**What is your conception of feminism?**

Today, the revolution to get women rights acknowledged is at its peak and countless types of feminism exist, ranging from some targeting minor issues to a few being way too extreme. But, having surface-analyzed this topic, feminism for me simply means considering no one sub-human and not quantifying any person with absurd gender stereotypes.

In my opinion, every human being, regardless of their gender, race, origins or sexual orientation, must have complete freedom in life and the society should actively ensure that nothing acts as a hindrance in their path to success. But over the course of human history, unfortunately, this hasn’t been the case. Women have always been considered as inferior by men and at large, by the society.

As C. N. Adichie describes, the society perceives men as the sole breadwinners, as the minds behind decisions and also, as the owners of women. As an outcome of this polarized mindset, women are objectified, subjected to sexual oppression, bounded by unjust rules and above all, not allowed to practice their birth right: freedom.

Similarly, it is also a sad fact that society has always bound the women by “glass ceilings” and prevented them from living their dreams. As W. Maathai (in C. N. Adichie) says, “the higher you go, the fewer women there are”. The economic system, though not explicitly, has always restricted women to “poorly paid positions” (Obama) and has maintained a men-only monopoly, enforcing the idea that men lead, while women follow, which is anything but true.

But females aren’t the only ones being denied freedom. For me, feminism advocates the rights of all women, gays, lesbians and minorities that face difficulties and oppression in their day-to-day lives. Feminism is a war against “stereotyping” in general, it is a voice against every effort to shackle down a human soul with obsolete expectations of the society.

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