

Essay

Topic:

Is education the most effective tool for achieving gender equality?

Outline:

1. Introduction

1.1 Hook

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1.3 Thesis Statement: Education is the most effective tool for achieving gender equality by various ways.

2. Education is The most effective tool for achieving gender equality

2.1 Educated Parents play role in achieving gender equality by teaching this to their children.

2.2 Fair environment of educational institutes for all genders play crucial role in achieving gender equality.

2.3 Educational Curriculum at all levels play role in achieving gender equality.

2.4 Religious education alongside with worldly education teaches true

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- sense of gender equality.
- 2.5 Education makes equal economic Participation for all genders feasible.
- 2.6 Educated politicians play their role for gender equality in both legislation and executive.
- 2.7 With help of education one can be part of Judiciary and play role in gender equality.
- 2.8 Educated people in art have strong role in achieving gender equality.
- 2.9 Educated people in entertainment industry will shape people's narrative regarding gender equality.
- 2.10 Educated social media influencers play their part in achieving gender equality.
- 2.11 Religious Scholars having higher education can interpret true values of religion regarding gender equality in all contemporary issues.
- 2.12 Eventually, ordinary educated citizens will break gender stereotypes.

3. Conclusion

A great world leader, Nelson Mandela stated,

"Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world."

By saying this he conveyed the message that education has power to end all discriminations in the world.

Education is best used to curb gender discrimination in all its forms in all over the world. It starts its positive effects when educated parents teach their new generation the concept and fact of gender equality.

Environment in educational institutes and curriculum are also vital in this regard.

Fair economic participation for all genders also becomes

Possible because of education. To address this sensitive issue of gender inequality in this contemporary era, religious education also plays vital role. Only education enables a person to be part of politics, administration and judiciary and bring change in the society. It is evident that Education is the most effective tool in achieving gender equality by various ways.

To start with, educated parents comes first who teach their children gender equality. They promote this notion of gender equality not just by words but also by actions. They teach them that all human beings are created equal. Educated parents also avoid gender discrimination in

their own family by treating their sons and daughters equally. So, once gender equality is achieved in a family, it will be achieved in a society, country and in the world too. And it all is possible by educated parents.

Famous actress Nadia Jamil is a great human rights and women rights activists. She says that it became possible because her parents were educated. So, educated parents teach gender equality to their children and educate them too to achieve gender equality.

After a home with educated elders, educational institutes come second to promote gender equality. There is a just and fair environment for girls, boys and transgenders in all

educational institutes which inculcate gender equality in their minds and eventually in the society. As in universities both boys and girls can be class representatives, setting a clear notion of gender equality. This environment plays crucial role in achieving gender equality.

At Third comes the educational curriculum which contains lessons of gender equality. Curriculum contains or involves both curricular and extra curricular activities. This curriculum is made in a way to promote gender equality. The appreciations and recognition of all men, women and transgender achievements are highlighted in textbooks is a good example of this. In this way the curriculum at all

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educational levels promotes gender equality.

when children learn both religious and worldly education then they become able to understand the true values of religion. The religion itself promotes gender equality. In islamic religion, Allah has mentioned this in Quran and it is interpreted as, "We have created all men and women equal." The basic foundations of islam and many other religions are based on gender equality.

So, religious learning has its own role in promoting gender equality.

By getting education, people from all genders ^{can become} are able to participate in economic activities. By economic participation, they will

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have fair decision making powers.
In Global Economic Forum
GEF or gender equality, Pakistan
ranked last because in
Pakistan literacy rate is low,
women participation in economy
is also very low. It can
be reversed by education
only. Because, education will
enable women to participate
in economy and it will
be a great step towards
achieving gender equality.

Education enables a
person to ^{participate in} elections and
become politician. A politician
can play great role in
gender equality by proper
legislation and administration
regarding this. The politicians
can bring real change and
one can be this powerful by
education only. Begum Rana
Liaquat Ali Khan founded

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All Pakistan Women Association (APWA) which played a great role in gender equality. She was able to do this and bring change, only because she was qualified enough.

The third tier of country or government is Judiciary, which has supreme role in promoting gender education. One can be part of judiciary and bring real change by education only. When women becomes high qualified and become judges, they represent their gender and play crucial role in achieving gender equality. The example in case is Justice Ayesha Malik who declared "the two-finger test" in rape cases as illegal, unconstitutional in Pakistan. She brought this

change because of her education.

Then come those people who are highly popular in art and writing like Umera Ahmad and Nimra Ahmad. People follow their narratives. When these people are highly educated they use their sphere of influence by writings and work which promote gender equality. The famous example is of fictional story "The Henna Artist" by Aika Joshi. Such writings by educated and progressive writers have huge role in shaping public perception about gender equality.

when educated people come in entertainment industry they shape public opinion about gender equality. So, education is a tool in all fields to promote

gender equality. Priyanka Chopra a famous indian actress and many others use their voice to achieve gender equality by their sphere of influence. Educated actors and actresses play major role in promoting gender equality.

In this era of social media, social media influencers can have huge role in promoting gender equality only if they educated themselves. They can set and breaks norms by their social media influence. Actor

Ameer gilani is not only an actor also a highly qualified lawyer and an instagram influencer, who uses his voice to break gender stereotypes and promote gender equality.

Highly qualified religious scholars have pivotal role in promoting gender equality in society. When rapes, honour killings and other kind of gender apartheid happen these scholars can play their role by interpreting real values of religion. They can crush all kind of gender based religious misconception. People believe them too, because they are qualified and prominent scholars. **Nauman**

Ali Khan is such a progressive and highly qualified religious scholar who guides muslims and the whole world towards achieving gender equality. Their voices contribute a lot in achieving gender equality.

After having all these precedents set, a time will come when

ordinary citizens will become brave enough to break all kind of gender stereotypes. This will happen only when they are educated. They will shatter old norms and set new ones based on gender equality. The point in this case is Jaqueline Pereira, a Brazilian woman who despite being a mother and working in various site jobs, became an mechanic for a large project. This shows the power of Education which gives awareness and courage needed to achieve gender equality.

In a nutshell, Education is the best tool to achieve gender equality in the world. Because of power of education people become part of legislatures.

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executive and judiciary tiers of government and do a lot to bring change regarding gender equality. People in arts, entertainment, social media, religious activities can promote gender equality in best possible way when they are highly educated. Education gives awareness and courage to break normal gendered stereotypes. This can be manifested by this quote of Leo Buscaglia,

"Change is the end result of all true learning."

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