Female Students' Views of Gachsaran Islamic Azad University and Housewives of Gachsaran (South Western of Iran) on Challenges Facing with Equality of Men and Women Right

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Abstract—In this research, apart from feminism's views, we study the housewives' and female students' views of southwestern of Iran on challenges confronting with men and women rights. The most of repliers observed these issues as the reason of violence against women: unobserving of men and women equality (gender inequality), social believes, training approaches of boys and girls inequality, response to illogical respect of society, preservation of family life, loss of self confidence and women social and emotional stress, individual and unreal understanding of some people about religion, loss of employment for education women. There is a significant difference between housewives and female students' point of views, about 1% level, T=5.76.

Index Terms—Challenge, Equality, Feminism, Islam, Social right.

I. INTRODUCTION

About half of populations of every country are women. If we consider a human society as a bird, women would be a wing of this bird and men would be the other wings. Religions, cultures and different nations considered the women as an active and effective element. Women activities and their rights have been recently issued at 20th century so that providing different aspects resulted in women's equality movements and eventually, led to feminism movement.

Humans are physically different with each other and behave differently. In other words, the individual differences are paved the way for male and female differences. History shows that women were treated in a cruel way and they were oppressed. Once, men considered women as dolls and heredity transmitter, but the present conditions necessitate human view and equality. The civil law and regulation of countries, religion and theology, social and human science experts paid attention to woman right and emphasize on it. As a general purpose, this research investigates housewives and female students' views of southwestern of Iran about challenges facing with equality of men and women rights.

The research issue is study of females' views about challenges facing with real equality of women.

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Mortazavi believes that males and females are the same in the case of human truth and the only difference among them is related to this fact with the other. Both of them come from a truth and they have the same fact [1]. Obviously, Quran denies any differences between men and women at two orders. At first, it refers to human place of men and women at formation step of existence facts and addresses the same actual and common source and observes the main task and their duties as a human, both of them are the same [10].

"There is no difference between men and women rights, since both of them are human and women have a right to intervene in her fate as men"

Several investigation are conducted on difference issue of women, including

It is generally concluded that the Iranian women reviewed the social situations that they have traditionally gained them and made some progress for their intellectual maturation.

However, 60% of university students have recently been of females, there is so great endeavor to reach the main place. In 19th century, there was some inequality between men and women and the women were treated in a cruel and unfair way, Samuel Tylor Kaltrich, Aldes Haksly and John Stwart Mill stated that there is no difference between men and women and also between their mental skills. They tried to give value and importance to women and remove them from the prison of home affairs.

The women right observations were differently changed at 20th century. The high peak of feminism had happened before the main movement in 1970. John Stwart Mill's well known article "women allegiance was a sparkle that happened in relation to feminism issue. Briefly, women liberal movements were formed on religion, social and west feminism in Latin America and the third world countries. This problem should be responded with regarding to society condition and cultural and social limitation of a society.

II. METHODS

Our sampling is culturing and multistep. Finally, Islamic Azad University of Gachsaran and Gachsaran city were selected. The statistic sample includes 30 students and 120 housewives. Data gathering tools are questionnaires superficial reports and its end under jury board supervision were determined 82% of Crownboch index and were set at

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III. RESULT

The challenges that were approved by responder includes: unobserving equal right between men and women (gender inequality), I agree with combination and I completely agree: 68% of female students and 72% of housewives answered positively. Social believes: 56% of female students and 65% of housewives responded positively. Inequality in available rules: 85% of female students and 87% of housewives. Inequality in occupation chance: 58% of female students and 71% o of housewives. Inequality in boys and girls training and cultural approaches: 44% of female students and 68% of housewives. Response to illogical expectations of society: 35% of female students and 40 % of housewives. Have no self-confidence and social and psychological stress of women: 55% of female students and 61% of housewives. Individual and unreal men's perception of religion for their sake: 86% of female students and 82% of housewives. Lack of jobs for educated women: 92% of female students and 81% of housewives. Cruel phenomenon against women: 48% of female students and 52% of housewives responded positively. There is a significant difference between female students' housewives' views (T=5.76 at 0.01 level).

TABLE I. ANALYSIS OF ISSUES ON FEMALE STUDENTS' VIEWS OF GACHSARAN ISLAMIC AZAD UNIVERSITY AND HOUSEWIVES OF GACHSARAN APOUT CHALLENGES FACING WITH FOULL ITY OF MEN AND WOMEN PIGHT

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Gender inequality	68	72
The common social believes	56	65
Inequality in available rules	85	87
Inequality in occupation chance	58	71
Inequality in boys and girls training	44	68
and cultural approaches		
Response to illogical expectations	35	40
of society		
Have no self-confidence and social	55	61
and psychological stress of women		
Individual and unreal men's	86	82
perception of religion for their sake		
Lack of jobs for educated women	81	92
Cruel phenomenon against women	52	48
Abandon against men's injustice for saving their family life	70	55

IV. CONCLUSION

Gender inequality category means non-observation of equality between men and women rights in society. However, some rules were made and suitable reforms were conducted, there are different reasons for this inequality including cultural, traditional and group perception of rules.

Category: some groups of society haven't aware of women's skills and believe on their ancient.

Inequality of rules and interpretation of available rules for men's sake: there are different kinds of rule that interpreted or approved for men's sake. Inequality in occupation chances is related to special works such as engineering that employers tried to choose among men. Inequality in boys' and girls' training approach: it's less observed in large cities but it appears in village areas and towns. Inequality due to responding to society expectation: expectation of people in a society is based on cultural approaches. Society expectation from men and women are different and the men benefit from this difference.

Saving family life: regarding to traditional believes in society, the premier tasks of women are including: children training, preparing food and even housekeeping.

No self confidence, social and psychological stress of women: women under effects of environment have less self confidence than men. Depression diseases among women are more than men.

Individual perception from religion: however, Islam completely recognizes women rights, in verses including: Nesa 124, Enfal 24, Moemenon 40, Nahl 97 and etc., there are many peoples that percepts religion for their sake and hinder or prevent women growth. The universal sample was Taliban tribes' behaviors with women in Afghanistan.

Violence against women: physical and mental violence and in general all kinds of violence are forced against women. Training and cultural approaches: there are many families that pay much attention to boys training. Girl's training limited to housekeeping roles, baby sitter, mother craft and men's service.

Applicable suggestion:

- 1. Men and women are considered as a human and pay attention to their personal differences not gender differences.
- 2. At books and educational program, men and women should be referred equal.
- 3. Scientific center and universities are introduced women's mental skills and their aptitudes by holding conferences and workshops with attention to biological dimensions.
- 4. Legislator bureaus reviewed the previous rules and shifted their views about women.

Challenges that are confirmed by the university students include in the first question (Q1) not equality of men and women (sexual inequality 68% of female student and 72% of housekeepers answered positively.

This result is in consistent with Alborzi and Khayer research at entitled barriers and successful women life [2].

In their study cultural barriers and social views in relation to the role of women are considered as some of the causes of sexual inequality. On the other hand, social belief, social behaviors, education and expectations are subdivision of sexual inequality.

O2. Social beliefs:

56% of students and 65% of housekeepers answered positively to this question. This result complies with Zink (2000) which is based on Chinese culture quoted Alborzi and Khayer.

It is indicated in their study that in some societies women's value is related to the man's. In this society male thought holds that women are one step lower than men [2].

Q3. Unequal education for girls and boys:

44% of students and 68% of housekeepers agree with it. Different education and training for girls and boys can be seen in different cases in Iran. Even the educational books and special literature of some poet show this difference.

Q4. It is in relation with unreasonable expectations in society:

65% of female students and 40% of housekeepers give a positive answer to this question. This result is in consistent with Alborzi and Khayer studies. In that study it is indicated that the problem in the society is that all of the women's responsibilities are at home or it is mentioned that: women don't see themselves equal to men [2].

Society and social system impose this belief. History confirms that in some extent people are trained according to the expectation of society. There would be chaos out of anti expectations.

Q5. Is it the matter of maintaining family life?

62% of female students and 80% of housekeepers answered positive to this proverb that women must do whatever they can to maintain their family life. Child education and their protection impose all of these inequalities.

Q6. Not having self confidence and mental and social upsets is among the challenges.

55% of students and 61% of housekeepers answered yes to this question and result is in consistent with Alborzi and Khayer's study [2].

Q7. Personal and unreal understandings of religious beliefs are among the challenges:

86% of students and 82% of housekeepers answered yes to this question. Islam paid special attention to women's right and it is required to prevent personal understandings.

Q8. Lack of job for educated women is among the challenges:

92% of women and 81% of housekeepers give a positive answer to this question.

Q9. Violence against women is among the challenges:

48% of students and 52% of housekeepers answered positively to this question.

Violence against women happens in different countries and all social, economical, religious and cultural groups [6, 7, 8, 9 and 10].

And tens of studies confirm that violence is the result of ignorance of women's right and it one of the most important sexual challenges.

Islamic republication of Iran tries to remove these challenges but cultural tradition and other barriers are of the challenges facing with equality of men and women right.

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