

4. IS EDUCATION THE MOST EFFECTIVE TOOL FOR ACHIEVING GENDER EQUALITY?

ANSWER # 4

OUTLINE

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3. Deconstructing the word gender.
4. Understanding gender equality.
5. Arguments for Education is not the most effective tool for achieving gender equality.
 - (a) Economic access is equally important.
 - (b) Participation in politics and civic engagements.
 - (c) Access to Health is necessary.
 - (d) Inclusion in sports.
 - (e) Role in Media.
6. Expected counter arguments for Education is not the most effective tool for achieving gender equality.
 - (a) A most effective tool for achieving gender equality
 - (i) Provide awareness.
 - (ii) Boost morale.

- (b) Lack of education: A big hurdle to achieve gender equality.
7. Rebuttal for expected counter arguments
Even Educated societies lack gender equality.
8. Conclusion

Gender equality refers to equal access to opportunities, rights and resources for every gender. Education is one of the effective tool for achieving gender equality. It provides awareness regarding rights, resources and opportunities. It also boost morale to end gender disparities, so, lack of education is a big hurdle to achieve gender equality. However, Education is effective tool but it is not the most effective tool for achieving gender equality. Other factor like ^{equal} economic access, participation in politics and civic engagement also play an important effective tool. Similarly, Equal health access, Inclusion of each gender in sports and role in

media also act as a catalyst to achieve gender equality. It is evident that even educated societies lack gender equality.

"Judith Butler" deconstructed gender in his book "Gender trouble" as "Gender is a socially constructed identity". She further added that it is tried to make the role fixed through repetitions actions. Male, female and intersex are the sexes which are biological while masculine, feminine, transgender are the examples of gender. Gender is fluid so it can change.

Gender Equality refers to equal rights for each gender irrespective to their sex. It is the fifth sustainable development goal. So, it is necessary to have gender equality for sustainable development agenda 2030. Equal rights refers to equal access to education, health, politics, sports, opportunities, finances and in all other platforms.

Education is not the most effective tool for achieving gender equality.

because other areas are equally important to act as a catalyst for achieving gender equality. Like education. As access to production and finances is limited to many gender so gender equality is unable to achieve without equal access on economic forums. With this access every gender will empowered and serve globally. In many countries transgenders are not given equal access to jobs and businesses.

Similarly, like education, participation in politics and civic engagement is also valuable in attaining gender equality. Participation of every gender in politics will help them to raise their voices where actual work is possible so through these platforms there are majority of chances to achieve gender equality. Mostly politicians are men so they lead to patriarchal society. In Pakistan, leaders like Fatima Jinnah and Benazir Bhutto have worked to

reduce gender disparity.

Furthermore, after participation in politics, equal access to health is also effective tool for achieving gender equality. As many genders specially women lacks autonomy over their bodies. Due to this maternal mortality has increased. If healthy individual is more prone to get their right but lack of access to health is less likely to make an individual healthy. Maternal and Child ^{health} care (MACH) continues to decline in patriarchal societies and developing countries are evident to it.

Moreover, along with access to health, inclusion in sports is also necessary. For achieving gender equality, it is necessary that every gender must be included in sport and they join them as per their interests. But it is evident that criteria are set for sport which also include which gender will join which sport. so, general inclusion in sports help to achieve gender equality. Sana mir becomes the first Pakistani

cricket to have 100 wickets in one day women matches. so every gender can perform well if they have equal opportunities.

Lastly, after inclusion in sports role of media is essential and plays an effective tool for achieving gender equality. As this is an technological & advanced era so ending gender disparities and achieving gender equality media's role is significant. It can help to raise the voices of unheard which ultimately helps to end the violence. But, unfortunately due to access to media, it is mostly occupied with patriarchal mindset. Media portrays women to enhance soft image of a country so it has also the ability to change patriarchal mindset.

So, after discussing the arguments regarding education is not the most effective tool for achieving gender equality. Some people have views that education is the most effective tool for achieving gender equality. Hence expected counter arguments are discussed one by one.

Education is the most effective

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tool for achieving gender equality. It provides awareness which ultimately realizes a person's rights regarding his rights. Once a person understands his rights he is able to work to achieve those.

Hence gender equality is achieved. Education access is a fundamental right that should be given irrespective of gender.

“Seeking knowledge is obligatory”
(Al-Hadith)

Another important reason that makes education is the most effective tool for achieving gender equality is it boosts morale. Society built on a good morale will never let the unjust to anyone irrespective of gender so in this way gender equality can be achieved. It helps a person to grow intellectually and far beyond patriarchal thoughts.

On the other hand lack of knowledge considers a big hurdle for achieving gender equality. In Pakistan almost 2 million ^{max girl} child ~~girl~~ less ~~more~~ less likely to go to school as compare to boys. Like wise more girls are out of schools (about 26% per year)

as compare to boys (about 171%). This is the example of Pakistan but it is actually the condition of even most of the developed countries. Hence equal access to education is equally important for achieving gender equality.

However, it is evident that even educated societies lacks gender equality. A girl and a boy after getting same degree from the same institute do not get equal opportunities, equal pay and equal rights. Even after getting education, girls did not get the right to do job as per their interest. Educated girls are supposed to marry and take care their family only which is responsibility of both a boy and a girl. Hence, education is a effective tool but it is not the most important tool for achieving gender equality.

In nutshell, Education plays the effective role for achieving gender equality. As it provide awareness regarding rights and boost morale, which ultimately helps in achieving

gender equality. ~~and~~ Lack of education is a hurdle for achieving ^{gender} equality. However, education is not the most important effective tool for gender equality. Other areas also act as a catalyst for achieving gender equality and are equally important. Like equal access to finances, health, participation in politics, inclusion in sports and role of media play^{as} an equally effective tool for achieving gender equality.

