

TYPES OF FEMINISM

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ABSTRACT :-

Feminism is generally concerned with changing women's position in society, by giving them freedom from oppressive restraints. There are many types of feminist which are divided themselves according to their own deeds, thoughts and actions. By thinking global idea of feminism, there are many people who have misunderstanding about the goals of feminism. Feminist Movement is a larger movement in the contemporary world for women's equality.

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Feminism is a political position and a theory which focuses on gender as a subject of analysis and demand for equality, right and justice. We see in society that gender roles are pre-determined and the women is trained to fit into those roles, which means these roles like daughter and mother are not natural but social become the women is trained to think, talk and act in particular ways that suit the role.

The Representation of women in art and the real material conditions in which they live is the main link between feminist literary and cultural theory. Feminist theory try to prove that the representation of women as weak, objective, docile seductive, innocent, sentimental or irrational which influence social condition, is treated as only as a sex object or a production machine, where she does not have power, financial rights, political rights. There is no equality between men and women, this inequalities exit between men and women are not natural but social, which is created by men by which they retain or regain power.

All social and cultural structures like religion, education, the arts, knowledge, and the family which enable the perpetual reinforcement of this inequality. Men get power because

they have an ability to persuade, these structure think the women that she has destined to be subordinated.

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| 1) Radical feminism | 2) Black feminism |
| 3) Cultural feminism | 4) Liberal feminism |
| 5) Postcolonial feminism | 6) Eco feminism |
| 7) Marxist feminism | 8) Postmodern feminism |
| 9) Equality feminism | 10) Psychoanalytic feminism |

1) Radical feminism :-

“Radical feminism is a movement is a movement which believes sexism is so deeply rooted in society that only care is to eliminate the concept of gender completely.” Radical feminism’s main focus is based on social change, evolution and social reform. Radical feminism pointed out against institutions like patriarchy racism, heterosexism for promoting more equality between men and women. Radical feminist suggests many changes such as finding technology which will allow babies to be grown outside of a women’s body.

Finding technology will allow women to avoid missing work for maternity leave, which radical feminists so early as compared to men. Radical feminists pointed out that the entire traditional family system only based on sexist. Men are expected to work outside the home, while there is a duty for women to live in house for care of children and clean the house. Radical feminist stated that this conventional dichotomy maintains men as financially in power over women and the traditional family structure according to radical feminist should be rejected.

2) Black Feminism:-

Black Feminism emerged or has origin in two convincing argument. The black women’s oppression was based on a double bind of being women and being black. Black feminism was oppositional o bath patriarchy as well as white feminism, Bell Hooks write that “ Black feminist’s found that sisterhood for most white women did not mean surrendering to

race, class and sexual preference, we resist white women.(Nayar Pramod, Pp 109) Black feminist paid attention to many issues like class and labour.e.g. The material lives of black women, nature of black society, families and traditions which is based on patriarchal values. Alice Walker, as a novelist argued about all people of colour. Many writers such as Zora Neale Hurston, Patricia Hill Collins, Hortense, Spillers, Alice Walker were most imp in writing of black feminism.

3) Cultural Feminism :-

Cultural feminism a movement which point out how modern society is hurt by inspiring and encouraging masculine behavior but society would benefit by encouraging and inspiring feminine behavior instead. It is developed from radical feminism, both feminism hold many opposing issues and views.

Cultural feminism holds the positive aspect of women. Linda Alcoff argues that women are over determined by what she sees as patriarchal systems, she contends that “Man has said that women can be defined, delineated, captured understanding understood, explained and diagnosed to a level of determination never accorded to man himself, who is conceived as a rational animal with free will”(cultural feminism Wikipedia) cultural feminism is based on according to essentialist view which show the differences between women and men and advocates institution building and independence.

4) Liberal feminism:-

Liberal feminism’s main goal is to gain equality for women while working in institutions e.g. the vote, equal salary, equal protection under law, which does not focus on changing the whole institution. It is often odds with or aims with radical feminism. It is an individualistic from of feminist theory, who maintains their equality through their own choice and actions. Liberal feminist stated that society has a false belief that women by nature are physically and intellectually capable than men.

Mary Wollstonecraft, Helen Taylor and John Stuart Mill are famous feminist writers associated with this theory second wave feminist are Gloria Steinesm and Betly Friedan.

5) Marxist Feminism:-

Marxist Feminism also called socialist feminism. Its central thinking is based on politics and economics. It has become an important force in today’s world. It also gets success on providing services and supports to the women needs. Many women are now as a part of this movement. “Women consciousness” has been widely accepted through rap groups,

demonstrations, counter institutional activity, action projects and mass media. It is also concerned with challenging capitalism and male supremacy or patriarchy. Many issues deal with employment, domestic labour and state policy.

6) Eco Feminism:-

Eco feminism came in to existence in the 1980 – 90. Eco feminist argue that women have a central role to play in the environmental movement. It also makes connections between men's operation of women and their exploitation of nature. They stated that in the world, women have been associated with emotion, the body and nature, while men have been associated with the mind, culture and reason. The aspects which are associated with are more valued than women's aspects. They also argue that female terms are often associated with nature..... Mother earth, virgin, forest etc. Other eco feminist argue that women has a low status and roll in society that make them aware of threats to the environment. e.g. degradation of fertile land through intensive farming and pesticides and dumping of toxic waste. Some also see women's reproduction function or nurturing capacities makes women superior and has abilities to keep or live in harmony with nature

Conclusion :-

From the information, we can conclude that people has improved the capacity or belief to understand the feminism. There are still some positive as well as negative connotations, but as a human being, women are always tried to gain their rights

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