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**Women‘s Rights, Reform, and Abolitionism at the Gilded Age of America**

In the early days, women had no role in the public and political affairs in the country. Even in the employment sectors, women could not get any decent jobs. Mostly women were seen as home care and were only taking care of children and looking after their husbands. Since the 1890s, much has changed and women have taken a senior position in running of the country. However, the utterance of leaders such former president Jefferson’s message, the law against women right to vote, the drop of white women fertility and the practice of slavery made women organize for women movement to challenge the men to attain their equal status in the society.

 It is pointed out that the statement made by Jefferson annoyed several women and a few days later women organized for a workshop at Seneca Falls in New York. Jefferson pointed out that "We hold the truth to b self-evident, that men are created equal.” The statement dif impressed many women and with few days they organized a workshop and condemned the quote made by Jefferson. In response, women pointed out that women and men were created equal (Dudden 23). By omitting women in his statement it was translated as the discrimination against women and therefore, Women started a serious of the movement against such behavior. After that conference women started to demand efficient services and also pushing for their rights and to be treated equally. During the conference, Judith Murray pointed out that an era is coming where women will be taking their rightful position in society (Kováts 21). From the conference, women started to rebel and this resulted in several gains, which women have attained. The consequences of the actions have led to equal treatment of women and men in the society and therefore, the role of women in the society have been appreciated as significant.

 A study has established that women were not allowed to vote. The political and public service was male dominated (Duncan 12). Even though women had raised their concerns earlier, men did not trust women in public offices and tighter law was enacted to ensure that women do not get the rights to vote. This did not go down with many women and therefore, they decided to form an alliance with other activists to such as the civil right movement and other like-minded groups to push for the abolition of slavery in the United States. It is also noted that women were not allowed to speak in public and on many occasions they were openly opposed and barred from taking any political position. For instance, Elizabeth Cady Stanton was barred from speaking at an anti-slavery conference. This did not please her and months after that event Elizabeth Cady Stanton working closely with Lucretia Mott brought several women to Seneca Falls to send a strong message to the male-dominated society (Kováts 21). It is, therefore, evident that the mistreated of women by men counterparts inspired women and therefore, made them to take serious actions and form a serious movement against slavery and also to champion for the right of women in the society.

 In conclusion, as a result, women attained the rights to vote. It has increased the position of women in society. As stated by United Nations Women (21) women role shifted from the family shield against feckless son in law to the decision maker in the family. The law of inheritance was also vague and in most cases, women could not manage to inherit the property of the late husbands. Women were brought together and therefore, challenged the existence of bad laws and tradition, which could deny them an opportunity to prosper in the society. It is significant to point that women activists brought a lot of change in the society and some of them are being enjoyed by women today.

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