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Introduction

Women studies talks about women's experience, their issues and their perspectives on world's ideas.

It is an academic field that examines women's suffrage, women's health related issues, women's status in society and their societal prescribed roles. Gender

studies is also an academic field that talks about women's experience and women's perspective on ideas and issues but it include all

genders. The main focus of gender studies is gender identity and gender roles that society prescribed for specific genders. Gender studies

examines the clash between sex and gender. It focuses on the social construction of gender and sex.

There is some differences between gender studies and women studies that as discussed as

follows:

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Difference Between Gender Studies and Women Studies

Gender Studies : 1990s

Women Studies : 1960s

1. Gender studies talks about women, men and queers

2. It emerged out of women studies of 1960s. It talks about the achievement of women in society

3. It talks about issues with women and the oppression they face

4. Gender studies is interdisciplinary; it explains gender identity and representation and give analysis of both.

5. It begins as a criticism on women studies for too myopic in its approach and too exclusive discipline

Women studies begins as enthusiasm on the patriarchy and hegemony of men in academic and other knowledge creating platforms.

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5 Gender studies is inclusive in its approach. It studies about every gender that is affected by Patriarchy. It points out the issues of men and LGBTQ who are affected by the discrimination of the society.

6 Women studies is exclusive with the sense to see the world from women perspective only. It caters for the opinion of women over the issues of women only.

7 Women studies looks include the economic, biological, social, cultural and political factors that involve in the oppression of women.

Criticism of Women Studies on Gender studies

1 Gender studies has de-politicize the women cause. It has become softer towards the oppression of the society and the normal.

2 Women studies is very myopic in its approach. It reinforces heterog.

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3. Gender studies include ② There is no men in its discipline mention of which reinforces intersectionality - that men are the. It believes that central to everything all women are either a movement some category or a discipline who have similar problems. . .

③ Gender studies is ③ Women studies not feminist study is less threatening that's why men and being very careful! have no issues with it and are supporting it.

④ Gender studies ④ Women studies is include men a compromise - in their discipline its not radical in but men have its approach no included " know the oppressor women's issues to engage the oppressed - men's issues about women's issues Gender studies is a social behavior, its not just women specific.

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Sex Vs Gender

Sex

"The biological attribute of a person is called sex."

Sex includes chromosomes, external and internal reproductive organs, and hormones levels. All these factors describes the sex of a person.

For example;

a person with XY chromosomes external reproductive organ as penis and internal reproductive organ as testis, and hormonal level of ~~higher~~ higher testosterone than estrogen will be assigned the sex of 'male'.

Characteristics of Sex

1. Sex is given at the time of birth
2. The sex role i.e. male or female that once is assigned do not change with time
3. Problems and issues that arises with sex are genitalia related issues / diseases. ~~reproduction~~ (characteristics of reproduction)
4. Sex characteristics e.g. beard, deep voice and change in the physique of the

Person that comes with specific sex remains the same through his/her life.

Sex typing is done as Male and female

The sex identity & activities on the biological features of the person

eg man has beared, deep voice and a woman has no beared and wide pelvic.

Gender

"The social and cultural attribute / constructed characteristic given to a person"

Gender includes the roles, identity, behavior and experience of the person

For example;

A person who wears a frock, play with dolls, takes care of the people / kids is a "woman" and a person who plays with cars, doesn't cry, show aggression, provide for the family is a "man".

Characteristics of Gender

Gender is given by society at any time of time life

Gender may change with time

If the person believes he/she is

the given the right gender

Gender is a learned behavior, that

is, it is learned through socialization

in the world/society.

Gender related issues are gender violence, gender discrimination and oppression.

Gender typing is done as; masculine and feminine.

Gender change with society, time and place. Some societies have different gender roles, behaviors and experiences than others.

Gender identity is given on the basis of roles they have/play in the society. e.g. If you provide for the family you are a man, if you take care of the children at home you are a woman.

Conclusion

Sex is a biological feature of the person that determines the same while gender is socially constructed that can be deconstructed.

Introduction

The debate of Autonomy versus integration was started in 1982 at NAWSA National Surrage Association for women. This debate focuses on the issue of women studies to taught autonomously or integrated with other subjects or disciplines. The autonomy group says that women studies / gender studies is a full fledge discipline and the complexity of the subject suggest that it is studied independently. whereas, the supporters of integration points out that since gender studies is interdisciplinary it should also be studied integrated with other subjects.

Autonomy School of Thought

This school of thought is in favour of dealing the issues of women, their experiences and their perspectives independently. According to autonomy. They give different argument as to why women studies should be dealt separately.

To focus on women issues as Bigger Picture

if the issues of women were dealt independently, it would provide more space and present the issues on a broader picture

2 Fear of Neglect

The proponents of autonomy fears that if the discipline of gender studies is integrated in other disciplines, it will be neglected for its feminist perspective may not be path will face the victimization of other men dominated discipline.

3 Whole is always bigger than parts
 If gender studies is integrated into another discipline for example economics then gender studies will always be treated as its one of its sub parts with no significant importance as the whole discipline of economics

4 To Reserve Feminist Perspective (part 1)

For Autonomy proponents it is important that the perspective of women are preserved and their opinions on any social debate is clearly voiced which can be done only if they have an independent academic platform.

Gender Studies will still Remain Part

of Other Disciplines

For example Political science originated from philosophy, economy originated from Political science but Political science is still part of Philosophy and economics is still part of Political science. Therefore gender studies will remain part of other disciplines

B Integration School of Thought

Integration School of thought suggest that gender studies should be embedded within other broader academic disciplines. They promote interdisciplinary collaboration of gender studies with other academic studies. They give the following arguments as to why integration of Gender studies is better than autonomy;

1 Change is a slow process ^{of} ~~is~~ ~~slow~~ ~~process~~ ~~of~~ ~~social~~ ~~integration~~ brings wider change

According to integrationists autonomy of gender studies will not bring about a significant change. It will be a radical temporary change that will have no impact where as change is a slow process and gender studies should be let to evolve with ^{with} ~~the~~ ~~mainstream~~ ~~thought~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~mainstream~~

collaboration or integration of other academics. eg other (1)

2. Fear of Ghettoization

Integrativist sees that if gender studies is kept autonomous it may become victim of ghettoization i.e. gender studies will be treated as a minority which will have no voice in the academia.

"Women studies have a long way to become a separate field"

Renate Klein

3 Separation is equal to Segregation

Gender studies basis a social science that includes all together field of life. If it is separated from other field it will be segregated from those field.

involve to estimate things with

Critical Analysis

Gender studies should be treated as both autonomous field and interdisciplinary/integration. as stated by a feminist

"It is both discipline and interdisciplinary field"

If gender studies is made into a separate field, it will not lose its interdisciplinary characteristics.

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Globalization and Gender

Introduction

The phenomena of ever increasing political integration, economic interdependence, technological interaction among states is called "globalization".

Markets and sources are compressing in space and time which is leading to the world as global village.

Pros and Cons of Globalization for Women

Pros.

New Opportunities of Work

with the advancement in technology and the ease of communication women have greater access to international market or the job market. Women can earn online by working for a company that is physically miles away from her.

Women can Learn Online

With globalization women have access to quality education that

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They did not have before. They can get the same kind of education but their fellow women around the world are getting

3 Global help on Women Issues

Today women are connected with each other to help each other in the time of crisis by raising voice or raising funds. Many international organizations like CEDAW, He for she, are working globally to assist women who are in need and can't access help.

4 Connect with Like minded People and Promoting Women Empowerment

Social media is playing a crucial role in promoting women empowerment. Women meet and interact with like minded people who support their cause and are motivated to become a beneficial citizen of the Planet (empowered individual)

Cons

Pornography

The increase of Pornography with globalization has made global village a global hell for women who are forced to be

Part of that industry.

2. Women Trafficking

Women trafficking is a common issue of the new time. Women are kidnapped, smuggled and then forced to do jobs like prostitution and pornography.

3. Cyber Space Violence

Today Cyber space is not secure for women. They have to face harassment in the form of deep fake videos and threats.

4. Romanticized Mysogyny

Media in particular to TV and film industry has romanticised violence and evil characters played by male protagonists, which promotes the very idea of gender violence.

Critical Analysis

Although globalization has been a blessing for women who could access its fruits but it has become an evil for them. With strict policies and security measures these threats can be mitigated.