Reflection of Feminism and the Ethics of Care

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# The Ethics of Care

Ethics of care is also known as feminist ethics which has emphasized to make connections with others and have obligations to take care of the other individuals. This theory challenged and criticized the perspectives, which were dominant by 1980. The Ethics of care understands the ongoing oppression, suppression, and injustices with women. The Ethics of care also emphasizes the differences between men and women; it says that men and women also think differently (Rachels & Rachels, 2018). While, when it comes to empathy, then women show higher scores in the empathy measurement tests as compared to men and other genders. Women are more sensitive towards empathy, so they cannot see people in pain and during the punishments. However, women are believed to share more empathy in their close relationships while men are more towards larger circles and socialization and they tend to have networks that are more social.

# Challenge that Feminism poses to traditional ethics

The traditional normative theories include Deontology of Kant and Utilitarianism by Stuart Mill and Bentham, contradict the theory of the Ethics of Care. However, this theory is feminine and this is an approach to ethics for women. Feminism is a theory and an ideology, which puts efforts to make improvements for the rights of women, social, political and economic status because women are suppressed and are limited to the house chores (Mitchell, 2015). However, all women deserve a social status where they are given equal roles and tasks as compare to other genders. The traditional ethics believe in performing the task and making decisions based on rational thinking rather than emotional decision-making. While rational thinking excludes emotions while making moral decisions. The Ethics of Care in contradiction to the Traditional Ethics supports decision-making based on emotions and feelings rather than rational thinking.

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