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Different perspectives exist on gender. But the most important and in-depth perspectives are colonial and capitalistic perspectives of gender.

Colonial Perspective of Gender

Colonial perspective of gender belongs to the colonial time period. During it, the situation of gender inequality was worst.

Women - Second class citizen

Women were considered as the second class citizens. They were treated derogately by men.

Serving Men - Destiny of women

The sole purpose of the life of a woman is to serve man in the form wife, daughter, sister and mother. They were the puppets of men.

Economic Oppression

Women were oppressed economically. They were not allowed to work and earn for their family. All economic opportunities were closed for them.

No Permission For Education

The doors of education were closed on women. They were illiterate. They were restricted by their parents to acquire education because they think that education would betray them.

Vulnerable Health Situation

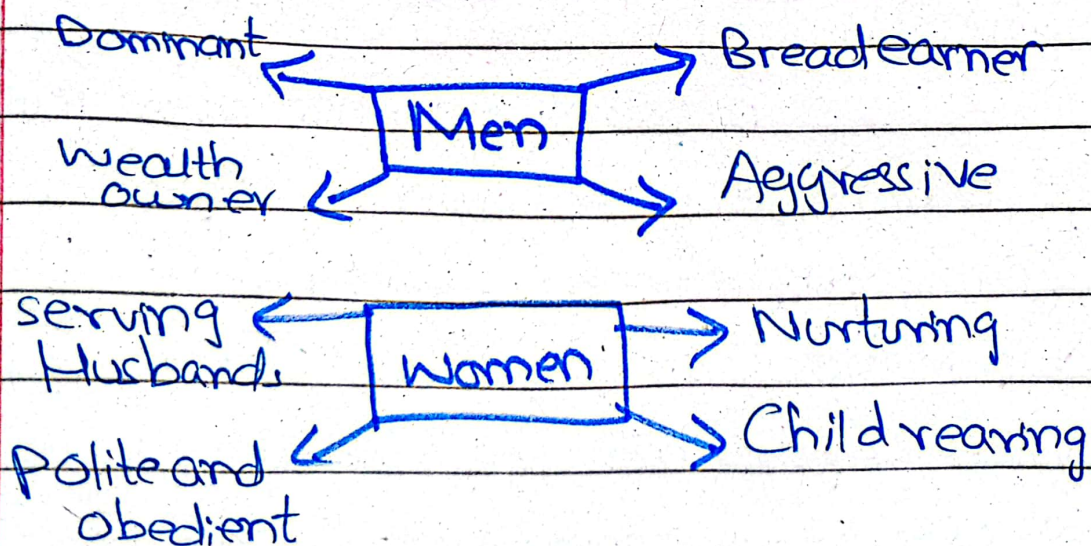
The health situation of women was deplorable. They were not allowed to get any sort of treatment from male doctors. Midwives usually death pregnancy cases. Due to in experienced mid-wives, maternal mortality rate was high.

Political Participation

Political participation was totally closed for women. They could not even cast their votes because men considered that women did not know anything about political domain, so they should not be allowed to cast vote.

Gender role Division

During colonial time periods, there was clear division between gender roles.



Domestic Violence

Domestic violence was common. Women were

beaten by their husbands

Man killed woman \Rightarrow Death penalty

Women killed Man \Rightarrow Burnt alive

The overall condition of women was very pathetic.

Demands of Women

Women were demanding the rights of health, education, safety from violence.

They wanted to get the right of vote.

Liberal Feminism Perspective

Liberal feminist demanded to root out gender inequality for improving deplorable situation of women. They were of view by giving equal status to men and women the colonial perspective of gender can be improved.

Capitalistic Perspective of Gender

Capitalistic perspective of gender emerged with the capitalism system of economy. According to this system, few people became the owner of wealth resources.

During this time, although woman position was improved a little but no major success was achieved.

Woman: Source of Cheap Labor

Women were considered cheap labor. Although woman started working but they earned less than men. They were paid less for some work performed by man.

World Bank report: Women are earning 77 cents less for every 1\$ earned by men.

Women: A reproductive Machine

Women were used as a reproductive machine to increase the number of population that can serve as labors for capitalists.

Unpaid labor of woman

Women were performing domestic chores and many other works. But, their labor remained unpaid.

Slave of the Slave

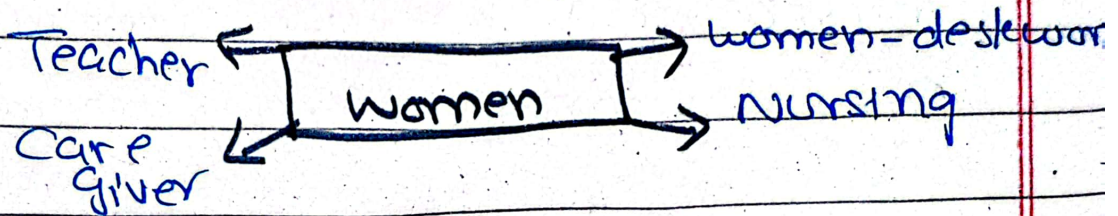
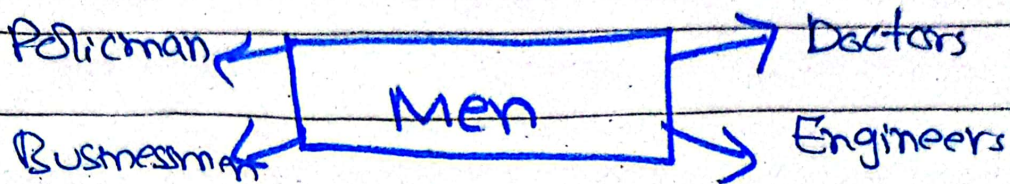
Men were the slave of capitalist men. While, women were treated as slave by the slave men. Women were doubly subjugated.

Domestic Violence

Women faced domestic violence. Men were treated

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bath by capitalists, which
when returned home, they
beat women to relieve their
pain.

Work Segregation



Radical and Marxist Feminism

Radical feminist advocated to root out patriarchy while marxist vowed to end capitalism for improving women situation.

Conclusion

Both capitalistic and colonial perspective of women manifest different forms of

gender inequalities that subjugated women.

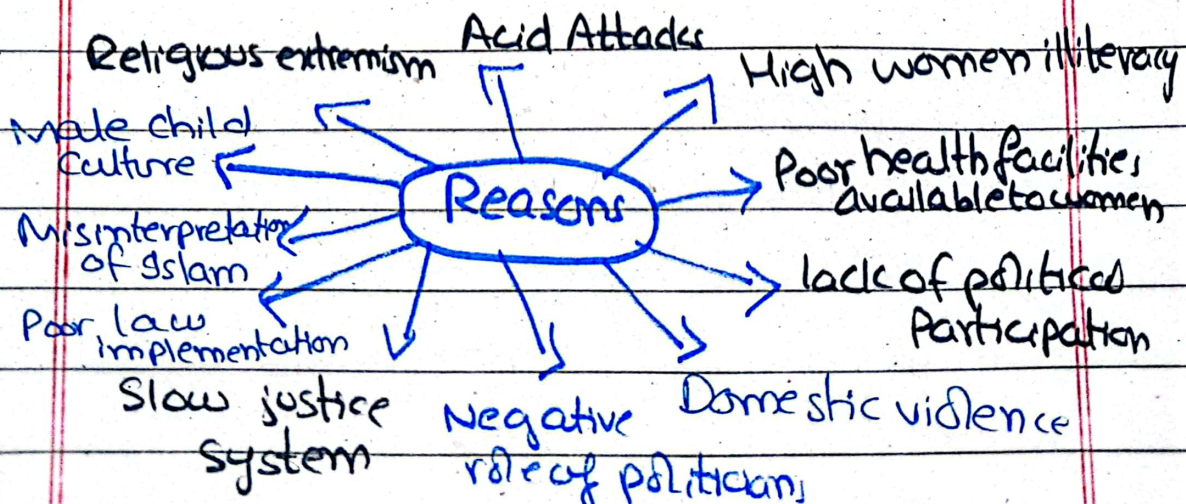
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Introduction

Pakistan is ranked as the second-worst country in the world for gender inequality. Although Pakistan has signed many International Convention commitments and has made strong commitment to gender equality in 1973 constitution.

Various factors are responsible for the deplorable situation of woman.

Reasons Responsible for ranking Pakistan as 2nd worst country for Gender inequality



High Women Illiteracy

High women illiteracy in Pakistan is one of the major hurdle in achieving gender equality in Pakistan, It unable women to become economically independent.

According to the Economic Survey of Pakistan 2023-24, male literacy level is 71.5% while female literacy is at 58.1%. This gap highlights the negative situation of Pakistan.

Poor Health facilities for women

In Pakistan, women are deprived of basic health facilities. It is resulting in numerous illnesses in the women of Pakistan.

Indicator	Pakistan Position
Maternal Mortality rate	186 per 1 lac live births
Breast cancer	1 in 9 women
Anemia	40% women anemic
Iron deficiency	1 in 3 women

Lack of Political Participation

There is a lack of women's political participation in Pakistan. It restricts them to reach parliament and do pro-woman legislation. In the 77 years history of Pakistan, only one woman "Benazir Bhutto" has become prime minister.

Domestic Violence

In the presence of domestic violence, it is difficult for Pakistan to achieve gender equality. According to UN Commission for Human Rights, 40% women in Pakistan are victims of domestic violence.

Negative role of Politician:

Pakistani politicians biased attitudes towards women is another hurdle of achieving

it seems difficult to

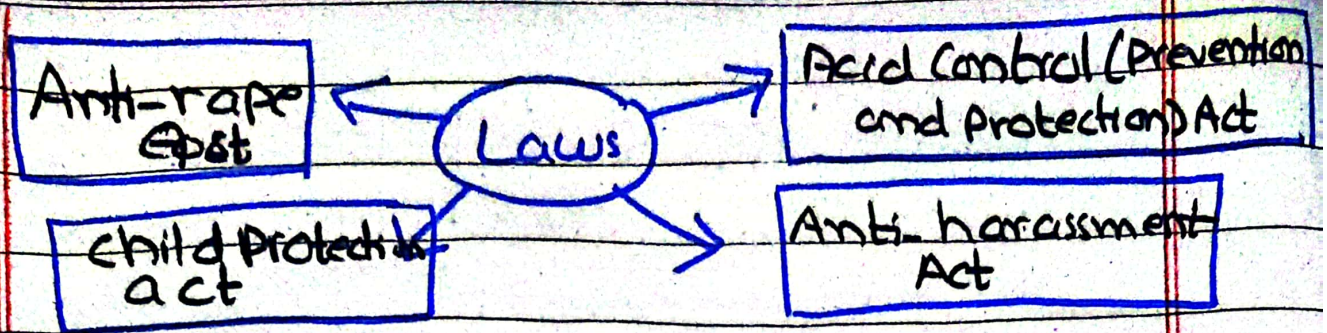
gender equality. The parliamentarian Khwaja Asif called Shireen Muzari "Tractor Trol" in Parliament. Such harsh comments of politicians represent their constricted mindsets.

Slow Justice System

Slow justice system has become a hurdle in the provision of timely justice to the women in Pakistan. The slow pace delivery of justice in case of Noor Muzamam case is the evidence of it.

Poor Law Implementation

Although, numerous laws have been made in Pakistan regarding the protection of women but they are not being implemented in the letter and spirit.



Mis-interpretation of Islam

In Pakistan, due to religious illiteracy a large chunk of the population of Pakistan mis-interpret Islamic teachings regarding women.

Contrarily, Islam has elevated the position of women, strengthened by calling it "a blessing for parents."

The Holy Prophet (PBUH) said: Acquiring education is mandatory for both man and woman.

It shows the openness in Islam for women.

Male child Desire

It is a major issue in Pakistan. People desire to

to have a mild child as a heir.
They keeping on reproducing
until and unless woman give a
birth to a son.

Mirahil - 22 year old girl in
Gujranwala was killed by his
husband and in-laws, for having
second time a daughter.

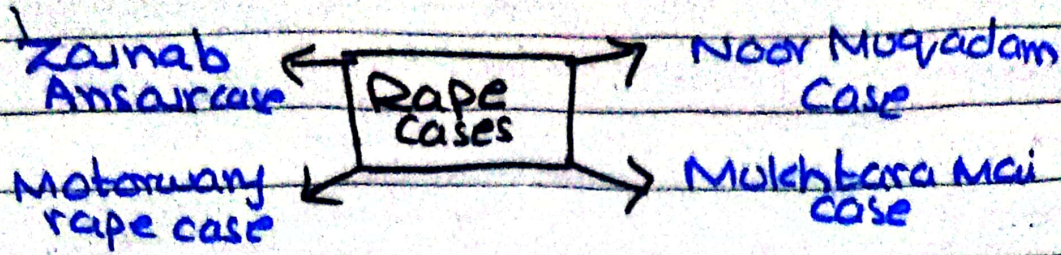
Religious Extremism

Religious extremism
is on high level in Pakistan.
Religious extremists have become
threatening for every woman who
wears jeans, raise voice for her
reproductive rights etc. They have
developed a combiscated environment
for girls.

Sexual Assault and Harassment

In the presence of
sexual assault and harassment,
it seems difficult to achieve

gender equality in Pakistan.



Pakistan has a long history of rape cases, which hinders women safety in Pakistan.

Conclusion

Due to the above mentioned reasons, Pakistan has failed to achieve gender equality despite being the signatory of International Conventions.

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Introduction

The autonomy and integration debate in gender studies have played vital role in the development of the field of knowledge. It is a strong

standing debate, still exist
in the world.

Arguments in the favour of Autonomy in Gender Studies

1) Holistic Understanding of Gender Studies

The proponent of this approach advocate that keeping gender studies as a separate subject enables students to get better understanding of all phenomenon related to genders.

Example

If it is integrated into economy, students don't get know the root cause of wage pay gap.

2) Better Analysis of Women issues

It makes the students to conduct a deeper analysis of the women issues like.

like gender base violence, gender discrimination, wage pay gaps, educational hurdles, sexual harassments etc.

Example

With the inclusion of case studies of Mukhtara Mai, Malala Yousaf zai, Sharmeen Obaid Chinasi in CSS optional subject of gender studies have enabled students to find out the causes and learn the sufferings faced by women in the society.

→ Build Theoretical Framework

Another important argument in favour of autonomy of subject is that it helps to build theoretical framework of gender related knowledge.

Example

Biological, psychological, social construction theories

In the gender studies are the manifestation of such theoretical frameworks that help to understand gender issues.

1) Raise Awareness among Public

As now many universities of the world are offering different courses in gender studies. It has raised awareness among the public. Before this people were only aware of women related issues to some extent now they have come to know that gender is socially constructed and men, women, intersex etc all face some form of discrimination in the world.

Example

Allama Iqbal University in Pakistan as well as Quaid-e-Azam University conduct seminars, discussions on gender related issues.

These universities are offering degree courses in gender studies.

→ Build International Cooperation

Keeping gender studies as a separate subject has also promoted international cooperation in its field. USA

Example

USA offer semester exchange program scholarships for developing countries in gender studies subject. It assists developing countries in improving their international standing.

→ Build Gender Studies experts

Another argument is that autonomy of gender studies enable the development of experts in the field of gender studies. These experts assist

policy makers to develop pro gender policies to end the gender discrimination.

Arguments in the favour of Integration of Gender Studies

- ~~Integration of Gender Studies~~
- Greater outreach of Gender issue

By integrating gender studies in other subjects, it will develop greater outreach of gender related concepts among the students. They view that less number of people opt gender studies in their degree programs due to social constraints, so most of the people remain ^{even} unaware of gender name.

Example

A survey was conducted in a Pakistani renowned university. Majority of the

students even did not know about the gender mainstreaming.

o) Great Outreach - Positive Chances of Bringing Social Change

When gender studies is integrated into other subjects chances of bringing social change will increase. It can bring the change in the societies regarding gender related issues.

It is rightly said:

"Majority is authority"

Moreover, keeping together is good; moving together is progress and working together is success. So, when all move together, woman and transgenders can be empowered like man.

o) Address roots cause of Gender issues

By integrating it into other subjects, it

make it easy to find out the root causes of gender related issues and address these causes in particular fields.

→ Prepare Students for dealing Gender Cases

By integration, it will help students to prepare for future. So, that they can easily handle gender related crisis and cases.

Example

When law students study about gender based violence, in their course of law. They will be in a better position to handle these cases in their practical life.

Conclusion

The autonomy and integration debate in gender studies has contributed a lot.

in the field of knowledge

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Introduction

World has witnessed the three major waves of feminism. These waves have played vital role in raising the issues of ~~sex~~ woman and intersex.

Pakistan can elevate socio-economic status of women by adopting feminist approach.

First wave of feminism

Origin

It is originated in 1920's and 1930's.

Term coined by

Frances Cobbes ^{coined the} termed of the first wave of feminism.

Strategy

The strategy of First wave of feminism was

known as Bloomer's strategy.
Slogan

At that time there was slogan that women are angel in the homes. But, feminist raised the slogan that woman are also angels even outside their homes.

Foundation

The foundation of first wave of feminism were:

1) Seneca Falls Convention

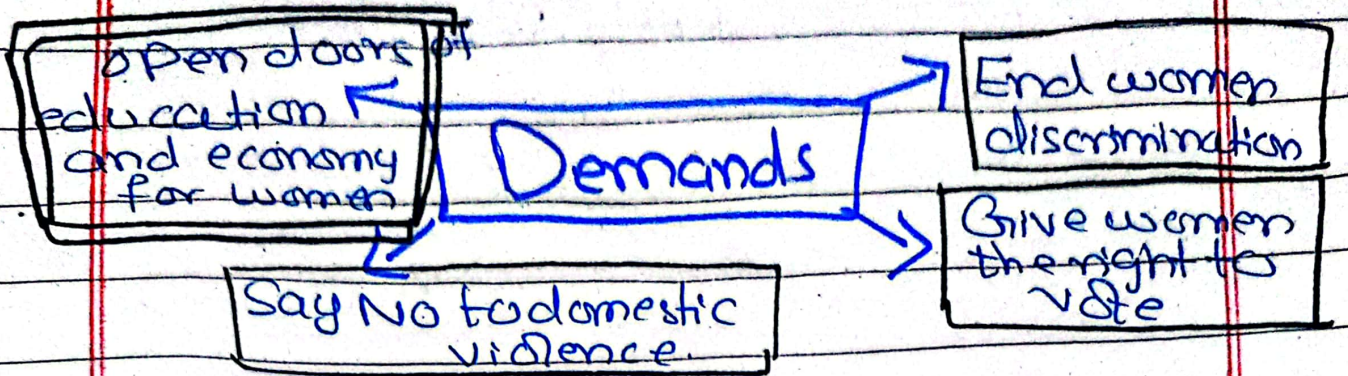
Seneca falls convention were held in 1848's in which declaration of sentiments was passed that raised the issues faced by women.

2) Vindication of The Rights of women

This book also served as foundation of 1st wave of feminism in which the violation of the women

women rights especially of education were highlighted.

Demands of First Wave of Feminism



Successes

-) In New Zealand, women were granted the right to vote in 1893.
-) USA granted right to vote to women in 1920 under 19th amendment.
-) Civil rights act was promulgated
-) Women issues get awareness of the world.

2nd Wave of Feminism

After the first wave of feminism, 2nd wave of feminism was emerged.

Origin

It was originated in 1960's.

Strategy

These feminists boycotted the feminine objects. They boycotted New York Fashion Show and walked a sheep on rampwalk to demonstrate their protests.

Moreover, they threw lipsticks, ~~cosmetics~~, make-ups etc in front of media and burnt them.

Slogan

2nd wave feminists raised the slogan that Personal is Political. It meant that all personal issues were of political nature.

so that must be raised
at political level.

Demands

End Patriarchy

During second wave
of feminism, radical feminist
emerged which demanded
the end of patriarchy to
upgrade women status.

Give Bodily autonomy

These feminists demanded
bodily autonomy.

Raise voice for reproductive right

They raised voice
for getting reproductive rights
of reproducing child, aborting
child etc.

Educational right

2nd wave feminists
demanded educational
rights for themselves

Notable Feminist

Simon de Beauvoir, Susan B Anthony and Kate Millet are notable feminists of 2nd wave

Successes

- Roe vs Wade case: Abortion was legalized
- 1973 Educational Amendment ended discrimination in education field
- 1965: Equal wage Act

3rd wave of Feminism

Origin

It is originated in 1980's

Strategy

They adopted the strategy of reoccupying feminine objects.

Slogan

They chanted the slogan that "political is not pleasurable."

Riott Girls

During 3rd wave of feminism, riott girls

which were punk singers raised the voices of different sexes through songs.

known as

3rd wave of feminism is also known as lipstichy and girly feminism.

Demands

- 1) They demanded to root out discrimination in economic, political and educational fields.
- 2) They wanted to eliminate intersectionality based discrimination.
- 3) They demanded women autonomy in decision making.

Success

- 1) 1992 was celebrated as year of women.
- 2) 1993 women rights act was promulgated.

In later years, many pro-women policies were adopted across the world.

Type of Feminism could Elevate Socio-economic status of women

In my opinion, Pakistan needs a combination of all types or hybrid form of feminism. Because women issues in Pakistan are multi-faceted.

Liberal Feminism

It will help to root out discrimination in the field of economy, education and health.

Radical Feminism

It will play important role in changing patriarchal nature of society and will root out patriarchy from the bud with the passage of time.

Marxist Feminism

Pakistan also needs it. Because due to capitalist economic system, capitalists and proletariat class has also developed in Pakistan. Women are the major victim of it. They have become the slave of the slaves of capitalists. So, this type will help women to get rid of economic subjugation.

Psychoanalytical feminism

It will help to bring psychological change in the mindsets of people. It will eradicate Oedipus complex among people and will control unconscious mechanism that give rise to gender violence.

Hence, by adopting a hybrid approach of feminism,

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Pakistan can elevate the
socio-economic status of
women.