

The future of Feminism? where do we go from here

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Essay

Quaid-e-Azam, Muhammad Ali Jinnah said, "No nation can rise to height of glory unless your women are side by side with you".

Feminism refers to the concept of giving women their due rights. As Quaid-

- e - Azam said, every nation needs their women shoulder-to-shoulder with men in order to progress in the world.

Women are about 50% of a population, their participation is essential in every field of life. One reason for the success of west is

women empowerment. Feminism is at its peak in the west and their women contribute equally with men for welfare of their state. Pakistan is a patriarchal society where feminism is against the manliness of men. The future of feminism is quite blur as women are

Considered timid and fragile and they're kept away from all important sectors of the state. This lack of feminism will eventually push us back economically and politically.

Firstly, the future of feminism in judiciary is dark. In the history of Pakistan, the first justice female justice of supreme court took oath in 2020 that was Ayesha A. Malik. In 2023, the second female justice of supreme court Musarrat Hudaib took oath. Out of 17

Justice judges of Supreme Court, only these two are female. The same trend is

followed among lawyers: one can observe a large number of male lawyers compared to female lawyers. Asma

Jahangir was the only female President of Supreme Court Bar Council. It's

very hard for a female lawyer to make her place in the male-dominated

Judiciary system. There been 1 or 2 female chief

Justice in Baluchistan and KPK High Courts but

there had been no female chief Justice of Supreme Court of Pakistan.

keeping all these in view, feminism appears a myth in judiciary of Pakistan and future of feminism is dark.

secondly, the future of feminism in politics of Pakistan does not seem bright. Looking at the history, Benazir Bhutto was the only and only female Prime Minister of Pakistan and Maryam Nawaz is the first chief Minister of Punjab and she is the only chief Minister in the history of Pakistan. Looking into the election 2024, for the National Assembly seats, number of female candidates was less than the

5% of total candidates and out of 265 successful candidates, only 11 were female. The similar pattern was observed in provincial assemblies. 1 female from Baluchistan and 2 females from Sindh were elected in their respective provincial assemblies.

To compensate for less number of women in legislature, government had introduced fixed quota for women.

The turnout of female are always less than the men in any election. The main reason for this disparity is the patriarchy where women are discouraged from engaging in politics. A female family

will always encourage its men to be participate in politics. Hence, future of feminism in politics is dark.

Thirdly, Feminism in civil services of Pakistan is far from reality. There are negligible amount of females in every executive sector. There had been no female IG (Inspector General) or Commissioner in the history of Pakistan. Every year, the number of male candidates passing the CSS - Central Superior Services - exams is much greater than

The female candidates. The reason is the same "patriarchy". In Patriarchal society, men are considered the bread earner and the family always prefer the boys to get education. In order to empower women, there is a fixed quota for women in CSS exams. In every department, the male civil servants outnumber the female counterpart. Thus, future of feminism is again dark in civil services.

Fourthly, coming towards sports sector, future of feminism is dull here as well. Although Pakistan has

women team for cricket and football, but there is a huge difference between salary, perks and privileges of a male and female player.

The female teams are just due to international pressure.

It is noteworthy a Pakistani female swimmer "Kiran Khan" ~~Ashfaq~~

has Guinness world record of holding 15 medals in one championship, except

her there is no world

famous female sports player

in Pakistan. Therefore,

future of feminism is

dull in sports sector.

Fifthly, moving towards social life in Pakistan where male dominance is maintained from generations, the future of feminism does not seem to glitter. Pakistan has patriarchal society following the patrilineal residence rule in which married couple lives with the husband's parents and household. Males are given more respect and prestige in the family as they're considered as the bread earners. If a parent supports the education of either a boy or a girl, it will be always a girl who would sacrifice. Moreover,

every important decision of the family is taken by male head of the family.

No doubt, women are given extraordinary respect, but they are considered weak, fragile and sensitive & emotional unable of decision-making. Thus, future of feminism is null and void here.

Lastly, social media is the platform where future of feminism seems bright.

Perhaps, social media and technology is not equally available for every citizen of Pakistan, but still it

can be the voice of women.

A large number of injustice, cruelty against women can

be reported via social media.

Social media plays the

pivotal role in today's

campaign for feminism.

Social media is tool for

security of women where

they can report and highlight

any immoral act committed

against her. Hence, the future

of feminism is quite

optimistic in social media.

To conclude, the future of

feminism is dark in

judiciary, politics, civil services

sports and social life.

while the future of feminism is bright in social media. The patriarchal society of Pakistan does not let feminism to make its position strong but there is always a silver lining in dark cloud. There is a ray of hope that male-dominancy will break soon and women will get their due rights. History shows a dark age for feminism but feminism is the vital demand of modern world. In order to break the chain of poverty, illitracay and other social problems, women must be brought forward to work shoulder-to-shoulder with men.