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Women as Minority Groups

Sociologists generally consider women, even though they are a majority in purely statistical terms, to be a minority in America and all around the world. This is because sociologists define minority groups as a collection of people who are singled out for unequal treatment and who consider themselves as objects of collective discrimination (Henslin 231). Below, this post discusses why women are designated a minority group.

Broadly, women are classified as defined above since they do not share the same privileges, power, rights, and opportunities as men. There are two major reasons for this inequality. First, women suffer from rampant gender-based discrimination, especially sexism, more than men. Sexism in this context refers to sex-based discrimination (Glick and Rudman 337). Women have been denied both access and rights in equal measure to men in both past and present times solely on the basis of their gender. In America, women were for a long time viewed as lower-class citizens and were denied the right to vote until early in the 20th century (Libretexts). Second, women do not enjoy and or are unable to exercise their rights at a higher rate compared to men. While America and the rest of the world have made major strides in ensuring equal rights for all, women still do not have entitlements and freedoms regarding issues such as bodily integrity and autonomy (Jahan et al. 150). In most countries, women undergo

rampant sexual harassment and discrimination from men with little to no consequences at all (Jahan et al. 150). Men also still hold significant control over women's environment, especially politically and materially. Women have a harder time and task in effectively taking part in political choices that govern their lives (Jahan et al. 151). Materially speaking, women also have a limited ability to hold property and seek employment on an equal and fair basis with men.

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