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Feministic Approach (Feminism)

It is very difficult to define "Feminism" in terms of its historical origins and development. Feminism existed long before the term "Feminism" came to be coined sometime in the twentieth century. All those who had struggled for the rights of women - the right to vote, to own and to be deemed equals of men - came to be called feminists retrospectively.

Definition of Feminism :-

The theory of the political, economic, and social equality of the sexes. Organized activity on behalf of women's rights and interests.

Feminism means the recognition of equal rights for women based on the gender equality. It assumes that women should be treated in the same way as men and should be allowed the equal rights, opportunities and powers. Feminism incorporates the position that societies prioritize the male point of view, and that women are treated unfairly within these societies. Efforts to change that include fighting gender stereotypes and seeking to establish educational and professional opportunities for women that are equal to those for men.

Feminist movements have campaigned and continue to campaign for women's rights, including the right to vote to hold public office to work to earn fair wages equal pay and eliminate the gender pay gap, to own property, to receive education, to enter contracts, to have equal rights within marriage

and to have maternity leave. Feminists have also worked to ensure access to legal abortions and social integration and to protect women and girls rape, sexual harassment, and domestic violence all these activities are the part of feminist movements.

Three Groups of Feminists

1- Liberal Feminism: → Liberal feminists work within a liberal state. They do not question the structure - economic or political - of the state, but they demand that the rights and privileges given by the state should be equally shared by men and women.

2- Marxist and socialist feminism: - Feminists of this category interlink the oppression of women and the exploitation of the working class in the capitalist economic system. Women suffer a double exploitation as women and as members of the working class.

3- Radical feminism: → Radical feminists disregard all questions of political and economic dispensation to concentrate on the roots of the problem. The central root of the problem is the system of patriarchy which leads to all kinds of discrimination against and devaluation of women. The concept of gender is the real villain and has to be demolished.

There are two more types of feminism → 1- Black feminism
2- Post Colonial Feminism.