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FEMALE DISCRIMINATION (GENDER INEQUALITY).

The world is going through many problems that are demolishing its unity, forcing the process of making the world a better place harder to achieve. One of the most devastating problems yet to be solved is the issue of **female discrimination**. Discrimination according to the Merriam-Webster dictionary is the practice of unfairly or unjustly treating a person or group of people different from other people or a group of people different from other groups. Therefore, female discrimination is the practice of unfairly or unjustly treating the female gender.

The issue of female discrimination (gender inequality) can be traced far back to the days of our forefathers; it is influenced by different culture and beliefs. Surprisingly, even in this 21st century, across the globe men and women do not enjoy equal privileges; equal opportunities are not provided to men and women in political, economic, educational and even health aspects. In Africa, the percentage of educated males to females is relatively higher. It was believed by our forefathers that educating the female child is a waste of time and money as they believe that she's definitely going to end up in a man's house or whatever she makes from her education belongs to her husband and not them as she'd eventually change her last name to his. The idea of women as just home keepers is totally vague. In northern Nigeria, women are considered subordinates to their male counterparts. Discriminated at every level, the girl child has limited rights to education, limited ownership of land and assets in Nigeria, they are even denied equal treatment in inheritance rights, human resources and sustainable growth. Women have the same intrinsic worth as men.

Looking aside from the family aspect, the political sector has downplayed the women's right. Men typically occupy positions of power in the society. Due to socially accepted gender roles or preference to other men, males in power are more likely to promote other men. President Muhammadu Buhari in one of his peace meetings at Germany stated that his wife belongs to his kitchen and the 'other room'. Although, this statement was directed at

his wife, it shows the Presidents' take on women in general. If our leaders carry this aged mentality, what the masses expected to do than to follow in this train. In Nigeria, married women are considered 'political outcasts' when they get married to men from other states. Overhearing two young men's take on a post about a lady who was contesting for presidency in Ghana, I'd say I was absolutely shocked and extremely disappointed. "What does she know about politics? That's how they all control their husbands at home, she's not done managing her home, yet she wants to become president, eventually she'd eventually turn her husband to her houseboy" remarked one of them after seeing the post. Comparing the amount of men to women holding political positions, you'll discover that all this isn't far from the truth. This conception of women is a hundred percent wrong. According to the fundamental human rights, everyone has a right to vote and be voted for. So basically, male or female, man or woman, girl or boy, we have that right as citizens and should not be looked down on because of our gender.

Furthermore, the employment sector plays a major role regarding this issue. Research has proven that if a man and a woman are given the same type of job despite her hard work and all, she's paid less than 83% of what her male counterpart is being paid. Like the popular saying, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar" so do I believe that if someone works hard for a job, he or she should be paid according to their works and not according to the sex or gender. Often times, it's easier for men to get promoted at work than women by following absolute procedures. While, women are lured into having sex with people at high places just to pave their way through even after going through 'the absolute procedures'. This case is often linked with the educational sector. Some lecturers fail female students most times because they have refused to have sex with them or fulfill their evil wishes. Moreover, gender inequality in the workplace leads to lack of communication towards women; workplace information being withheld from women; the unwritten rules of the workplace not being shared with women and lack of face-to-face communication with women.

Gender inequality is found to have an effect on economic growth that is robust to changes in specifications and controls for potential endogeneities. The result suggests that gender inequality in education directly affects the economic growth by lowering the average level of human capital. A nation can only progress and attain higher development growth only when both men and women are entitled to equal opportunities. The social structure that prevailed since long in such that women do not get equal opportunities as men must be gotten rid of. This gender disparity is a hindrance in the growth rate of a country. When women participates, the workforce increases and so does the economic rate increase also. Gender equality increases the overall well-being of the nation along with economic prosperity. Researchers have it that countries with less disparity in gender equality have progressed a lot. In India, government have started taking steps in order to ensure gender equality, several laws and policies are prepared to encourage girls, campaigns are being created to spread awareness of the importance of the girl child, several laws to protect the girl child from social injustice such as rape, domestic violence as well as denial to education have also been put in place.

Conclusively, it is important to promote common values such as respect for human rights and equality between women and men as well as a common understanding that human rights are universal and apply to all, irrespective of the sex. Hence, government should implement laws and policies to encourage the girl child, every girl child should be granted the right to education, awareness should be created pertaining the importance of the girl child. Our voices need to be heard, **THE GIRL CHILD MATTERS!!**