

Societal Reaction towards the Basic Women Rights: A Comparative Analysis of Rural & Urban Areas of Multan Division

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Abstract: Violation of women rights is the global phenomena. There are many countries where a lot of people deny the rights of women but in Muslim countries it is practiced at the name of religion. They treat with women badly, don't give them respect & treat them inhumanly. People violate the rights of women to show off their power by considering them as a soil of feet, by treating them like an animal and by thinking them as an inferior part of society. There are some horrible customs which violate the rights of women are discrimination, sex selection abortion, express feelings of grief at the birth of female, don't take care the health of women & women child, discrimination for educational institute, domestic violence, exchange marriages, forced marriages, child marriages, marriages with Quran bride price, dowry, honor killing, women used as compensation, don't involve women in decision making, violation of property, economic, job & legal rights. The basic objectives of research were 1) To see the awareness level of women rights in urban women. 2) To see the awareness level of women rights in rural women. 3) What is the reaction of men towards the women rights? 4) To explore the major determinants of violating of women rights.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Violation of Women rights is the global phenomena. There are currently many countries where religion is law, here mostly rights of women are violated (Shah, 2010). But Islam gives all rights to women. Our Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) said that "Among all of you are most respectable who respects the women and the most disresponsible is that person who do not respect the women".

Islam gives equal rights to men and women. There is present no any discrimination. So, there are 6 major issues which describe equality.

- 1) **Spiritual rights:** In view of God everyone is equal, according to Quran's verse which person do good works it may be men or women it does not matter will be awarded according to their deeds.
- 2) **Educational Rights:** The first order of Allah is reading, it is not about zakat, Namaz, Roza, Hujj etc. and this order is for all women and men. Our beloved Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) said that "Education is necessary for all women and men". According to this Hadith we know that there is no discrimination for getting education. Our Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) said that "For getting education if you have to go China then must go". Again we know that there is no discrimination, all men and women, if they have to get education from anywhere then they should go. It can be any country. If women want then they can go to mosque for getting education and offers prayers. In the times of Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) and Caliphate women get education and offer prayers in mosques. Hazrat Ayesha (R.A) was the teacher of 8000 companions and also she was expert in History, Medicine, Hadiths, Law and Literature.

- 3) **Economic Rights:** Allah give the economical rights to women, according to the Quran, Allah gives every men & women of their economic parts so do not get jealous of each other's we know that Allah give the right of earning to women if they want they can earn. No one can stop her because it is her right. Islam gives all responsibility of economic to men not to women. If women earn or want to do jobs than anyone can't stop her and she can spend all her money according to her own will and her family can't force her for taking her money. Here is also a big example of Hazrat Khadija (R.A) was a trader and a famous business woman. During the battle of Ohud, a lady whose name was Nasiba, she protected the Our Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) from kffar-e-makkah & while doing she got many wounds and injuries. After Battle, Our Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) appreciated and praised her.
- 4) **Social Rights:** There are 4 statuses of women which are given by Islam. 1) Daughter 2) Mother 3) Sister 4) Wife.
 - a) Firstly we define the rights of daughter. Women child have the living right and according to Hadith women babies are the blessings of God. But those people who think that they are sign of guilt. According to Quran their thinking is very shameless. Now we define the blessings of daughter. Our Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) said, those people who take care of their daughters in better manner they would very close to me in paradise.
 - b) Now, we define the rights of Mother. In Islam, there is an order for generation that they should be obedient of their parents; they should love and respect them for doing as it is the big worship of God. And it is present in many verses of Quran about the parents. Now we define the blessings of Mother. There are several Hadiths but here we define one Hadith which is present in Ahmed and Ibn-e-Majah, "Paradise lies under the feet of the mother". There is also one Hadith which is present in Bukhari and Muslim related from Abu Huraira. One day one man came near to our beloved Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H). He asked him that in my parent who is more able for respect, love and serve. Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) replied "Your Mother" then he again asked, you replied "Your Mother". He again asked, then you again replied "Your Mother" and then he again asked you replied "Your Father". From this Hadith we know that 75% love, respect and serving is for Mother and just 25% have father.
 - c) Now we define the rights of sister. In Quran there is used the word of Auliya it does not mean friends. Here its means is supporters, helpers or protectors. Here it means that all the men or women are protector or helper of each other likes brother and sisters.
 - d) In the matter of marriage, nobody can force the women for doing marriage. Parents also cannot force her they only can guide her. Once upon a time, one woman came to Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) and complained that her father did her marriage forcefully and she is not happy then Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) abruptly finished her marriage contract because her marriage was done without her consent. From this Hadith, we know that women have the right of marriage according to her will. Without her consent, anyone even parents cannot force her and they can't do anything. One day, Hazrat Ayesha (R.A) wished to see the circus to Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) and Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) happily replied and she watch circus one hour and Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) stand there for her entertainment, from here we know that women have the right of entertainment and kind behavior, which our society do not do as and our society have many wrong concepts about Islam that bound the women in the walls of house and she has no right to come out of their house. These wrong information is widened by our religious leaders who have less knowledge and these points are against of Islam.

Dining out and going out is the right of women which is given by Islam. One day Iranian companion of Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) came to you. He was best cook and he invited you for dinner then you asked that can Hazrat Ayesha (R.A) come. Due to any reason he said no, then you said that I also can't come. Then he asked 3 times and yours answer was same and then he said she also can come then Hazrat Ayesha (R.A) went for dinner with Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H). It is the sign that women have the right of dinning out or going out with her husband.

Islam also gives the right that if women want to live in separate house and do not want to live with the family of husband then it is the responsibility of husband to provide her a separate house. But in our society people force the women to live with family and she became the victim of violence which is totally against the teachings of Islam.

Furthermore, Islam does not bind the women to cook food, to wash clothes or doing work of household of husband if she do not want to do all these works then she is not at guilt in view of Allah Almighty. But she became a bad woman in view

of husband and society and became the victim of violence. If women do all these works then men must thank them and understand that it is not her duty.

Many people have wrong concepts that Islam gives the permission to man for doing polygamy. But only the best part is that Islam does not give it's permission. According to Quran "you can marry four women but you have to treat them equally but in reality you can't do as. So, it means that man can marry just only one.

Yes, men can do second marry in case of

- 1- If your wife is so ill and have no hope of her living.
- 2- If she is handicapped.
- 3- If she dead.
- 4- If she is infertile.

There is also a misconception about divorce rights in all Muslims and non-Muslims which is given by Islam. It has some Islamic rules which are as followed.

- 1- By the one-sided will of husband.
- 2- By the one-sided will of wife (if the marriage contract is specify).
- 3- By the judgment of judge where there is present acceptable reason e.g. bad behavior, lack of support or another reason.
- 4- Khula, it is the right of women. If the women do not want to live with husband and husband is not at guilt but she want separation then she can take divorce. In this case man should have to leave her.
- 5) Legal Rights: According to Islamic Laws, all women and men are equal. There is present not any discrimination. All people have the right of live. If any person commits the crime then for all men and women their punishments are same not less or more for anyone e.g. If any man or women murder a person then both of them the punishment of death or hanged. Our religion do not show leniency in any other case (Naik, 2003).

According to Islamic Laws, women also have right to become witness. She is also accepted as witness but before embracing Islam women are not being accepted as witness. As Islam came, it gives rights to women that they have witness right. Islam gives the right of property to women. Half part for women is just because she has no any responsibility but no one can take her property or his husband also cannot take it. So now it depends upon the wish of women either to save the property or to sale it for preserving her future. She can do anything with her property.

- 6) Political Rights: Islam gives permission to all women and men. If they want they can participate in all political and public affairs. There is no objection; if the women want they also can participate in law making. One day, Hazrat Umar (R.A) was discussing the topic about "Mehr" restrictions in mosque. One woman listened. She told from the back seat of mosque and give reference about Quran than Hazrat Umar (R.A) abruptly replied, this is right and Umar was wrong. She has also the right of politics. She can include in all matters of administration of country and she can include in making the constitution.

There are many misconceptions about Islamic teachings.

- 1) According to perception of people, "God gives permission of violence." But our religion talks in against of violence. Our Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) said that "O, people fear from God in the matter of women, treats with them carefully and fairly as Islam teaches you"
- 2) There we enlighten the meaning of Hadith that if a woman die during the delivery of child then she was included in martyr and it is big honor for her because the death of martyr is at highest degree in Islam. And according to much religious point of views, pregnancy is the big punishment for all women due to Eve that God gave this punishment to Eve and all the women have to face it.
- 3) Islam gives permission of polygamy. But according to Quran, if men treat with all women equally, otherwise Islam says that he can't do polygamy. And he who denies it have to give justification for all of his works at justification day.

“Women are the instrument of devil”. It is cultural belief, not of Islamic religious belief. But in Quran there is used the word for women is “Mohsana” (Doli, 2012). In our society, gender discrimination is a major issue and it is a big hurdle in way of development of society that women are deprived from their rights because all their rights are violated with different ways such as discrimination, sex selection abortion, express feelings of grief at the birth of female, don’t take care the health of women & women child, discrimination for educational institute, domestic violence, exchange marriages, forced marriages, child marriages, marriages with Quran bride price, dowry, honor killing, women used as compensation, don’t involve women in decision making, violation of property, economic, job & legal rights. Women are considered as inferior status of man; just their role is subservient in society (Hamid et al. 2012). In our society, there is present much illiteracy, wrong use of political power, wrong customs and culture and also present many misunderstanding about religion (Unaziz, 2006).

II. PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

Women rights are important because they are human beings and deserve the dignity and respect as men have. Which is endowed on them by their creator? Women rights are the global problem of women because many countries deny their rights and not give them their rights. In Muslim countries all this is practiced at the name of religion. Their behavior is very cruel towards women, they don’t give them respect, don’t take them like a human being. People consider that women are inferior. They do violate, discriminate to show off their strength. Chinese Thinker Mao says that “Women hold up the half sky, we are nothing without women”. Consider for a moment that if all women leave the sky, don’t holds up it then what would be done. How our society, move toward progress? Our all world would be finished because they are the half species of the world. This also shows the significance of the present study. The main objectives of the present research were:

1. To see the awareness level of women rights in urban women.
2. To see the awareness level of women rights in rural women.
3. What is the reaction of men towards the women rights?
4. To explore the major determinants of violating of women rights.

III. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Kamla (1987) explored that the subordination that women experience at daily level, regardless of the class, they might belongs to take various forms; such as, discrimination, disagreed, insult, control, exploitation, oppression & violence within the family, at the work place & in society. Sometimes these would become the reason of mental disorder. Research shows some cultural aspects which are that son preference, discrimination in food to giving girls & boys, lack of educational opportunities for girls, women battering, lack of freedom & mobility for girls, lack of inheritance or property rights for women. Haj-yahiya (2002) stated that according to Jordanian women, wife beating or violence is the personal matter of every household and violence is the personal benefit for women because from violence they should be conformist. If women became the victim of violence then it is not the guilt of men just women are at guilt and there are different punishments for each guilt. TahseenUllah, (2004) defined that Islam gives all rights to women and understood that she is human being. She performs many roles and responsibilities in society. But she doesn’t get any rights. In Pakistan, all rights of women are violated with different methods. In our society, there are many people who know what the rights of women are and there are also many people who do not know what the rights of women are. But all these people violate the rights of women in different ways. There are some examples which are as followed.

1. Mostly families denied the Educational Rights of women which is given by Islam. They think that domestic education is necessary for women, that’s why they send them in the government schools for basic education or in madras and mosques for getting religious education and educational institutes also do discrimination with girls. They prefer the boys for joining every activity and also neglected the girls.
2. Islam gives advice to parents and husbands that they should take care of the health of women. If they are ill then give them proper treatment but in our society, many families do not take care of the health of women. Many families only

focus on the health of men and think that there is no need of medical treatment for women because they think, if they bring their women to hospital then male doctor can check her so it would be shameful for them. Many of the families do not give treatment to their females who are mentally retarded because they think if they do treatment of their mentally retard women then it would be disgraceful for their family. In our society, many women are died at daily basis due to lack of food and lack of medical facilities for women.

3. Islam gives the right of women that she can be involved in all decision making. These decisions can be based on at domestic level, community, society, country level or others. But today, they are deprived of this right. Even in household matters, they have no right to take part in any decision making program. If she speak in any matter of household then abruptly said to her that who are you to speak in the matter of household. Even do not involve them in the decisions about reproduction. These days, their role is just to produce many children for their husbands and other family members' desire.
4. Islam gives the right to choose the husband according to her own will. No one can force her to marry any person. But in our society, men family members take the decision that from which person their daughter have to marry if she do not want then impose her to get marry even she have to do it which she do not want to do and our society deprive this right of women which is given by God and just they provoke the patriarchal society and their respect.
5. According to Islamic law women have the right of Mahr in form of cash, jewelry and property, which is paid at the time of marriage contract or during the time of function of marriage. But women are deprived of this right. In our society, there are many families which sold their daughters like animals are slaves.
6. In Punjab and in tribal areas, there are present 2 customs Vani and Swara for finishing the feudal of tribes or hiding the crimes of men. Women are used as compensation for finishing the feuds or as a compensation of the crimes of men. In this case, women have no permission to meet their parents and men treat with her like an animal's whole life.
7. In the custom of dowry; women give property, household items, cash, gifts or many different things to husband families. Due to this bad custom, many problems are being created in society e.g. parents of girl become the victim of high wages which they have to pay back to others. They became the victim of poverty. Many women remain unmarried for whole life etc. there is present also as like custom which is called walwar in this case the boys' family paid a big amount to the father for girl in which they think that they prevent the women from getting married in village communities. In this case, women lived her all life like animals.
8. In Islamic marriage contract both partners have some responsibilities and rights on equal basis. But in our society husband is considered as "Majazi Khuda" these concepts push the women in the hell. They become totally the victim of cruelty or injustice.
9. In our society, there is also an erroneous custom of child marriage in society which creates complications between husband and wife and for the families.
10. Islam gives property shares to women. She has the right of taking property but in our society do not give these rights to women. A lot of families do not do marriages of their daughters for saving their property. Few families forced their daughters to get marry with Quran. Here they do misuse of the rights. Our society is based on patriarchal structure. In such society, men have the right of inheritance and control all plots and property. Women have inferior status, so, the thinking of people is that men have to perform all work and they also provide protection to women. So, they have no right of inheritance. There are very few women, who have this right but very few.
11. There are many women in our society who are related from the rural areas and poor families. These women work in the houses of rich families and they are exploited through different methods such as they have to do more work than their salary and they use their power for exploiting them with sexual abuse.
12. In view of Islam, killing is a big sign. You cannot do murder of anyone. But our society killed a lot of women because they demand their rights according to Islam. After killing them they said, these women were deviant and they were the sign of insult for them and Islam. So, we murdered them at the name of honor.
13. In Quran, it is described that men can marry 4 women if that man is able to behave with all of them equally but our Muslim Leaders use it in wrong way and do not read the next order. It means here is the concept of marriage tha you

can do marriage with just one. But in 4 cases you can do 2nd marriage 1) if your wife is ill and have no hope of her living 2) if your wife is handicapped 3) if your wife is dead and 4) if your wife is infertile. Our society used this order in wrong way and men do many marriages.

14. Islam gives right of divorce to women. But in our society, man gives divorce to women when they want to do 2nd marriage and they tell very wrong reasons for giving them divorce that ruin their whole life.

15. Islam teaches the privacy and veil in different steps. But our society takes it in wrong meaning.

Khaleeq (2011) stated that in our society, many women have no permission of doing jobs. Fathers, brothers and husbands understand that the profession of teaching and medical are better for women and other professions are not good for women and in our constitution, 10% jobs are for women. If 100 seats are taken out then 90 seats are for males and 10 seats are for females. So, in our constitution there is inequality in the matter of jobs on gender basis. Khalida (2008) stated that people have many misconceptions about the rights of women. People believe that Islam oppressed the women. But in reality, Islam gives all rights to women and gives the right of choice in every field such as education, business, property and in all parts of her life. And it is our culture, which do mal-practices with women and people understand these evil practices or violation a part of religion.

In our society, gender discrimination is a major issue of our society and it is a big hurdle in way of development of society that women are deprived of their rights especially our society's doubt at the right of witness of women. Women are considered as inferior status of man; just their role is subservient in society.

IV. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The researcher used quantitative research design. In this explorative research, researcher used case study method for data collection. The universe/population of the present study comprised of all the women of rural and urban areas of Multan city. The researcher selected 400 women of Multan on the basis of simple random sampling. In Multan, there are total number of urban areas are 5 and rural areas are 56 and I collect the data from 200 women of Bahauddin Zakaria University in urban area and 200 data from women of rural area of Binda Sandeela, I take 1 respondent from every house. I collect data from these areas is because these areas are near to my house. For collecting data, the researcher used interview schedule. After completing the data collection, researcher used the SPSS software for analysis the data and researcher applied the test of correlation to check that hypothesis is rejected or accepted.

Hypothesis:

1. The level of awareness of women rights is higher in urban women as compare to the rural women.
2. The greater the awareness level of women rights in women the greater the violation of rights by men.

TABLE NO. 1

Correlation matrix Education, Decision Making, Health and Voting Rights [total sample]

Variables	1	2	3	4	5
1. Voting rights					
2. Decision making rights	.205** .000				
3. Education rights	.188** .000	.368** .000			
4. Health rights	.006** .897	-.161 .001	-.227** .000		
5. Level of education	-.225** .000	-.170 .001	-.225** .000	.237** .000	

** . Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

There is positive correlation between decision making rights and voting rights when decision making rights should be more then voting rights also become more. There is a positive correlation between educational rights and voting rights when you have education then you take right decision about voting then you have the right of voting that which person you have to give vote. There is also positive correlation between educational rights and decision making rights when we have educational rights then us also get the decision making rights. There is no correlation between health rights and voting rights. There is negative correlation between health rights and decision making rights. There is also negative correlation between health rights and educational rights. There is negative correlation between level of education and voting rights, also negative between level of education and decision making rights. There is a negative correlation between level of education and education rights but there is a positive correlation between level of education and health rights. In our society, do not give the permission of getting education from out of city and their family do not support them in getting education so that’s why women have no more decision making rights, educational and voting rights just they have health rights according to their own will.

TABLE NO. 2

Correlation matrix Education, Decision Making, Health and Voting Rights in Urban Areas

Variables	1	2	3	4
1. Health rights				
2. Education rights	-.235** .001			
3. Decision rights	-.200** .004	.389** .000		
4. Voting rights	.023** .745	.298 .001	.351** .000	

** Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

There is a negative correlation between education rights and health rights when you get education then you can’t take care of your health. There is a negative correlation between decision rights and health rights. There is a positive correlation between decision rights and education rights. In urban areas, when you have decision rights then you can get education easily. There is no correlation between voting rights and health rights. There is a positive correlation between voting rights and education rights when you have education then you can take decision easily that you have to give vote to which person and you can use this right according to your will. There is a positive correlation between voting rights and decision making rights. When you have education you have the decision making rights then you become able of voting rights.

TABLE NO. 3

Correlation matrix Education, Decision Making, Health and Voting Rights in Rural Areas

Variables	1	2	3	4
1. Health rights				
2. Education rights	-.183** .010			
3. Decision rights	-.081** .257	.308** .000		
4. Voting rights	-.054** .448	.150* .034	.123 .084	

** Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

* Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).

There is a no correlation between educational rights and health rights in rural areas. There is no correlation between decision making rights and health rights. There is positive correlation between decision making rights and educational rights. There is no correlation between voting and health rights, no correlation between voting rights and education rights and no correlation between voting and decision making rights. In rural areas to some extent, women have educational rights for this they have to leave their all rights.

V. CONCLUSION

1. In urban areas mostly women are educated and they know about their rights and they also try to get them and in rural areas women do not know what their rights are. if they know then for getting someone then they should have to leave all rights. In rural areas if women are educated then they have to leave all their rights they have to do all works according to the will of men.
2. Our society is based on patriarchal. So, all the rights of women are violated through different methods in both urban and rural areas by males. But in urban areas, violation of rights by males are very less because in these areas mostly women and men are educated and know what is right or wrong.

Suggestion:

After completing the thesis work I think that what we should do for solving this problem, there are some suggestions which are as followed.

- 1- The rights of women according to Islam and state should be shown on T.V.
- 2- What are the rights of women that should be taught as compulsory subject in school and collages.
- 3- There should be seminar about women rights and stopping violence in rural and urban areas.
- 4- Strong laws and punishments should be given to stop all tremendous practices of society which violates women rights.
- 5- There should be awareness of brass-tacks of all bad customs.
- 6- Do not understand women as strangers; understand them as a human being.
- 7- Women should speak to people no need of violence now, we are strong.
- 8- If police do their all works in proper way and do with honesty then mostly crimes would be finished from society even women also get their rights properly and all the crimes which is done against the women, also would be control very much.
- 9- Pakistani women can achieve their purpose if they join hands together and motivate each other and say to society, no more violence, we will not bear this again and educated women spread the awareness to all other women who are uneducated then it would be a big surprise for society and they can change their condition. Our government is mostly run by men. So, transformation of these things is very difficult. So, we have to make a noise for this, we have to aware other women, we can read about it, write about it, blog about it and can talk about it.

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