**Sociology in the News: Gender and Sexuality**

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Homosexuality, a concept referring to the sexual orientation of individuals of the same gender or sex, is considered a debatable action in the contemporary world. According to Andrew, (2020), Brigham Young University decided to delete a student honour code that had banned homosexual behaviour in the University’s premises. The article states that homosexual couples in the institution were not permitted to hold hands or hug in public. The repercussion was that these couples would face expulsion as the major punishment. The ban is in line with the depending views people have on homosexuality by different people, who often consider heterosexuality as the appropriate approach for sexual orientations.

The concept of gender equality and the role of women in society is backed by feminists in society by many people. An article by Cain, (2020) identified that the efforts to improve gender equality practices has been adapted by most couples and families. The article states that couples below 35 years old tend to share some of the household chores concerning gender equality practices. Chapter 7 presents a guide on the good wife, which indicates the key duties that the women have on their families. The duties, however, are changing in the contemporary world that presents more equal roles for the male and female genders.

Feministic perspectives have purposed to ensure that equality between the male and the female genders is more prominent in all sectors of the economy. However, as argued by The Conversation. (2020), a marital setup where the woman earns more than the man has less satisfaction in the relationship. The news article shows that the roles of the genders are inversed when the woman earns more and becomes the breadwinner. The feministic view stipulates that the women should have equal chances to the male counterparts in the relationship, and their duties in financial matters within the family setup.

Intersex persons are people who have physical sex characteristics that fall beyond male and female boundaries. According to BBC News. (2020), about 2 per cent of the people born have intersex traits. The news article presents the case of Sara Gillingham, who discovered that she was intersex at the age of forty years. However, her case was covered through operations, which is explained in Chapter 7 on ways parents prevent intersex issues from being known to the public. Most communities based on Chapter 7 argue that some communities do not condone intersex and consider it a taboo. Sara’s case shows some of the actions that parents take to hide the condition for their children.

The biological aspects of humans can hurt the sexuality of individuals, which can create sexual developmental disorders. However, news by Ness, (2020) argue that there is the possibility of having more than two common genders; male and females. The science news suggests that intersex exists as an example of individuals with sexuality development disorders, which has a likelihood of becoming a gender on its own. Chapter seven categorizes these individuals as persons who are unique with physical characteristics that are different from both female and male genders.

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