

Writing Scenario:

Even in the year 2021 we still have issues like gender inequality where women are **still** fighting for something that should be any human's right from the time of their birth. The most surprising part is that no country has achieved gender equality in its entirety worldwide. So, what we will try to understand now is that how has gender inequality impacted the world by comparing two different parts of the world. After reading this text my goal is to open every reader's mind to all the struggles in the world regarding gender inequality. The fact that there are people that still believe that women and men have separate roles and are to stay that way, it is them I want to impact and open their minds to new possibilities with a much equal and better world.

Gender Inequality in India

I am a 20-year-old guy from India. So, I have at least 20 years of experience with stuff that I have witnessed. "Discrimination against women and girls is a pervasive and long-running phenomenon that characterises Indian society at every level" (**Sharma, 2016**). India has a very long history of being a male-dominant country. Where women have a specific role to fulfil, which is to take care of the household and the family. Whereas the role of men is to provide for the family and to do as they wish. Surprisingly not much has changed since ancient times. Now that women are aware of their rights and are standing up to such atrocities. They are understanding their place in society and are fighting for their equality.

In a society where over **80%** of the population worship goddesses of various types, women's standing and what they stand for varies from the old to the current day (**Statista, 2020**). India has been proudly worshiping goddesses for centuries. They forgot to understand that the goddess they are worshiping is also a woman so how hard can it be to treat their women with respect and equality. Although special legislation guarantees women safety, and equal opportunity, in addition to shameful victimization, the reality of the legal procedure does not allow most crimes to be brought to the attention of the authorities. According to research "India had some of the worst gender statistics in the developing world. The female labour force participation rate is only **25 per cent**. And among India's working women **90 per cent** are engaged in informal employment — unpaid or irregular work — in the formal and informal sectors" (**The London School of Economics And Political Science, 2020**). For example, taking care of your family and sometimes family of your relatives or friends when in need and never being compensated for their time or effort. Or tutoring the neighbor's kid.

Gender Inequality in Canada

A lot of people in the eastern part of the world believe that the western world is this "to-good-to-be-true" world where dreams come true, and everything is justified. After staying in Canada for about a year and a half I learned a lot of things about the western side of the world. According to research "More than 1.5 million women in Canada live in poverty" (**Statistics Canada, 2021**). According to research "Women in Canada earn 28% less than men, and this gap is widening, not closing" (**Gregory, 2018**). I arrived in a country where I witnessed large corporations and big business but something like this was the last thing I expected to learn.

Something like this makes an outsider think that is the reality of our world. Is this how people are treated in 2021 even in one of the leading countries of the world? As per a poll, “54 per cent of girls said they first noticed gender inequality between age 10 and 13. The results are based on a country-wide study of over 1,200 girls and boys aged 12 to 17 years” **(Ghoussoub, 2018)**

The benefits of gender equality

Gender equality is beneficial to everyone. Gender equality helps to reduce violence against women and girls and enhances the safety and health of our communities. It is a human right, and for the economy it is excellent. According to research A recent WHO report comparing 41 European countries found that men’s health was poorer in more gender-unequal societies – the sexual division of labor harms men as well as women. When the sexes are more equal, men say they are more satisfied with life **(Karpf, 2020)**. Also, the children are benefited from gender equality. “Women have more control over family resources, spending patterns tend to benefit children. Gains in women’s education and health have also been shown to result in better outcomes for children. Improving the lives of young people enhances the growth prospects of their countries” **(Project, 2019)**. So, not only women but also children are benefited from gender equality. It is to be believed that gender equality is a concept to benefit women for a long time, but it is a movement that will benefit the whole human race if achieved.

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