deserve.

Next comes the workplace stereotypes, they also stand in the way of women's progress. Either the men feel insecure or ashamed if a woman makes a great leap. Even they don't believe on women's skills. They don't recognize the expertise of women in any field of life which stops and discourage women from actively participating in specific tasks like leadership role in major projects. While

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Ancient and outdated customs are still respected, which are somewhere anti-women in essence.

The old traditions and customs consider women weak without giving any reason. Even they perceived woman as she is not a human being in actual.

These obstacles paved the way of more ignorance and illiteracy that weakened the society.

Sadly IF a lack of workplace ethics has not done enough harm to woman, there is a

high prevalence of unconscious gender biases in our society.

women are paid less than men. They have only two options whether being employed or not. There is not any other option of equal salary for women in workplaces. While

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harassment is another issue which female workforce face. In these way society develop a toxic attitude towards them and makes them unconfident. If a women stand against these behaviours, nobody support her in this way. Society shut up their voices against these wrong misconceptions and behavior. It happens due to patriarchal society. Such are the miseries woman of the third world face today.

Nevertheless, despite all the hurdles mention earlier one can't assert that woman are equal because they've achieved as high status as men have and still have not given up to the effort. In order to eradicate the discriminatory approach and falsehoods about women, need concrete steps must

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be taken. Feasible laws shall be legislated to protect the rights of woman. Once the right for women are largely protected they will be able to come forward in every walk of life. Their success and progress will make people realize that woman are not weak by any definition or by any sketch of imagination.

Education can also play important role in combating the discriminatory approach against woman. Society need awareness and education to change their mindset. Educated people are much aware about the equality and strength of woman rather than illiterate and unaware people. Awareness play a crucial role in combating every problem of life.

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Education and awareness changed the stereotypical and false-point of view of a person. An educated person can better understand the issues while illiterate believes on false beliefs. So in this regard education and awareness ~~has~~ can play a crucial role.

Next to it, gendered stereotypes need to be broken in field of workplaces, by allowing women to lead non-traditional projects like fieldwork. They should be allow to work in every field of every places for employment. Women shouldn't pay low according to men. Their salaries should be as equal as women. It will eradicate the misconception and discriminatory approach against females.

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Female are based on ~~half~~ more than half of the total population. So that large number of population can not be ignored. The priority of hiring male ~~to~~ workforce at workplaces should be eliminated and women should also find the chances of work in workplaces at the same priorities. This step would empower women to play her role in the development of society.

last but not the least men's supporting role for women around them is equally critical. Thus, if all men stand up to back the woman of their household, the backlash from patriarchal society against women's empowerment would be greatly reduced. So, men should play encouraging and favourable

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sole foe women. Media can also play a pivotal role in erasing illogical ideas about women. TV channels should highlight the achievement of women in history. Religious scholars can also play important role in this regard. So this kind of support can strengthen the women in society.

To sum up, women have great achievements in every field of life, it would be unwise to say that women are weak. Women are doctors, scientist, astronomers, scientists and professors. For the prosperity and betterment of the world, women have been contributing immensely. It should be unjust ignore the positive contribution of women in the

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modern world. Those who are ill-concerned nation's belief that women are weak reflects their prejudice against women. Women have crossed all the barricades that obstruct their way towards progress and development. World needs their contribution. Government should educate people to reduce the stereotypical notions against women. Society should help and support women to serve the nation. Depriving women of their rights gives the impression that they are weak. Outdated customs and beliefs should be wiped out because they do not have any reality. Misconception about the women shall be wiped out from the society.