**RESEARCH PROPOSAL**

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**PART I: Proposal**

a. What is your research topic and why have you chosen this topic? (Clearly indicate why it is worth doing i.e., why should anyone care)

Research topic is feminism is commonly considered as man hate in fact it is an idea that defends gender equality, against patriarchal structure and importance of choice. This topic was chosen because day by day the idea of feminism is equal to man hate is becoming more common which is a very important issue. It is worth exploring because it will be studied about how feminism is tried to be shown as man hate which is certainly not true.

b. What are your main research question and your sub-questions?

Research question is:

1. What is feminism?

Sub-questions are:

1. What feminism actually defends in terms of gender equality?
2. What feminism actually defends in terms of patriarchal structure?
3. What feminism actually defends importance of choice?

c. What do you intend to find as a result of your research? Any hypothesis, assumptions?

I intend to find what feminism actually is and defends. My thesis statement is feminism is commonly considered as man-hate in fact it is an idea of gender equality, against patriarchal structure and importance of choice.

d. Try to define the boundaries for this research to provide a clear focus.

Feminism is considered in three different areas as in political, sociological and ethical. This research will be only in the field of sociology as gender equality, patriarchal structure and importance of choice.

e. How might the results contribute to the solution of social, economic, or other types of problems? Any influence on policy decisions?

The results of this research may help society to understand what actual feminism is and why it is important in real life. Feminism does defend every human being and it defends there should be equality among all humans. This research will clearly show why and how it defends it.

f. What do you need to do next? Make a brief outline.

Week1(Starting week of my research)

Organizing ideas/Research about feminism, different categories of feminism

Week2/Week(When it will be written)

Organizing research paper/organizing resources

Trying to look from different perspectives

Analyzing resources, trying to finalize them.

(When it will be written)

Finalized ideas will be written.

**PART II: Annotation**

**SOURCE 1:**

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| **Source Information in**  **MLA** | Cook, Elizabeth Adell, and Clyde Wilcox. “Feminism and the Gender Gap--A Second Look.” *The Journal of Politics*, vol. 53, no. 4, 1991, pp. 1111–1122. |
| **Summary**  **(About 200 words)** | Basically Elizabeth Cook and Wilcox Clyde’s aim was to examine what gender gap is actually between male and female humans. They separated their experimental group into two group as feminists and non-feminists.Also, these groups were formed as feminist male- feminist female and non-feminist male - non-feminist female. Writers used information provided from the 1984 American National Election Study, they research and examine the argument that feminism helps women realize their feminine values and policy preferences. Defining by operational way that allows them to characterize male and female feminists, it is found out that feminism has a similar impact on the values and policy preferences of men and women. Feminisim suggests that leads to feminist, not feminine values. In addition, writers examined Conover's conclusion that the gender gap is due entirely to feminist women. Actually in this paper they examined and concluded to find a gender gap between feminist men and women considered with potentially feminist men and women, and compared to the gender gap in society between nonfeminist men and women. |
| **Critical Evaluation** | *This paper is reliable because writers used 18 sourses and supported their ideas with sources which are reliable. Writers are academical staff of University of Georgia therefore it makes their paper more student friendly. This paper briefly introduces about gender gap in the begining. Helped me to understand more about my idea with my theisis for my research. Gender gap is what feminism actually fights and what feminisim is actually against. Gender equality is what feminism wants to achieve. Feminism had a long path during this process and this paper concludes how the process of trying to guide society to a world which is equal gender.* |
| **Highlights (Minimum three quotations or paraphrases with page numbers indicated, followed by your notes)** | (First highlight)  “Although the gender gap is by now well documented, there has been less effort to explain the gap. Some have suggested that the gender gap is due to the lower socioeconomic status of women, although research has found that SES differences account for only a small part of the gender gap has provided evidence to support a "women's perspective" explanation of the gender gap” (1).  Writer explained about the gender gap and why it is a big deal. There haas been lots of documents about gender gap but there has been less effort about explaining the gap. But recently it is concluded that in women’s perspective that there is a huge gender gap which effects women.  (Second highlight)  “Conover suggested that the process of becoming a feminist may awaken these feminine values that may be dormant among nonfeminist women”(2)  Writer shows a refarance that processes of becoming feminist may awaken some feminine side of people that may be dormant among who are not feminist. Understanding clearly about why being a feminist is not actually being male, being only women who believe women and men are equal may have helped this.  (Third highlight)  “If feminism is not associated with uniquely feminine values or policy preferences, it is nonetheless possible that such values and attitudes distinguish men from women, regardless of their level of feminism”(11).  Writers here stated that if feminism was not related with being feminine values or policy prferences it was okay for more men and women to support feminism. It was nonetheless possible that values as attitudes identify men from women, not respect to their level of femisim. |

**SOURCE 2:**

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| **Source Information in**  **MLA** | Moi, Toril. “‘I Am Not a Feminist, but...": How Feminism Became the F-Word.” PMLA, vol. 121, no. 5, 2006, pp. 1735–1741. |
| **Summary**  **(About 200 words)** | This source shows how feminism is corrupted by society and a there is a new phrase formed as “I am not a Feminist, but...”. This phrase shows how feminism is misunderstood and tried to be shown as being Feminist is an evil attributive. In this paper, the reason of this corrupted feminism is examined. It is shown as a result of old attitude which Simon de Beauvoir, Ludwig Wittgenstein defended. It is shown as an exhausted argumentation and this is the reason of aspect of society.  Also, this paper explains about different aspects of feminists and shows how they actually believe and behave as feminists. In this aspect conservative extremists, disenchanted feminists are explained. It will be also explained in my paper, therefore I am not writing it here.  In the end of this paper, writer shared her opinion about future of feminist theory. The writer showed ideas of Simon de Beavoir and writer’s own comments on Beavoir’s ideas. The writer believes that if it will not be changed in the aspect of society feminism. |
| **Critical Evaluation** | *This paper is reliable because writer used 17 sourses and supported their ideas with sources which are reliable. Writer is academical staff of Duke University therefore it makes her paper more student friendly. She is an important person in feminism theory world. She has written a lot of paper and research about feminism and second wave feminism. This paper is about differences between second wave feminism and third wave feminism. An important point that is considered in this paper what feminazi is and why it is made digested to society by patriarchal structure of society. This point is not clearly shown but as considered about different papers it is clear to see this one.* |
| **Highlights (Minimum three quotations or paraphrases with page numbers indicated, followed by your notes)** | (2 highlight together)  The writer explains about Limbaugh who is a big anti-feminist, has infamous neologism foregrounds abortion that is feminists are Nazis and gleefully fueling the holocaust of unborn children. And adds another source for his claim  “Trie claim is, after all, that a "feminazi" is "any female who is intolerant of any point of view that challenges militant feminism." If we wonder what "militant feminism" is, we learn, at the end of the quotation, that "militant women" are characterized by their "quest for power" and their "belief that men aren't necessary"(3).  In this, part writer explains what “feminazi” and “militant feminism” terms are. These terms show why it is believed commonly that feminism is man-hate. “Militant women” are characterized by their belief that men are not necessary which also caused by a misunderstanding of real gender equality. (Quotation + paraphrase)  (3rd highlight)  “My students take the strident, aggressive, man-hating feminist to be an image of what they would turn into if they were to become feminists. What they all see, I fear, is a woman who cannot hope to be loved, no so much because she is assumed to be unattractive (although there is that too) as because she doesn't seem to know what love is” (6).  In this part, writer makes an analysis about own students and their assumption towards feminism. They mostly believe that if they become feminists they have to become someone who is unable to love and be loved because they are unattractive which is not the real point of feminism. |

**SOURCE 3:**

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| **Source Information in**  **MLA** | Love, Myra. “Christa Wolf and Feminism: Breaking the Patriarchal Connection.” *New German Critique*, no. 16, 1979, pp. 31–53. |
| **Summary**  **(About 200 words)** | This source is a paper of Myra Love reading The Quest for Christ and examining it by the understanding of feminism. How patriarchal structure of society is affected by feminism and how it actually affected feminism in the aspect of society. She shows a path how this affection shaped society and their understanding of feminism. Since society is patriarchal structured this source is a great one to examine feminism’s standing towards the patriarchal structure of society.  Parts of this paper has parts named A Reading of The Quest for Christa T - Beyond 'Realism vs. Modernism': The Quest for a Female Aesthetic- Subjectivity and Dominance: The Patriarchal Connection. In these parts, Myra Love examined first about reading process and understanding of the text of Wolf. She wrote and searched about related sources and examined Wolf’s ideas about the patriarchal structure that was stated in Wolf’s book. In second part she wrote about realism and modernism. Then in third part, the writer explained about female aesthetic subjectivity and dominance which means actually that women have aesthetic feature and it has subjectivity for all women. Society gets its esthetics from the aspect of women and their dominance. Therefore this is important. Then she related this with patriarchal structure. |
| **Critical Evaluation**  *100-150 words* | *This paper is reliable because writer used 38 sourses and supported her ideas with sources which are reliable. Writer is academical staff of Duke University. I got this information from the point this paper is Duke University Press. Therefore it makes her paper more student friendly. This paper is about second wave feminism in perspective of patriarchal structure. An important point that is considered in this paper is what patriarchal structure is in society, how it is effected by feminism and how it effects feminism.* |
| **Highlights (Minimum three quotations or paraphrases with page numbers indicated, followed by your notes)** | This paper showed a a critique of the critical approach for feminism to use leads to the question of how one might formulate a feminist perspective to the problem that was stated in the paper as “the interconnectedness of subjectivity and dominance in patriarchy”. This problem means being connected to one to another in aspect of subjectivity and domaniance that is in patriarchy. Feminism shows and effort to contradistinguish between subjectivity as it was stated in the paper “(the existence or even the possiblity of a "historical subject")” and dominance that it requires a break with the cognitive lines which are constitute of patriarchal structural thought, where the two of these concepts are not seperateable. As it was stated in the paper as following “One could point to female experience within patriarchy as the locus of these alternative possibilities. One must, however, distinguish clearly between, on the one hand, cultural roles and categories which are summed up under the rubric of "femininity" and, on the other, certain key modalities of experience and behavior”(21). This part writer actually tried to show the path of why femininity is important while making trying to distinguish one from another. |

**SOURCE 4:**

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| **Source Information in**  **MLA** | Snyder-Hall, R. Claire. “Third-Wave Feminism and the Defense of ‘Choice.’” *Perspectives on Politics*, vol. 8, no. 1, 2010, pp. 255–261. |
| **Summary**  **(About 200 words)** | Claire Snyder-Hall is examining about how should real feminists respond when women who claim to be feminists make "choices" that seemingly prop up patriarchy, like posing for Playboy or advocating wifely submission. Her own examples as women objectifying herself and she is against this statement and behavioral unreasonableness. This article suggests that gender equality and the desire for sexual pleasure has long been a challenge for feminism. Feminist women found themselves in an environment that they had no choice of chosing with their own sexual freedom and being feminist. Therefore there is a huge conflict between gender equality and sexually free. The writer states that actually the second-wave of the American feminist movement split over issues related to sexuality. Writer references from the mid-1990s a third wave of feminism has developed that seek to reunite the ideals of gender equality and sexual freedom. As writer argues pluralistic and non-judgmental as third wave of feminism respects the right of women to decide for themselves how to negotiate the often contradictory desires for both gender equality. When this approach is sometimes caricatured as uncritically endorsing whatever a woman chooses to do as feminist, this essay argues that third-wave feminism actually exhibits not a thoughtless endorsement of "choice," but rather a deep respect for pluralism and self-determination. |
| **Critical Evaluation**  *100-150 words* | *This paper is reliable because writer used 46 sourses and supported her ideas with these 46 sources which are reliable. She has many papers and researches about feminism and how it should be implemented on society. This paper briefly introduces about why this defence of choice is important in the begining. Actualy this paper helped me to understand more about feminism and choose this idea for my theisis about my research. In this paper writer introduces a new perspective of feminism which is about women who claim themselves as feminist but still tries to objectify ownself.* |
| **Highlights (Minimum three quotations or paraphrases with page numbers indicated, followed by your notes)** | (quotation + paraphrase)  (Two highlight together)  As cultural norms of being women as femininity at the time, they weere forced to be more masculine which was defined as feminism. To be feminist women had to be powerful as men which is completely wrong. Women were denied the opportunity to self-determine. They denied to be thier husbands’ helpmates at home.  “Friedan insisted that, contrary to popular belief, gender equality would not erode women's femininity, happiness, or sexual fulfillment. Far from threatening sexual pleasure, she argued, gender equality stood as its precondition ” (3)  In this part writer explained about her aspect about how second-wave feminism changed most of the opinion about feminism. Feminist women denied that they were their husbands’ helpmates and they said that they are individuals. They persisted that they should have the change to select the path of their life. Women should be able to live feminine and as a feminist. Feminism should not mean not being femininen.  (Third highlight)  Third wave of feminism is essential and emergent because society is getting commonly more dominant on women. They should be well educated and well defined about tird wave feminism which says gender equality and heterosexuality is normal for a feminist women to be. Sexual independence and freedom as freedom of choice is important because most of the world does not support femisim because of this part and this oppinion(5-7).  This part the writer clearly showed third wave feminism is essential and emergent because there should be an urgent change about public opinion on feminism. This is caused by society becoming more and more dominant and oppressive on women of society. They should be educated about feminism. |