

Topic: Transgender Identity and family Dynamics: Complexities of Acceptance and Rejection.

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In traditional, backward and religious societies like Pakistan, the concept of rights regarding Transgenders or LGBTQIA+ people are not established equally among the transgender or LGBTQIA+ persons and normally perceived gender persons. A transgender person is treated as a curse in such a society which considers it a bad and unnatural man. It is a biological abnormality occurred during the formative stage of an embryo in the female womb. In fact, the person is born in such a way. As a citizen or a human being they are and should be entitled to have the same and equal rights like other citizens or human beings have in the society or in a country provided by the law of land. However, now a days the issue of transgender or LGBTQIA+ and gender identity is popular growing in the young generations. Young people choosing the identity whatever they like which is causing a problem for a society.

The transgender is a part of the whole gender identities which is known as LGBTQIA+ i.e. lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex and questioning. The transgender identity is properly recognized in some

Countries which are mostly western countries while the Islamic countries like Pakistan and Saudi Arabia and some other countries identify the transgender persons but it is still considered to be a taboo or a social stigma is attached to it.

Pakistan being a religious country has religious customs and norms which prohibit or dislike transgender or LGBTQ+ people because they are different from others and born with a biological fault. Moreover, there is always discrimination and disapproval of the transgender and LGBTQ+ people or community in our society. The transgender people or community usually do not get jobs easily in an office, or proper education, proper health care and proper protection according to the law of the country.

As far as the rights of transgenders are concerned, the state tried its full to give the basic fundamental right to a transgender person. The Pakistan Constitution, 1973 gives fundamental rights to all the citizens and people regarding sex, race, colour or caste. Further, there is an act known as transgender person (protection of rights) act 2018 which protects the rights of transgender.

The Act says that the rights of transgender are protect i.e. ensures transgender people's fundamental rights to inheritance, education, employment, vote, hold public office, health, assembly and access to public space and property. Moreover, it confirms that they should enjoy all the rights which are guaranteed to a normal citizen.

However, transgender people are treated differently, at least on paper. Pakistani citizens who are transgender or a member of the third gender are a recognized minority group and thus entitled to certain civil rights. According to a report which was released by International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGBTIA and Europe ILGA) stated that, 45% of Pakistani think that transgender and other identities should enjoy the same rights as straight people do; while 36% disagrees and rest are undecided. In addition 42% think that they should be protected in workplace and discrimination. Furthermore 49% of Pakistani think that transgender should enjoy all fundamental rights and 51% believed that they should be protected in workplace and 44% thinks that they should

be allowed for change their legal gender.

The Gender identity refers to each person's deeply felt internal and individual experience of gender, which may or may not correspond with the sex assigned at birth time, including the personal sense of the body (which may involve, if freely chosen, modification of bodily appearance or function by medical, surgical or other means and other expressions of gender, including dress, speech and manners. This is enforcing that in present time, a person can change its gender identity as he/she wants to do it. we cannot judge a person by its name or appearance or to a gender.

According to United Nations Human Rights, the gender diverse is used to refer to persons whose gender identity, including their gender expression, is at odds with what is perceived as being the gender norm in a particular context at a particular point in time, including who do not place them in male/female binary. The more specific term 'trans' is used to describe persons who identify with a different sex than the one assigned to them at birth. It simply means that, now a day, changing the gender it is in the

hand of that specific person. The gender, is nature and modified. Some people born as transgender, some does the modification and change the gender.

The 'trans', a gender identity and umbrella term for people whose gender differs from, or does not sit comfortably with in, the gender they were assigned at birth. According to the international organisation known as Amnesty, A trans woman is a woman who was assigned male at birth. A transgender woman 'lives as a woman at present time, but was thought to be male when she was born.

A trans man, a person who was registered as female at birth but who lives and identifies as a man.

As far as families and the acceptance is concerned, some families accept the transgender and some not mostly the open-minded liberal feminist are accept the transgender and religious orthodox people and families not accept this. At an international level almost all the organizations, i.e. Amnesty and United Nations and some South Asian Countries raising their voice to accept the transgender identity.

While countries like Pakistan and other muslim countries do not promote gender identification which is not natural and modified. However Non-Governmental organizations raising their voice of the acceptance of transgender identity whether natural or modified. However, in most of the areas of Pakistan they face discrimination as by the state, state is trying to protect their right which are recognized legally. Their rejection and acceptance is totally depend on the people personal wish and families of the transgender people. Some families do support the transgender and some do not support them.

According to world Economic forum, Spain is the country most supportive of transgender. Those who were younger and those with higher levels of income or education were generally more supportive of trans people. Other countries that have been praised for their trans right which include states, like Moldova, Andorra, Finland and Iceland. These countries are western countries which mostly supports the transgender people.

with a new turning point, in which many transgender women are in high places in the world. with an estimated that 15 million transgender man and women according to the U.N. In India many transgender are working as inspector of municipal corporation, In Bangkok Ms. Hotarapwanond which is working in modelling industry, from his remarkable example. Many transgender around the world Thailand, Russia, Spain, Sweden and Philippines join the Apple Model management. Nonetheless, in Pakistan the Sara Gill Pakistan first transgender doctor which is mostly recognised by everyone. So its mean in internationally and national level the transgender being accepted and the complexities are being remove their more education to the youngsters.

The Social media, has played an very crucial role in promoting the community of transgenders, or the grievances of transgenders are being coming to the public fronts and the State more get concern to the protection of rights of transgenders. Moreover families and normal society and citizens are getting a good knowledge of



about transgender, this created to a quite acceptance in the heart of a normal citizen. like Mehrub Awan who is a activities of trans-gender community.

In the end, the transgender community is being accepted by the Pakistani and international societies in both. The taboo is still present in some countries and place where it can be less with the time. As the education and awareness bring things to a understandable place the acceptance to some extent also concern with the person opinion and family upbringing. However, in educated and in civilised society this transgender are being recognized and accepted.

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