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**Introduction**

 Social justice is a hot topic in the current times and it is not only today that it has become a hot issue. It has been a topic of debate since a very long time as people have always been fighting for equal rights and opportunities. Individuals ask for equal rights, equal opportunities and equal privileges for all irrespective of the discrimination of age, gender, race, religion, nationality, etc. Gender has always been a major source of discrimination in societies and the issue has been taken on international levels in many instances. The issue has become so sensitive that there have been protests, seminars, and conferences all over the world to address the problem. The females mostly face this dilemma and the males are always blamed to take the good opportunities of the market whether in the field of education in the professional area.

 In addition to this, females also face difficulties in moving in general in society even in this modern era of globalization and technology. Men are still considered superior to females and they are given the better portion of everything whether it’s the food, education or opportunities. This idea of “Masculinity” creates a big gap in the perception of gender roles in the society and crushes the impact of a perfect social justice system that is required to create a balanced and harmonious society.

**Discussions**

Masculinity refers to a set of particular qualities or a set of characteristics that are only attributed to men. Although most of these qualities are very common and ordinary in nature as these are only associated with men, it makes them look very extraordinary and out of the reach for females. These characteristics may be very ordinary like being physically strong and mentally intelligent but as a common perception has developed that a female cannot be intelligent, the tradition or mentality is carried on as it is.

 A lot of work is being done all over the world to eradicate this specific mindset. There are multiple conferences, seminars, marches, and different social gatherings and activities all over the world to highlight the importance of the fact that women are no lesser than men in any field. A lot of literature is also being published in the form of research papers, articles in journals, newspaper articles, magazines, and photos in various places. Media plays a very important role in shaping up the perception and thinking of the individuals, especially the youngsters, whether it’s the electronic media or the print media. People get influenced by media, get6 lessons from it, get inspired by it and act like the actors they see in movies or TV shows.

 Unfortunately, females are still projected as an object or a beautiful piece of creation that needs to be admired for her beauty and looks, instead of her other intrinsic qualities. No one views a female in the light of the intellect or the strength that she carries within and even the media highlights only the “beautiful” aspects of a female. It is a true humiliation of the whole community itself especially for those females who are excelling in different careers other than modeling or acting

 There are a number of videos present on YouTube that defy the image of females as shy and fragile creatures and encourage the females to be proud of their real strengths, instead of becoming something or someone they are not (Newsom). The mindset that males are much better and superior or masculinity definitely affects the society and that in a negative way, as females are considered inferior to men and deprived of many opportunities or roles that can be performed by them in a much better way than men. Parents and basic school institutes can help in shaping up a mindset that is based on the equality of genders and roles instead of just focusing on outer appearances. The government can also play a role in minimizing the discrimination against any specific gender by designing and implementing such laws that discourage gender discrimination and suggest punishments for any such individual who indulges in any such activity.

 Jackson Katz, a famous America filmmaker, educator, and author, strongly argues that it is our society that has given rise to terms like masculinity and thinking like “women problems” are only related to females; the other gender of the society does not need to pay any attention to them. Domestic violence is the problem of men at the same level as it is for females (TED). Moreover, many famous female celebrities are excelling in their field, either its sports, education or politics but they are still targeted frequently just due to their gender. One of the prominent examples of such a celebrity is Serena Williams, a famous tennis player (VOX). I have myself been a victim to gender-based discriminatory comments in my educational and professional career but I have opted to look past them.

**Conclusion**

In short, it can be concluded that women are no lesser than men in any filed and can perform any function with an equal or much better level of efficiency than it is performed by men. The specific mindset that has been implemented and developed over decades in the minds of the people, needs to be changed and many institutes can play a role in this respect like families, especially parents, educational institutes, especially schools, government and most importantly and media. The media need to project an equal and much stronger image of females than it is currently doing and put the females on a much stronger podium.

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