

TOPIC: Is Education The most effective tool for achieving gender equality

(1) Introduction

thesis: Education is the most effective tool for achieving gender equality.

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

a Individual level analysis

- (i) Education eliminates the ingrained patriarchy.
- (ii) Education remove gender based stereotypes and tags
- (iii) Education sustained gender based violence

(b) Domestic level Analysis

- (i) Education ensures economic equality.
- (ii) Education ensure equal participation in politics and governance.
- (iii) Education ensure equal access to health and its awareness

(C) Global Level Analysis

- (i) Education helps in equal representation of women in global institutions
- (ii) Education remove gender based inequalities in global supply chain
- (iii) Education promote female image of women in global media

(3) Conclusion

"Education is the most powerful weapon through which you can change the world"

(Muhammad Ali Jinnah). Gender equality refers to system, perception, attitude in which genders treated equal in every perspective. Today, gender equality awareness is rising through different means including addition of gender related education and departments in the universities, quick dispersion of gender related violence on social media, and emergence of different waves of feminism. All these tools are playing an effective role to promote gender equality. However, the most effective tool for achieving gender equality is the education. Education is the practical tool because it does not only

Promote gender equality, but also raise the consciousness in human by which gender equality is possible. It aware, promote and extant gender equality at all levels. It eliminated internalised patriarchy or gender based stereotyping and violence at individual level.

Domestically, it practically give the way by which economic, political and health care equality is possible. Equal representation of genders at different global institution is possible through education, and elimination of inequalities in global supply chain and the image of global equality by global media is possible through education.

First, at individual level, the internalised patriarchy because of

which women themselves consider inferior to men, is eliminated. For example, when both men and women are equally educated these would be no source through which men could consider as superior to women. Countries like Finland, Switzerland have high education level which results in gender equality in these countries. Hence for education is the means by which gender equality is possible.

Furthermore, there are certain stereotypes in which women are considered to be weak, emotional and vulnerable to men. All these stereotypes are due to less education or uneducated people. Today, women like Mala Yousuf Zai, Maryam Nasir

and Benazir Bhutto fight against these stereotypes with the help of their high level of education and prove that women are not weak, emotional and vulnerable. Additionally, women are tagged as family's honour and any mistake by women is considered as envious against family honour. This labeling exists in China like honour killing. All these tags which are given to women are due to illiteracy and ignorance. When education is used as tool to remove all these tags and every human get enough education these will be enough consciousness at individual level by which gender equality is possible.

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Education is useful tool not only for eliminating stereotypes and tags. But it also a most effective tool to destained genders based violence. In countries like Pakistan, 2 million children are out of school in which half is the number of girls. which ultimately become the reason of gender based violence in the country. ~~that is in~~ Pakistan 36% women face gender based violence from their partners and 56% women do not want to raise their voices, According to UN women, Women face violence and are frightened to speak up is because they are not aware of their rights. Therefore whenever and wherever education exists is low gender equality cannot be achieved. Hence, education is the

most effective way to achieve gender equality.

As above discussion shows how education and gender equality is correlated at individual level and how education is an effective way to ensure gender equality, the below discussion shows how education is an effective tool at domestic level to achieve gender equality.

Education is the tool by which economic equality of gender is possible. When men and women both are equally qualified and have similar skills on the basis of their education, they compete on same level, and get equal

opportunity for employment and other career development opportunities

In Pakistan, 20% of the women are involved in invisible work which is mostly under paid, according to UN Women and most of the women are working ^{as labour} in hazardous working ^{as} environment due to the lack of higher education.

In Pakistan 60% of women are dependent for their men on their partner, according to UNDP report 2024. These women are mostly uneducated or never get a chance to go to schools or colleges. Therefore gender equality is not possible without education, as education is the most effective tool for achieving gender equality.

Along with achieving economic equality, education is also a meaningful tool to achieve political and governance participation equality. In the National Assembly of Pakistan, 18 seats are reserved for women and there are different quotas for women to participate in political activities. However, women often face discrimination as they are considered to be less educated & less qualified to enter the politics and governance on quota basis not on competence basis, which results in the elimination of women from decision of policies. Therefore education is necessary tool to achieve gender equality.

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Besides equal participation in politics and governance, education is most effective tool to achieve equal access to health care facilities. In countries, like Pakistan 10% women died due to severe health care issues during pregnancy. These women do not have access to required health facilities and medicine. Most of these women and their family members are living in the rural areas and are uneducated. They do not have enough awareness of maternal health issues and the absence of health facilities in the rural areas become the reason of killing of these women. Hence achieving equal access to health is not

possible without education
because education is the most
effective way to achieve gender
equality.

Education is the most effective
tool at the global level too.
The below given discussion shows
how education is most effective
tool at global level.

Globally, education is the most
effective way to achieve equal
representation of women in
global institution. According to
UN Women, only 2% women
are present in the global
institution. In Institution, like UN, IMF
and WB, often there are no
representation of women or hardly
2. to 3 women are presented

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as tokenism to show the gender equality in the global institution. Due to lack of education and awareness, women are reluctant to enter or to participate in the global institution. From developing countries not even single women enter in these global institution due to lack of education and qualification. Therefore, to achieve gender equality education is the most useful tool.

Along with this, education is also a most useful tool to remove inequalities from global supply chain. Due to insufficient education and qualification most of the women around the world are exploited

In the global supply chain. In India and Bangladesh women face hazardous working conditions in the industries, according to UN Women. In gulf countries women are forced to do extreme labour work as they do not have enough education to be qualified in well structured jobs. Therefore to achieve gender equality in global supply chain and overall equality education is most effective tool.

~~Go~~ In addition to this, globally, in global media women are presented as sign of beauty. which promote women as symbol of physical beauty through which women is appreciated, under-mining the intellectual capabilities

for example advertisement use by different companies show how beautiful women get success.

Advertisement of fair and lovely was well known example in

which success criteria for women was defined by her skin colour not capabilities. However after awareness and education the promotion of women on beauty standard is decreased to certain level. for example life boy is now promoting women education instead of women beauty. Therefore education is most effective way to change the dynamics of global media regarding gender equality and it is the most effective tool to achieve gender equality globally.

Conclusively, education is most

effective and practical way to promote and achieve gender equality. Education make gender equality a possible target to achieve. It is the education which ensure gender equality on individual level in which it prove how education eliminates internalized patriarchy, stereotypes, tags and gender based violence. Education is also a most significant tool to remove all discrimination at domestic level and with the help of it economic, ^{equality} political & governance participation and equal access to to health is possible. With individual and domestic level, at global level education is most effective tool by eliminating discrimination in global institutions, promoting

positive image of women and remove inequalities from global supply chain. In the developing and under developed countries where gender parity largely exist require fundamental educational reforms to ensure equality in education at all levels. The states of these countries should provide different educational opportunities like scholar ships, foreign exchange program and online educational and training opportunities so that every gender should have equal access to education through which gender equality is possible.