

Women Empowerment and Feminism

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Feminism is a supple concept that takes the form of the person it dwells in. However, some people have ruined the beauty of the concept, the idea associated with it remains intact. The idea of providing women with her rights that have somehow been engulfed by patriarchy and gender privileges. The need of women to be empowered has long been nipped in its bud without giving the consequences second thoughts. The ideology has the potential to change the course of history in itself but the negative influence is acting as a hurdle and so are the misogynist who refuse to give in. This, however, does not change the fact that our crumbling world is in a dire need of an ideology like that of feminism.

The potentials that reside within a woman has been suppressed for a long time without the basic knowledge. There is a long list of the impacts that feminism can leave behind but the most integral of these is women getting their rights. Not every woman in a country like ours is privileged to go to school and attain even the primary education. Women are not allowed to claim their bodies as their own without countless people pointing fingers at her and calling her shameless. Rights like these are important for a woman to claim and to progress. This would not only be a slap across the faces of misogynists but will also bring down the patriarchy. There were countless things in our society that were considered normal but weren't and were highlighted as extreme when feminism took a toll. Things like a woman sleeping hungry if there was not surplus food and like that of her being killed in the name of honour. These were enrooted in our society and no one ever took note of all the evils that a woman had to endure along the way. Evils like marital rapes, harassments, forced marriages, honour killings and so many more were never considered offensive and somehow kept going for years without people acknowledging it as bad. Awareness was required for women to ask for their rights and to say "No!" when the time comes.

As much as the beauty of this concept must not be denied, addition of a few things have left the concept as nothing but that written on a page. Some women have taken the concept to extremes, obscuring it off its original beauty. Some people think the right approach to instill the concept in the society is by completely denying the role of men. Some woman, and by that I strictly mean only a handful of woman, think that it is okay to discredit the struggles of men in our society and to hate them for only being a man. This however should not be applied as a case because as much as gender inequality exist, men too have to suffer and have an important part to play in a society. Feminism is not about going against them but to go hand in hand with them while never considering them a foe.

As every positive thing has to come across calamities, same is the case with feminism. Some extremists, who barely have any knowledge of the concept, have been using all their potential to portray feminism negatively in front of the naïve individuals. This make things worse for an orthodox society like ours where the only explanation to everything is “our ancestors used to do it like this and you are supposed to follow their footsteps too.” The concept is spreading with a sluggish pace and is hoped to reach the destiny it deserves; rendering our society with the basic respect for the struggles of each individual, be it women or men.

Feminism has empowered women in the true sense of words. There was an era when women were hated to the extent that it was considered more prestigious to love a man rather than a woman. Time progressed, things changed but what did not change was the perspective of people towards the standing of women. Women were not allowed to go out, their inventions were stolen by men and they had no say in politics. However, at last the silver lining in the dark cloud turned into a whole bright cloud in itself as women through a revolution won their right to vote and a beautiful era started. Women of today are struggling but there is hope that their struggles will be eradicated as feminism gets to clench the society in its claws. Women can now do jobs, be independent and get education along with enjoying their rights but that applies to a handful of women. The rest of them still struggle to fight free from the chains of patriarchy and cruelty.

It would not be wrong if I call feminism the knight with the shining armor, who made his way to save the dying princess. Feminism gives us hope that one day there will exist a society where it would not be men versus women but simply evil versus good. People will not render a whole gender as good or bad and a society full of amity will exist. Women will get to have their rights while men will have the ability to break free from the strains of having to come out as the strongest. There will be equality for all and no one will be looked down upon.