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Waves of Feminism and
which one should prevail in
Pakistan:

Introduction:

The term feminism is derived from
the french word "femme" which
translates to women and 'ism' denotes
a movement which is lead by a
women. It is a broad spectrum with
different types of it, however all agree to
one point:

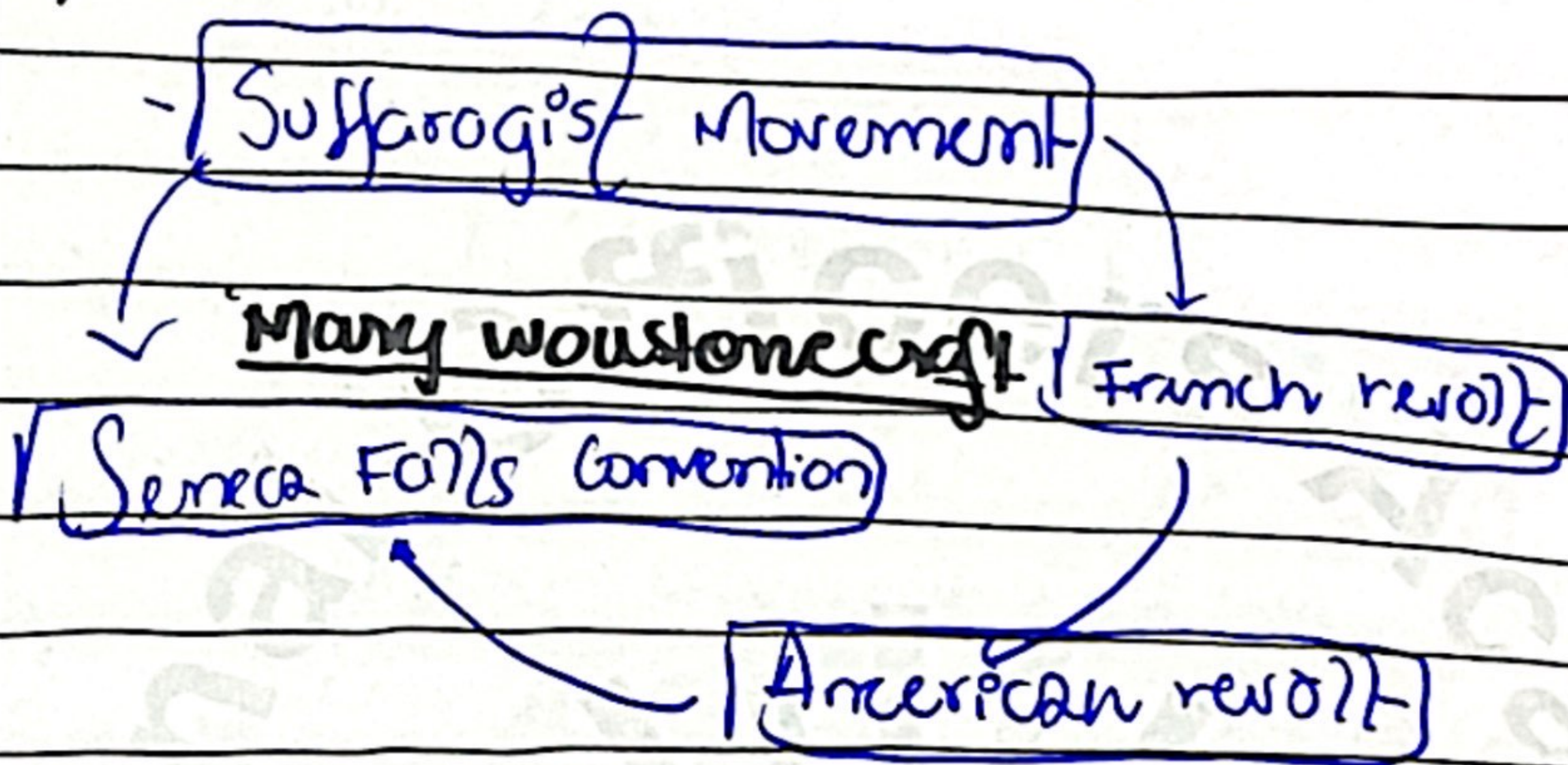
'Women are suppressed.'

Once a sage Roosevelt said; in order to understand present, one must look into the past.

When one looks back into the past, it is a dark age for women where they were devoid of the basic fundamental rights. Many after a historian recapitulates this idea of women subjugation in the light of the 'records of history'. For most of the account, it was penned down by a man who completely ignored the existence of women. Female writers were not permitted to use their own name, in fact a 'pseudonym' was mandatory for them in order to get their work published. Amidst these terms of 'miscarriage of human rights' → 'women rights', an ethos of freedom came into genesis, in the face of '3 momentum waves of feminism'

Explanation of the 3 waves of feminism.

1) 1st wave of feminism; a foundational basis:



Late 18th - Early 19th century:

The first wave of feminism dates back to the days of antiquity. Those were the times when women acquired the status of an 'object'

- They had no legal rights.
- They could not hold a public office
- They had no legal acquisition to hold property.
- After marriage, their husband had all their rights; ranging from marital to property.

The famous American revolt pronounced:

"All men are equal"

with a complete elimination of the 'other gender'

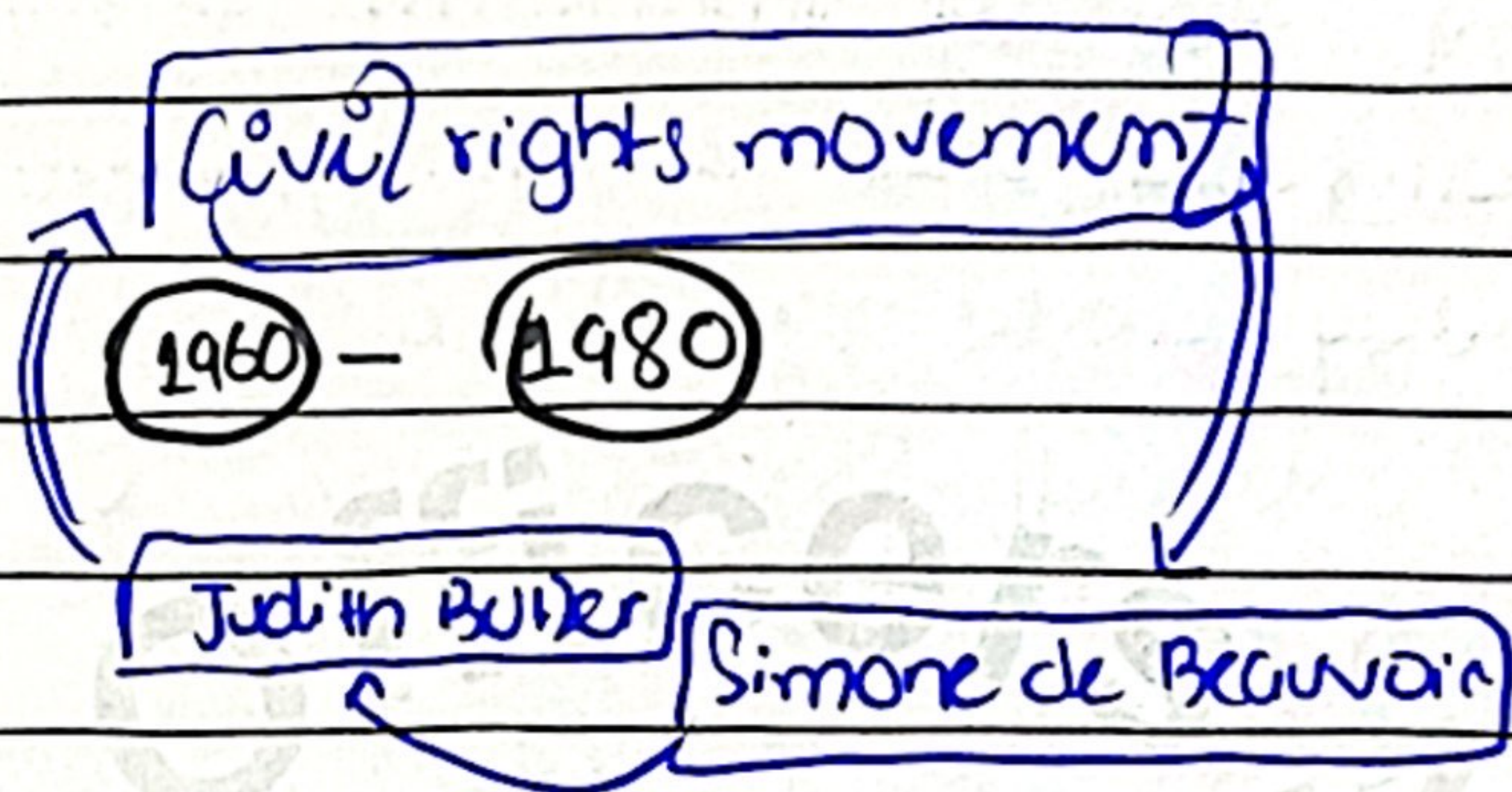
women were completely pushed away behind the periphery, likewise the French revolt in 1789, explicitly raised the slogans and promises of 'man equity' while women were again completely ignored of the basic rights.

Mary Wollstonecraft also regarded as the pioneer of First wave of feminism; on witnessing this got infuriated and decided to call out this hypocrisy in the facet of her seminal work 'A Vindication of the rights of women' - which became a groundbreaking reality of the first-wave of feminism. She put forth the motive of this movement in the following words:

"I don't want them to have power over men but over themselves." -

This became the quintessential ethos of this movement which birthed liberal feminists, who demanded equal rights of women without making it a tussle of 'man' vs. 'women'.

2) Second Wave of Feminism:



Second wave of feminism ranges from 1960 to 1980's, this wave took the mission of women emancipation to another level by dismantling the very existing foundation of 'universal realities'. It opened the avenue to a more broader spectrum, encapsulating women - men - queer - neuter and the ones who recognize as "nothing" within it. This wave is also recognized by the disruption of binaries. As it no longer viewed the world into 'black' / 'white'; it in fact embraced the chaos of the grey area. As the colossal writers like Judith Butler penned down 'Second Sex' introducing the phenomenon of gender performativity, as he said:-

The first 4 stages which were solidifying the basis, 5th comes with a 'boom'; likewise in the case of these 3 waves of feminism, the 3rd wave of feminism comes with a boom as it is :-

- Embraces the Individuality
- Does not take place in the 'intersectionality' / 'universality' as all women go through different experiences.
- They are more tech-savvy.
- Believe in building coalitions with men.
- This wave of feminism has also explored the flourishing market of 'aesthetics' and 'consumerism', and it is not afraid to experiment.

Where Dreams Come True

This wave of feminism is thus that 'one' road which was not taken by the other, and it made all the difference; Robert Frost rightly encapsulates this essence of 3rd wave of feminism in his poem 'Road not Taken'

Two roads diverged in the

and if - I took the

one not taken.

And that has made all the difference!

Type of Feminism; which suits the best of Pakistan's socio-economic issues:

Pakistan is a country which is in a remorseless tug and pull which it battles with the evils of 'terrorism, bad governance, inter-state divide, communal riots and political unease. The last-thing which it wants is' **Its mothers and sisters unhappy with it**. Following the footsteps of our leader Quaid-e-Azam who called his sister Fatima Jinnah his **'alter ego'** and advised the Muslims;

'No nation can ever prosper, whose women are not side by side with them'.

The best fitting feminism administration circumstances is: **Liberal Feminism**

"Gender is not something which you're it is an 'act'; more accurately it is a series of 'acts' which are not recognized as a 'pronoun' but rather as a verb."

Simone de Beauvoir also played a seminal role in the second wave of feminism with her pivotal text "Second Sex"; in which she adopted an existential approach to the feminism. She emphasized that gender is not supposed to constrict women to the refined barriers, infact women can choose to transcend those and become whatever they want. It explicitly challenged the notion of 'Angel in the House', which glorified the ideology of women confinement with the four walls, by pronouncing them as 'angels'.
Simone de Beauvoir said;

'One is not born ~~Women~~ but rather become one'

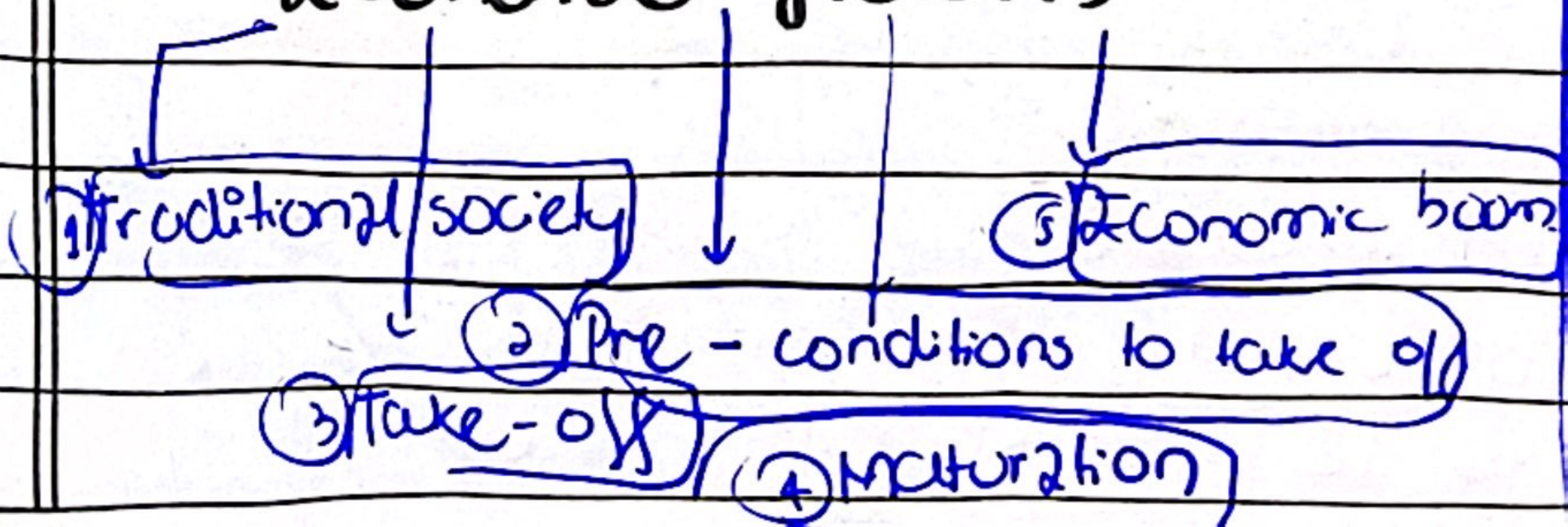
This rebellious undertone was the whole essence of the second wave of feminism as, women were now at there challenging

the stereotypes, calling the 'counterparts' out, which were 'men' in their case, this wave of feminism gave birth to the second wave of feminism.

3) 3rd Wave of feminism;

3rd wave of feminism ranges from 2010 - now onwards, it is the most playful among all as it embraces the chaos wholeheartedly, unlike the first two waves this wave intersects the modern essence with the technological innovations and globalization. Wallerstein, a renowned sociologist presented the theory of 'evolution' in a society as he dissects it into 5 stages.

Wallerstein's theory of Economic growth;



It collectively works on the prosperity of man and woman without making them each others adversaries. Liberal feminists peacefully claim their rights and happily coexist with men.

Guide of 'Islamic Teachings' on this pathway:

Islam is the fundamental religion of this state, therefore it is significant to see it in the teachings of Islam.

Islam: - the religion of peace has always emphasized on the peaceful coexistence of man and woman as it says:

And I made you from a man and a woman and divided you into groups and tribes so you may know each other.

Conclusion:

In these circumstances, the best possible pathway is the way of peaceful coexistence and that can

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Reasons for making Pakistan as the second-worst country for gender inequality; despite its commitment to international protocols:

Introduction:

Pakistan at the time of its inception was looking for a peaceful homeland where its men and women would live peacefully and flourish while being at each others side. Little did it know of the gender inequality awaiting for it.

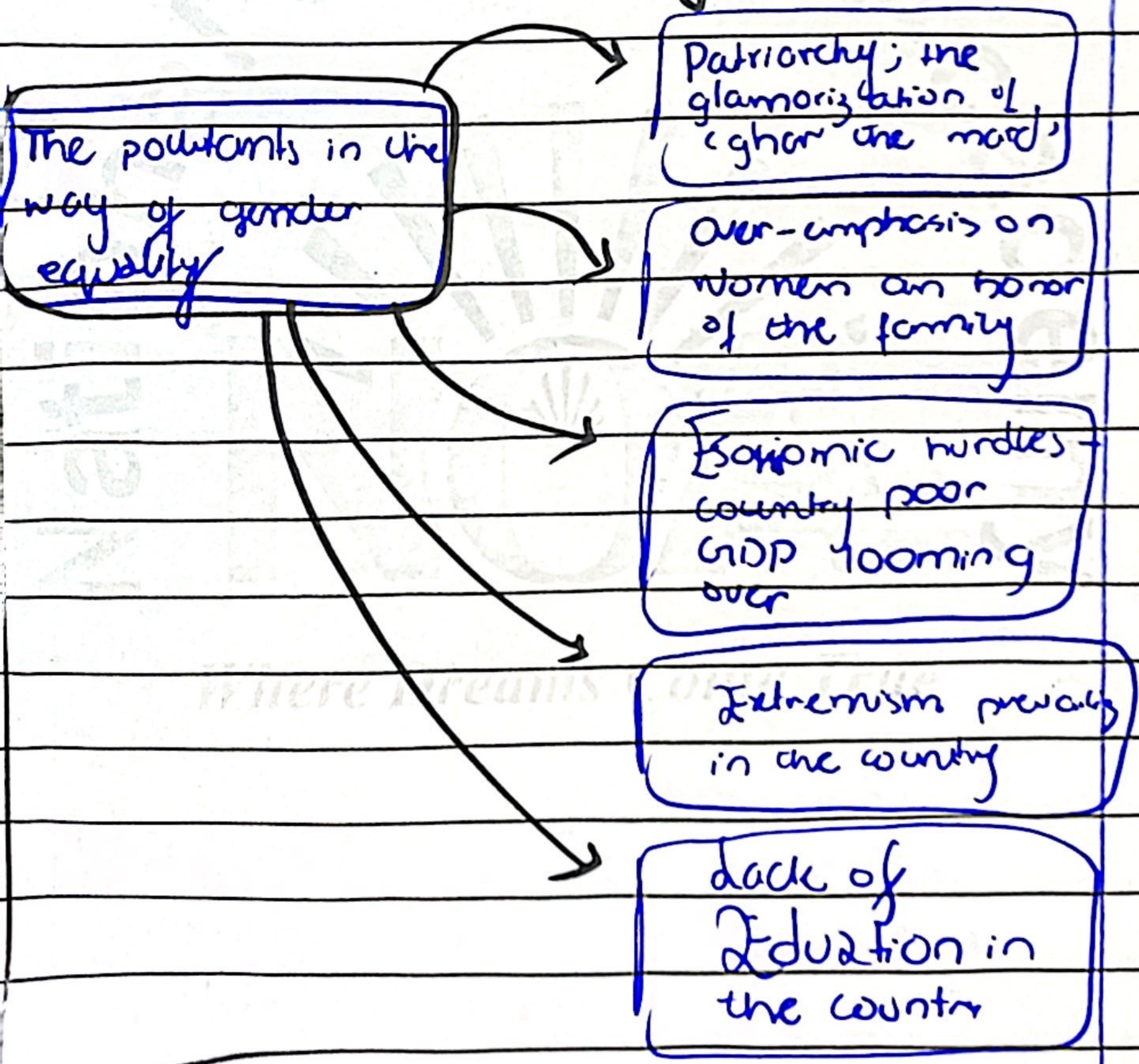
Pakistan's genesis is based on the teachings of Quran as: 'Islam is the bedrock and the anchor of Pakistan' (Quaid-e-Azam)

And Islam is the religion which empowered women and saved them from the shackles of ignorant Arab peninsula. Then if some things which are enshrined in the religion and the constitution of Pakistan should be abhorred at any cost.

Ironically, in Pakistan the same 'women

Pakistan's commitment to women empowerment but still there are some factors which have been acting as a parasite in the domain of gender equality.

Possible Reasons Strangling the gender equality:



empowerment falls short to such a terrible extent that it has made Pakistan:

The second-worst country for gender equality in the world.

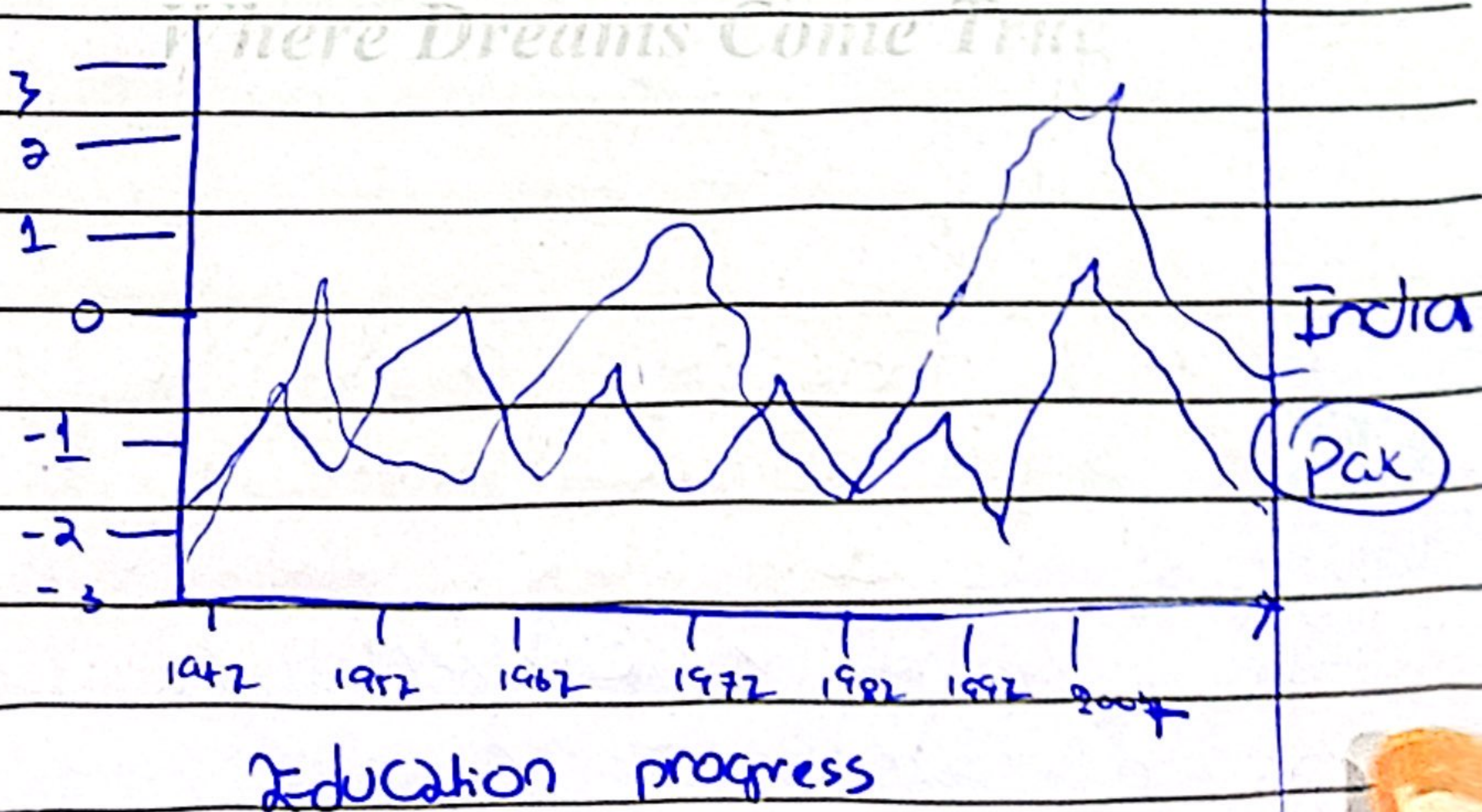
Articles of 1973 constitution a seek haven for women's disparity between theory and implementation.

Pakistan is the country which inherited tradition - penal system which descends to the Anglo Saxon Law as brought by the Britishers. ~~later~~ years later when country adopted the Islamic Law in the form of 'Haddud Ordinance' it made the respective country an 'Hybrid System'. This is what gave rise to a constant tug and pull between liberals and Islamic jurists. The articles ranging from 18 - 25 enshrining the fundamental human rights while Article 15: 'Right of the freedom of women' and Article 25: 'Making extra efforts of the national integration of women' in the form of reserving 60 seats for them in parliament does little

Lack of Education:

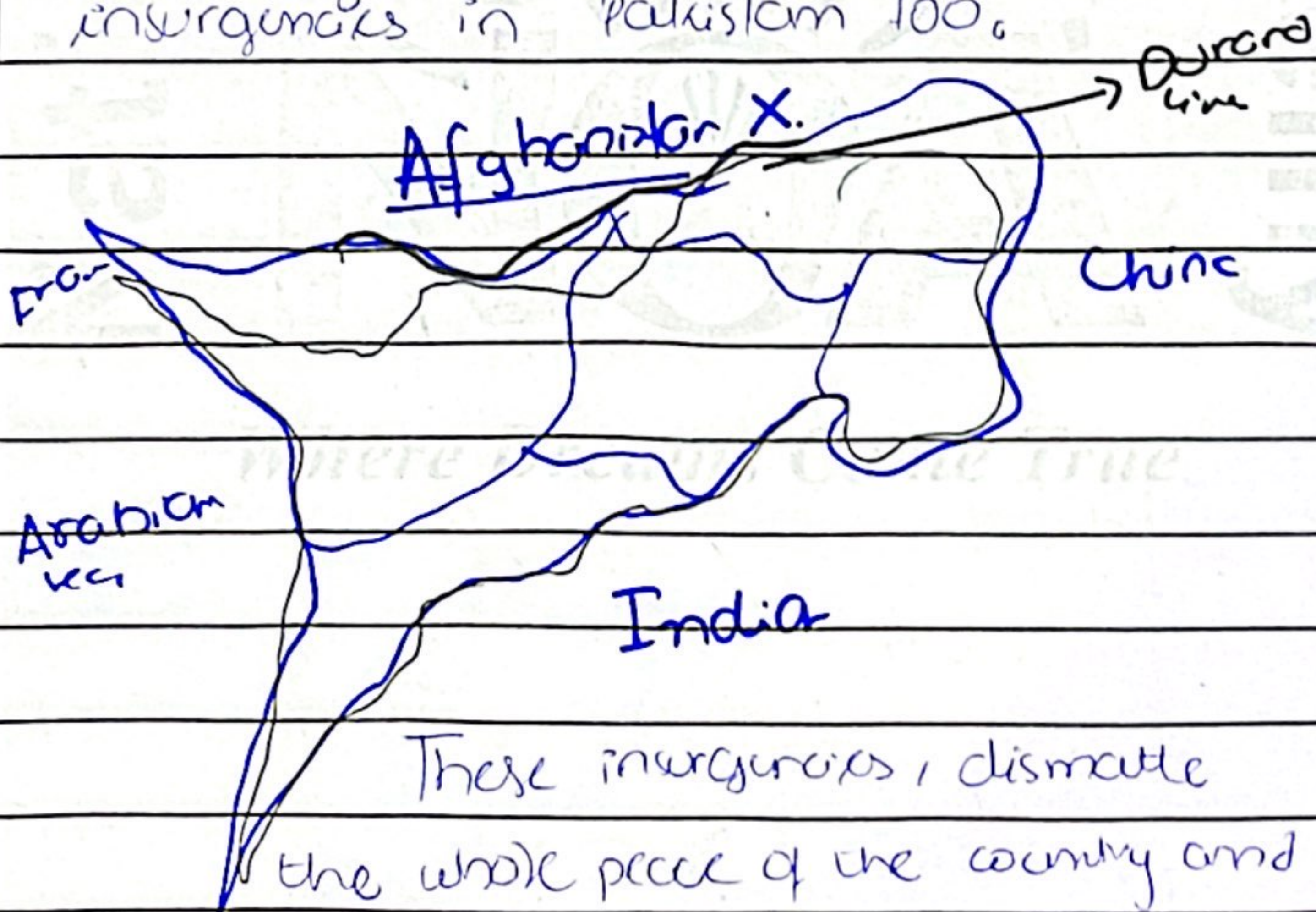
India introduced a reform in 2018; *Beti Bachao, Beti Bado* and to no surprise, opening the door of education did eradicate the evil of 'child sex' prevalent in the country. As education enlightens the minds and helps one discriminate between wrong and right, preaches that there is no harm in *NOT* conforming to the generational stereotypes and societal norms.

Pakistan however spends merely 2% of its GDP on education and 90% of the country's education system is running over foreign donations.



2) Extremism prevailing the Country:

Pakistan's location is very central to most of the problems which it faces. With India in the east, China in the north-east, Afghanistan in the west, it becomes a close neighbour to Afghanistan, which is a hub of terrorism and have consequently given rise to insurgencies in Pakistan 100%.



These insurgencies, dismantle the whole piece of the country and destroys the social fabric to which, the biggest casualty is the 'gender equality'. As country becomes 'unsafe' for women and leads to their confinement!

- 2). The Native
- A). Australia
- B). Amazon
- ✓ C). Califor
- D). Thai

Economic Hurdles - G. Bhanu:

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✓ Pakistan at the time of its inception

inherited a fractured territory, As K.K

Aziz calls it. The unequal division of

resources and land, left Pakistan with

no option but to invest - the harmful

resources on 'men' other than the

women because men were considered

a better option to capitalize than women

on the other hand were limited to

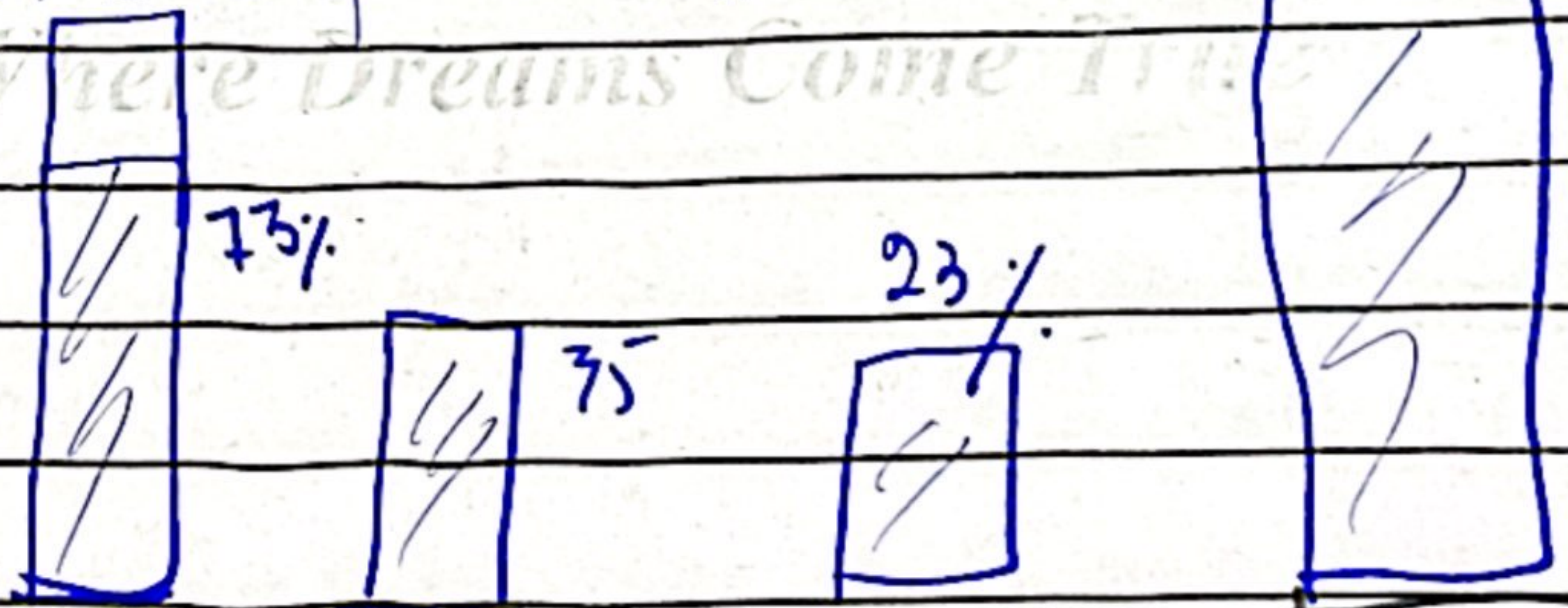
the four walls of the house. Mohatama

fatima jinnah was not considered a

potential candidate during her campaign

and her gender became a primary

reason to 'why she lost'.



Higher education
qualifier - women

Women in
Job

Men in
Job

4) Women an 'honor' of the family:

Women are mostly shutted down by the slogan 'Tum ghar ki izzat ho', not because the family does not want their women to prosper but because they think the society outside is not safe enough for women and in order to protect the honor of the family, they must keep them safe and — that is the pathwa to confining them and their independence.

Gilber captures the essence of this in his seminal text: **The Yellow**

wallpaper: which is the story of a woman who feels entrapped in the house and lives through that

suffocation by a 'yellow wallpaper'.

By looking at it she thinks someone

is confined in it but in true

essence that someone is her other

self.

This becomes a big hurdle to the empowerment of such women.

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Patriarchy; an other evil;

Patriarchy is a major evil in this context.

Pakistan is a male dominated society, women are generally intimidated to even step out of the house. From stepping out till reaching their destination, they are institutionalized to keep their 'guards up' because 'The society is bad'. It is oft-argued during controversial debates:

"Not all men but always a man."

This is the most-prevalent argument by the women who encounter any kind of abuse from a man.

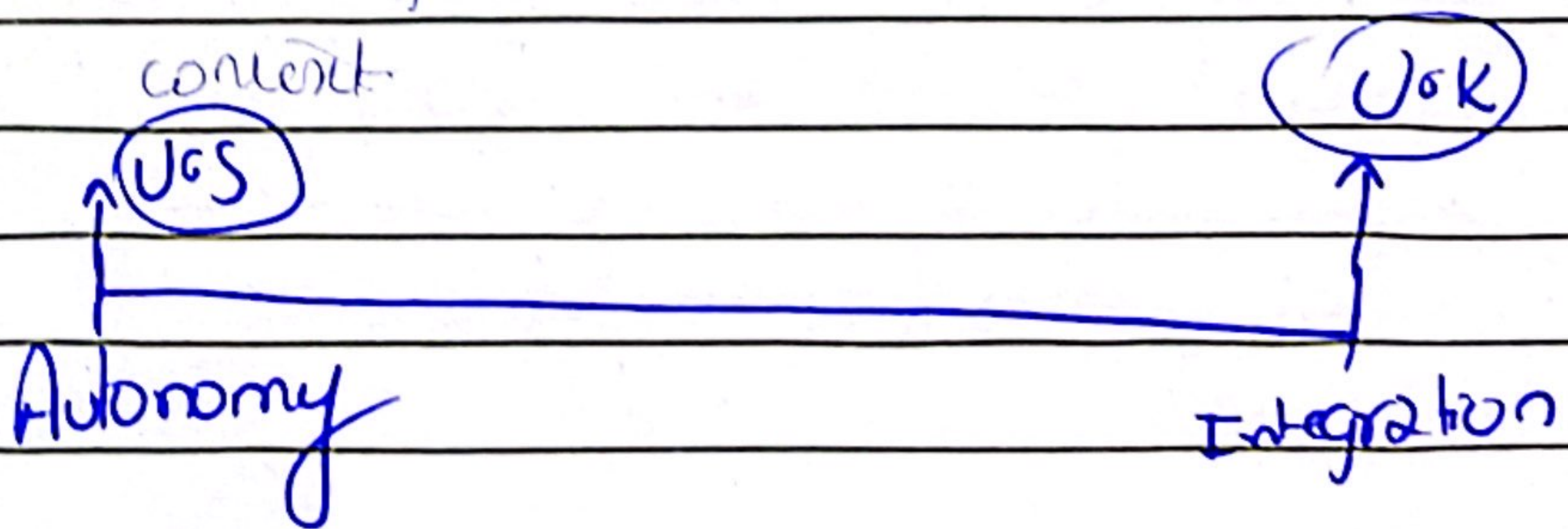
Conclusion: No doubt, Pakistan has always paid heed to international protocols and conventions safeguarding women rights, but the core problem lies at its own land. Pakistan has to look into its domestic issues to curb the evil existing in the pathway of gender equality.

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Autonomy vs Integration debate:

Introduction:

Autonomy versus Integration are two school of thoughts which represent two apart ideologies, while one focuses on the 'unity and integration' other advocates 'autonomy'. This debate can be seen in the light of women studies and gender studies, as women studies are centralized on women solely, giving them autonomy and "gender" studies unravels the other problems and genders too, making it more wholesome in its context.



Significance of autonomy versus integration debate in gender studies.

Gender studies is an interdisciplinary field as it is not limited to one dimension, in fact encompasses different horizons to its context making it more universal and globalized in nature. The debate of 'autonomy' and 'integration' is of high significance in the development of this field of knowledge as both the domains cater two different kinds of spectrum, both have their own benefits and cons too.

Autonomy debate:

Autonomy debate argues that 'women' must be existing and flourishing within their own spectrum, this is a reaction of those years of subjugation which women feel a prey to.

1) **Historical background:-** Back in the days of antiquity, women were the

central heads and were kept in supreme hierarchy, as the Greek mythology portray through the deities like 'Gaias' and 'Athena', they were portrayed in such embellishments and flowy breasts - becoming an epitome of celebration of female body. But when with setting of societies, men took over and completely threw women behind the periphery, making them the others. Building onto that discrimination, women reached to that point - where they were denied the access to the basic education.

As Virginia Woolf; encountered the utmost humiliation when Oxford closed its doors on her because she had come without any male figure. Her whining and cries can be heard when she said:

As a woman I have no country

This is the saga of 19th century, when so called 'modern age' was flourishing to the full.

Just a justification for choosing Antony:

Coming from that part, women of this school of thought were traumatized and afraid

losing the autonomy they finally have

The 'All women universities' a focus of it; The all-women universities like 'Lakshmi college for women' / 'Kinnaird college for women' stand still as a cornerstone of autonomy debate. They believe women can flourish better when are centralized in the setting and can overcome through the persecution which they went through from generations to generation.

U.S; is a big advocate of 'autonomy' is in the field of gender studies.

Integration Debate:

Integration refers to the the 'togetherness', this school of thought includes, men, women and the one who are 'nothing', queer, intersex - basically everyone to its horizon.

It unites all - one unit

It advocates
multilateralism

CHARACTERISTICS
OF THE DEBATE
OF INTEGRATION

It empowers
everyone

It does not
marginalize
anyone

Integration; the essence of modern age.

This debate encapsulates the essence of modern age, as the man in today's world is interconnected, the idea of isolation is an alien one, and the one who advocates unilateralism over multilateralism, is not accepted globally. It happened in the case of North Korea.

This school of thought in gender studies, underpins the discourse which give birth to a whole new range of 'gender', as it is no longer seen in the binary; male/female and female.

The rise of 'LGBTQ' is an epitome of the debate on integration; As it encompasses the slogans like:

'WE ARE QUEER AND WE ARE HERE TO STAY'

Religious Facet:

Butler claim that, it also opens its

diversification towards the religious facet-

mostly religions either monotheistic or polytheistic, promote peace and togetherness

and so this school of thought, if on the

vertical level focuses on the autonomy and

on the horizontal level it promulgates the

'autonomy of everyone' the Abrahamic

religion explicitly said:

O Adam dwell you and your wife
in the heaven and enjoy

This school of thought, that in more

wholesome and covers the broader sector

of the society, unlike the debate the

autonomy which is centralized on the

women solely.

Q Direct forms of violence
against women in Pakistan..

Introduction:

'Violence' refers to any kind of abuse which is coercive in nature and aims at hurting the counterpart. It does not necessarily have to be an evident sign as it expands to the domain of 'psychology' and emotions too.

As law, makes it clear that an offence is any conduct which meets the criteria of:

Mens Rea + **Actus Rea**

The same approach can be applied to register any form of violence too. Any violent conduct of coercion which involves mens rea → **intention** and Actus Rea → **Harmful conduct**, will fall under the domain of violence.

Types of Violence:

Violence is primarily divided into two main types

Direct violence

- Direct form of violence is more explicit and direct in nature. It can be through the use of force, any weapon or verbal abuse.

It is more recognizable, through the proofs and evidence.

- Slapping, pushing, kicking...

In-Direct Violence

In-direct form of violence is not evident and is 'in-direct' in its nature. It devises its way through emotional and psychological abuse.

It is not recognizable from the naked eye, as there are no physical evidences to justify this form of violence.

→ Black mailing, threatening, verbal abuse...

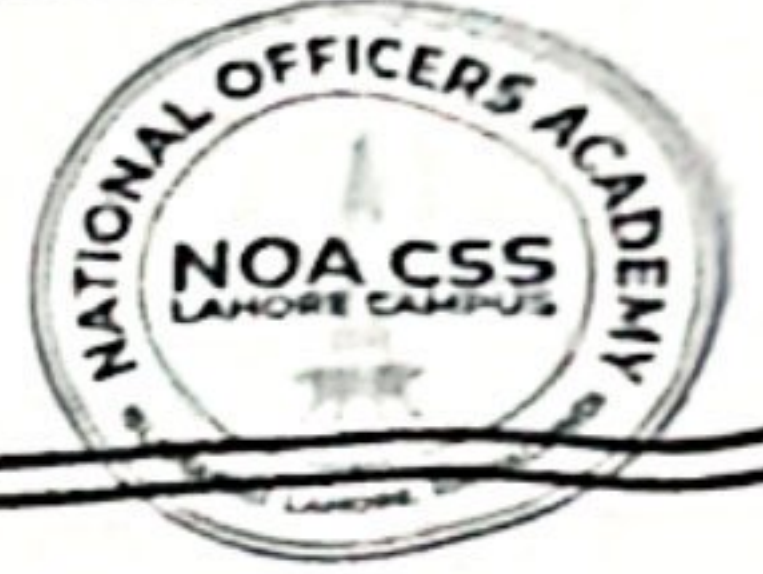
Direct forms of violence against women in Pakistan:

Pakistan is a tale where apparently there are enough laws and protocols to make it look like a safe haven for women but in actuality it is the second most unsafe country for women in the world. It is a country which:

likes two people holding guns than two people holding hands.

Apparently, there are laws enshrined in 1973 constitution which ensures the safety of women in the country in the fact of:

- 1) Article 15, Article 24, Article 17...
- 2) Pakistan is even a signatory of CEDAW (Convention on the elimination of discrimination against all kinds of violence on women)
- 3) It even participated in the 4 main conferences of U.N held for women in:
 - ① Mexico
 - ② Nairobi
 - ③ Beijing

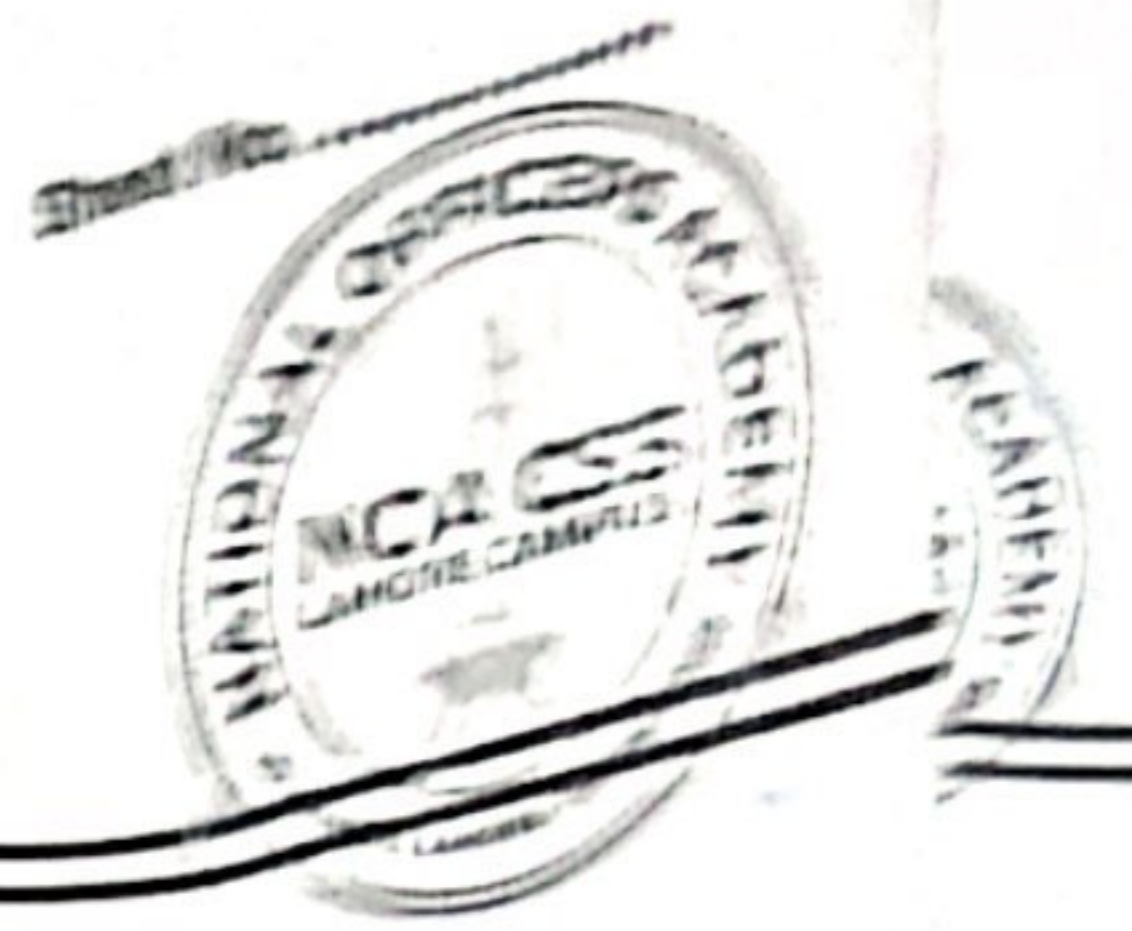


But in reality, Most of the abuses against women are considered 'personal'. There are no laws, against the marital rape, as the country simply does not recognize marital rape a legal matter. It speaks in volumes regarding the women position in the facet of justice. Following are the most evident forms of violence.

- Honor killing
- Child marriage (forced)
- Kidnapping
- Domestic Abuse.

Explanation:

Honor killing: Honor killing is the most evident among all. As per a report annually 50,000 women fall a prey to honor killing. The case study of Qandeel Baloch, stand tall in front of it, her brother indirectly killed her because she was bringing 'dishonor' to the family.



2) Child marriage:

Child marriage is under 18 years of age. Most of the girls are