

THE FEMINIST DOMINANCE: MEN BECOMING THE VICTIMS OF MISANDRY AND PSEUDO FEMINISM.

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Abstract:

Feminism in simple terms is a movement that aims at the equal treatment of all sexes. But today, feminism is equated with misandry and the supremacy of women. The goal of this paper is to provide an idea about how men are victimized in the name of feminism and how pseudo feminists take advantage over men. Pseudo feminism being the root cause that spoils the real essence of feminism spreads hatred and has a terrible impact on the lives of men. This paper points out the real life examples of pseudo feminism and misandry which are prevailing in almost every sector of the society. Even the judicial system favors women while delivering justice. Women rights are misused to target men and defame them. Men become mere objects of threatening and false accusations along with the lack of mainstream acceptance, which affect their social, physical and mental well-being.

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Introduction

Feminism is not man hate. True feminism requires the unbiased treatment of all sexes. The implementation of gender neutral laws becomes necessary. There is an urgent need to speak up for men because gender inequality is still a concern. The 21st century witnessed a greater improvement in the condition of women due to the strong influence of feminism, which primarily focused on equality. The Feminist Movement had a great impact on the lives of women. It helped them to lead a better life with dignity. Later, there was a slow but strong transition of feminism to pseudo feminism or fake feminism that changed the whole scenario. While the basic concern of feminism is freedom and equality, pseudo feminism transformed the entire definition of feminism to a negative level. Today, feminism has become synonymous to misandry and female dominance due to the emergence of fake feminists. The concern

of pseudo feminists is not equality, but male bashing. Demeaning of men and assassination of their character become the usual criteria. They suggest that women deserve more respect and dignity than others. The study analyzes how pseudo feminism affects the lives of men and how they are becoming the victims of various kinds of oppression by women.

Methodology

Pseudo feminism serves as the root cause of anti-feminism. It spreads hatred and makes people believe that feminism is hating man. This results in the loss of the very essence of the feminist movement. The elements of pseudo feminism can be traced in almost every sector of society. While many people neglect the existence of this, it is there, hidden and disguised as feminism. Unfortunately, most of the feminists end up being pseudo feminists these days.

The concept of men as the victims would be quite surprising for many but; there are men who suffer socially, mentally, physically and emotionally due to the entrenchment of the feminist lies into their personal lives. Still, society shuts its door against men's issues. If a man shares his trauma in the public, what he receives is not acceptance, but negligence. There are scavengers eagerly waiting to feed on his flesh. The society mocks and questions him on the so-called notion of 'manliness'! What they should realize is that it is not only about women's rights, but also about human rights. Men possess the right to speak up for their problems and they deserve equal respect. It should not be about respecting women, but about respecting everyone who gives respect. But unfortunately, men hating has become a norm today.

There are many examples of pseudo feminism and misandry that exist in the society. Social media becomes the major platform that contributes to the growth of misandry. Through it, the value of feminism has reduced to a bulk of trolls, posts, shares and arguments which gave popularity to fake feminists. Social media is a room for pseudo feminists to spread man hate, and it helps in boosting their growth regardless of the harm they do. They focus on pursuing the younger generation and find happiness in male bashing and spreading hatred on behalf of feminism. Comments like "men are trash", "men should die", "I hate men" have become so common these days. False accusations through social media have raised to a greater extent. It is true that women face

The judicial system and laws become favourable for women so that the number of false cases increases day by day along with the number of women who misuse laws. While there are many laws to protect women, there is not a single law to protect men. The immoral, biased laws of the Indian judicial system remain as a major threat to the life of other genders. Although less in number, there are men who are

different problems and they deserve protection rights. But that does not mean every woman is a victim. There are women who misuse this victim card to defame men for their personal advantage. Society always considers women as a sufferer and men as a culprit. Women take advantage of this privilege and target males.

The case of the Zomato delivery man Kamaraj, who was accused and arrested on 10th March 2021, for assaulting a lady named Hitesha in Bangalore is one of the best examples for this. She gained sympathy through social media and the man was subjected to severe humiliation and he even lost his job. Later, he claimed himself to be innocent. But, even if he is guilt-free, it will not make any change in the humiliation he has faced. There are many such similar issues which arise due to the stereotype that women are always the objects of oppression. Johnny Depp, the renowned American actor and musician is another victim of false allegations. His ex-wife Amber Heard filed a case against him for domestic violence which resulted in the loss of his reputation and even his career. Later he came forward with the evidence proving his innocence and he filed a case claiming that he is the actual victim of domestic violence. But here too he cannot get back what he lost as he was thrown out of many projects. This accusation in many ways ended the career of a legendary movie star. Even before the verdict was passed he was declared guilty. This often happens in the lives of several men so that sometimes the innocents suffer the most.

subjected to sexual assault and domestic violence. But they do not get adequate support from the judiciary and their issues are not treated like the problems of women are being treated, so that they remain unknown. Even if a man files a case, the chances of him being not believed and getting ridiculed are high so that the number of such cases remains low.

Men are even being used for prostitution. False accusations are the major weapons used by women against men for their personal advantage. It has even turned into a mode of taking revenge. Men are bribed and threatened. The major motive that makes women file false cases is money. Moreover, they have the victim card so that they take advantage of the sympathy they would receive. Even if a man is innocent, no one believes him, no one stands with him. It is this confidence that prompts women to accuse them. But there is a fact that this misuse of laws affects the real women victims. According to the 2014 report of the Delhi Commission of Women, 53.2% of the rape cases reported were found false. Indian women were also filing fake cases of domestic violence. This mostly happens during the judgment of divorce cases. Of all the dowry related laws, IPC section 498A is the most misused one by women. The Supreme Court of India has identified the misuse of the section, IPC 498A and declared it as legal terrorism in 2005. A law brought for a purpose needs to solve that purpose and if it is misused it just loses its purpose. This is what happens today with the women protection laws in India.

The impact of false accusations on men is not minimal. The records of domestic violence that men face are striking but hard to believe especially in a society where women are supposed to be the only objects of abuse. It affects their personality, career, family, social connections and most importantly their mental health. It may even lead to depression and suicide. Manav Singh, a 17 year old boy in Gurugram, Haryana, has committed suicide on 4th May 2020, due to a false rape accusation. A girl added a story on Instagram claiming that he had raped her 2 years ago. She even added a disclaimer that she does not have any proof. But as usual the girl was believed and the boy was declared as a rapist. The post went viral, Manav was insulted, abused and threatened. Within one hour he committed

suicide. Thus, it is clear that even without clear evidence and proper investigation, women are believed and men are ridiculed. There are such similar cases where men had to cost their lives. The society, the unethical laws and the so-called 'social media warriors' who insult men with their prejudice are to be blamed here. This never ending story of gender inequality goes on from tax payment to reservations no matter how much the fundamental rights have stressed on equality.

If a man commits a crime or even if he is just the accused, his pictures are posted in social media, news channels and are subjected to severe criticism even before he is proven guilty. At the same time, if it is a woman, her name would not be disclosed and pictures would be blurred she would even get the protection from police and court while men receive injuries. Fair and equal justice becomes a necessity here. Every victim deserves equal consideration. It is not about whether the victim is a man or a woman; it is only about the victims of abuse. Gender should not be a criterion for the delivery of justice. No one should believe anyone because of gender. Any crime must be properly investigated before arriving at conclusions.

The feminist card is not an identity to misuse everything. A man can be a criminal at the same time a woman can also be a criminal. Every man is not a rapist and every woman is not a victim. While everyone talks and speaks up for women, no one raises their voice against the injustice towards men. They lack mainstream acceptance. If a woman hits a man for cheating her or for some issues concerning her, it is justified as her choice. But if a man hits a woman for the same, it becomes sexual assault! The same applies to domestic violence as well. No one has given a thought about women harassing men. Here the victims become culprits and innocents get harassed. Thus, it becomes clear that pseudo feminism is all around us.

Countries like China, Brazil, USA, Japan and Russia have already established government bodies to tackle and end pseudo feminism. But India has not woken up yet. The spreading man hate in the name of feminism can manipulate the younger generation. There is this unknown, other side of feminism that is hidden all around. There should be a clear understanding about the difference between feminism and pseudo feminism.

Feminism is not man hate. It is not about men should die or all men are trash. In the right sense, feminism is the equal treatment of all. The purpose of feminism is to have equal rights for women like others. It is not about replacing men, pulling down other genders or being superior to them. Pseudo feminists do not know what real feminism is. A father who equally treats his son and daughter is a feminist. A husband who respects his wife's choices and stands up for her equality is a feminist. A true feminist would speak up for the equality of both men and women and not for male bashing. According to Gloria Steinem, an American journalist and the leader of

second-wave feminism in the United States, a feminist is anyone who recognizes the equality and full humanity of women and men.

Conclusion

To conclude, the study brings out the sufferings of men, how pseudo feminists take advantage over them and try to assassinate their character and how they are being exploited by women in several ways. This is not the underestimation of women's problems, but a reminder that men have problems too. There is no competition going on for who suffers the most. Victims should be delivered with fair justice regardless of their gender and sexuality. Intentional misuse of any laws should be treated seriously and the establishment of gender- neutral laws becomes necessary. A nation where the innocent should not suffer and the guilty be punished should be the objective. Men deserve to be treated fairly. There is an urgent need to speak up for them as gender inequality is a human issue. Thousand culprits can escape but one innocent should not be punished.

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