

How Societal Expectations on Men Contribute to Gender Oppression

Outline

1. Introduction

2. Society favours men taking a lead and so placing women in the background

- i. Society has a century old perspective of men leading every aspect of life.
- ii. Failure of the society for the provision of equal rights to women.
- iii. The birth of gender disparity influences the ~~the~~ productive role of women.

3. Family, being a unit of society, have expectations from men which contribute to gender oppression.

3a. Desire of a male child puts the rights of a female child on the backhold. More than 50% of our country's urban and rural families prefer a baby boy over a baby girl.

3b. Pressure on men to pursue higher education for the security of their future seeds in them for women to have no education and other basic rights. Most of our rural families believe in the education of men only.

3c. Pressure on men to earn and support their families inculcates in them superiority complex. More than 70% of ~~the~~ women facing domestic violence is because of the males being their providers.

4. Expectations of society from men also play its major role in gender oppression.

4a. Norms of the society expect men to be the decisionmaker of the family. Patriarchy is the most prominent factor of gender oppression.

4b. Society expects men to perform better in the formal employment setups and in contrast provide lesser opportunities and wages to women.

Other genders are all undermined and ill treated when men are given the spotlight.

4c. Society expects men to be made of steel and thus they hide their emotions which results in frustration on other genders.

'Men are strong', 'Men do not cry'; such notions build in them aggression which comes out in the form of gender oppression.

5. Expectations from men at a national level leads to gender oppression.

5a. Only men can be the ~~state~~ 'Head of the state' puts a limit on the capabilities of women.

'Glass ceiling' for women

5b. Nation's image ^{through sports} can only be build by men, subjugates women.

Women are subjected to oppression by taking away their freedom of choice.

5c. Communication can be better done by men which results in no women participation in international forums and organizations.

6. Breaking patriarchal structures and creating an inclusive environment for all genders is the only possible solution.

7. Conclusion

Societal expectations and favours start from the very early stage of family instilling in men the superiority complex along with the societies which expect men to be dominant turning the world into a patriarchal community. This patriarchal space leaves no area for other genders and sideline them causing gender oppression.

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Running of world, a home to different types of gender, mainly by one particular gender, men, puts them under pressure alongside a spotlight effect. This spotlight makes them feel superior and a ruler on all others below them. They are, under this spotlight, given a free hand to oppress and subjugate other genders. Subjugation can vary from a low level of snatching an opportunity to an extreme level of not providing basic rights and opting violence against them. Society, since the stone age has expected men to be the sole providers and supporters of their family and community, rendering all other genders incapable of doing so. Today, in this contemporary world, well-educated and modernized families expect their sons and husbands to be the part of societies while keeping the females within the structure of the house. Society, in third world and developing countries are all patriarchal which favours men to be their leaders. This perspective has been a hurdle in the development and progress of the societies and these countries at large. Women and transgender being the part of the society are not given the chances to represent themselves at a societal, national or international level. Societal expectations and favours start from the very early stage of family instilling in men the superiority complex along with the societies which expect men to be dominant turning the world into a patriarchal community. This patriarchal space leaves no area for other genders and sideline them causing gender oppression.

Societies in today's modern world still have that centuries' old perspective of men taking a lead in every aspect of life. For this dominance, they are given favours over other genders mostly women. Women, so are left behind

without equal provision of rights. Norms of our society are still unable to understand the capabilities of women in different aspects of life. They are undermined for the rise of men and their control over women. This gender disparity has left women behind ^{and} blessed men with the burden of expectations who only learn to not share this burden with the females to perform more effectively. Men are taught ~~of~~ the ~~man~~ that they can not share their burden as it will take away their power and they will not be able to fulfill society's expectations. This has only burdened men and wasted the capabilities of women which were needed to be exploited for the progression of a society and a country. In the whole world, women make up around more than 45% of the population who all have a diverse range of skills. All their skills and abilities are ~~not~~ being sent to waste by not giving them opportunities rather subjugating them only to fulfill the demands and expectations of society.

One of the factors of gender oppression by having expectations from men is the smallest unit of society, the family. Family expects and wishes a male baby to be born. All these expectations before the birth put a man under immense pressure after he has been born. The desire of a male child defines the priorities of family regarding a female child and provision of her basic rights. When more than 50% of our country's rural and urban families would have this mindset, what would they feed in the brains of the male children ~~at~~ who are just born and are now growing? This ^{will} only ~~forces~~ make them feel superior and powerful against their sisters. They would start dominating them from smallest acts of not sharing with them their toys and getting whatever they want after a little crying session. This instills in the brains to subjugate females and others around them and will lead to their growth with such a sick mindset. Such people tend to become a dangerous individual having aggression and dominant nature. Therefore, families at ~~the~~ first are responsible for favoring men in younger ages and inculcating in them the traits of being dominant and powerful.

Families do favour their male child in young age because of a reason. Their desire to have a male child was to obtain a person they can depend on in their future. ~~They~~ Families have a burden of responsibility ready for their male children which they expect the men to take it all. For this expectation baggage to be fulfilled, families would go ^{to} any limits for their male children to pursue higher education for a secure future. They would pressureize them to get the best of all education to secure their future with no attention given to the education of females. Believing in education of men only and not providing women their due rights only burdenizes men and ~~pushes~~ implants in men to keep women devoid of their basic rights which eventually turns into gender oppression. The more ^{the} families infuses the concept of no education and other rights in men, the more they become patriarchal and go on only to fulfill the expectation society and their family have in them.