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 **GENDER INEQUALITY**

There is a lot going on in our society on a daily basis.Gender imbalance has been debated for many decades. A society should be peaceful and tied by good traditions. However, Gender inequality, or in the other words, gender discrimination refers to unfair rights between male and female based on different gender roles which leads to unequal treatment in life. Gender inequality also acknowledges that man and women are not equal and that gender affects an individual living experience. Some of these types of distinctions are empirically grounded while others appear to be socially constructed. Studies show the different lived experience of genders across many domains including education, life expectancy, personality, interest, family life, careers, and political afflictions. Gender inequality is experienced differently across different cultures.

 Gender inequality is a threatening problem which causes unfair treatments in the society between different genders. These dissimilarities are distinguished from biological and anatomic factors, especially from differing reproductive roles in life. This misperception comes originally from the wrong understanding about the position of each gender in life. For many years, the socially constructed roles of men and women have been changing rapidly, cases of discrimination based on sex, marital status and pregnancy have been reported frequently. Education is a factor that cannot be left out. It is a key to the growth of human and no matter what gender a person is, he has right to expose to education like others. Significant progress have been made throughout the years but in some communities, a female education is not compared to male due to the belief that women are only meant for the kitchen and the other room. This stereotype also leads to other problems like female genital mutilation.

 In relation to the economy, it is the field that is consequently affected, because there is a link between education and economy. The impact of gender inequality on the economy is found through the number of male and female students in primary and secondary school which is negative Barro and Lee (1994) and Sala Martin (1995), cited Stephan Klasen, and they claimed that “a large gap in a male and female schooling may signify backwardness and may therefore be associated with lower economic growth”. Inequality is obviously an urgent problem in the world. Despite the fact that its volume much decreases, it still exists and make a lot of people suffer its consequences every day. There are many reasons leading to gender inequality which cannot be solved easily. However, with education and progressive thoughts of people, there are also reasons to trust in the future of gender inequality being stopped. Then, hopefully, people can live in fairness no matter what gender are.

 Many of us think of the traditional gender roles for both genders as in only men have the power and ability to be a leader or more job opportunities and women are always associated with child or caring professions. The segregation of jobs is linked with traditions and stereotypes. Only men can be a leader? No, women can also do anything that men can do. Everyone has the equal responsibilities and abilities to gain the opportunities to participate in every aspect, in the economy and society. Therefore, nowadays women are more independent than the men as to compare with the olden days. Women have more freedom like releasing out from prison because now they are given the opportunity to lead to an Independent life, free to choose what they want, free to choose the jobs and also free to participate in decision making. That is what they have been freed from discrimination.

 In contemporary society, many of the traditional behaviors expected of men are becoming less emphasized. Men are expected to be strong and should not express the emotional fragility. That is the old concept and untrue statement. Now men are more willingly to share their feelings, express their fears and crying is not a shame for men because everyone has emotions, happy and sad. Throughout the history, men have the responsibility to provide for the family. They are not only providing for the family but also protect them from poverty and take care of their needs. Men are always assume as being the main provider and the main protector of a family as in the head of the household. On the contrary, the world has developed rapidly and has developed a lot of changes into the traditional roles of men. Now the men are expected to take over the duties of a housewife. They are also taking more responsibility for their children’s care, which includes managing child care arrangements to have equal share of the child care responsibilities with women. It has clearly become more socially acceptable for men to involve in child care, cooking and doing all the house chores as to compare to the past.

 In the conclusion, equality between female and male is a matter of human rights and social justice. The perceptions, interest and priorities of both genders have to be taken into consideration because all these are necessary to enrich development processes. Everything is not “only male” and “only female” because both genders have the equal potential to be valuable. Now, we have balanced up our mind, generations and judgments as to compare to olden days. We believe that more gender diversity would help to promote innovation and a fairer growth in the future. Therefore, gender equality had been achieved in the contemporary society because nowadays we are more focused on gender equality, the fair treatment for everyone, male and females as in the society has changed the old concept, old thinking, old system and started to approach to a new concept of living style.