



Women in Patriarchal Society and Social Acceptance by Men

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Patriarchial Society

- Patriarchy is a social system in which the father or eldest male is head of the household, having authority over women and children. Patriarchy also refers to a system of government by males, and to the dominance of men in social or cultural systems.
- Patriarchy is defined as “a social organization marked by the supremacy of the father in the clan or family, the legal dependence of wives and children, and the reckoning of descent and inheritance in the male line; broadly, control by men of a disproportionately large share of power.” Basically, this means that the father or a male is in controller of the family.

Patriarchal Society

- Patriarchy derived from Greek: patria meaning father and arché meaning rule. It is the anthropological term used to define the sociological condition where male members of a society tend to predominate in positions of power;
- Patriarchal society is simply called as a Men's World. They order everything and they dominate in every field.
- The simple role of women is support a man and bear children and housekeeping duties.

In the Patriarchal Society...

- Women lack the ability to control property
- Men rule the families and in all kinship contexts
- The lives of men are valued above the lives of the women
- Men usually are the ones who are making the major decisions in the community
- The work of men is considered more important than the work of women
- Women do not have domestic authority in the family
- There is a lack of male-female joint participation in warfare, work, and community decision making.

Patriarchal Society

- **Male Dominance:** In a patriarchal system, men make all decisions in both society and in their family unit, hold all positions of power and authority, and are considered superior.
- **Male Identification:** Men are concerned with identification that includes qualities of control, strength, forcefulness, rationality, strong work ethic, and competitiveness. Each of these qualities contribute to male identification in a patriarchal system.
- **Male Centeredness:** In a patriarchal system, the center of activity and progression is on men and what they do to move the society forward. In any patriarchal system, men will be the focus and developer of all events and inventions, men will be the heroes in all situations, and men will be the center of social engagement, fun, and entertainment.
- **Obsession with Control:** Men living in a patriarchal system or society must be in control at all times. They have a desire to control all social and family situations and must make all decisions regarding finances and education.

Charectaristics

- Protecting the authority of men
- Compulsive masculinity
- Economic constraints and discrimination against women
- Women bear the burden of child rearing
- The single-parent family myth and the negative attitude to divorce:
- Traditional beliefs about the woman's role as wife and mother:
- Negative self-image:
- The patriarchal and masculine orientation in social welfare, health, mental health, and legal service systems

Attitudes of Men and Boys towards women

- Group discussion on
- Attitudes and social acceptance of Men or boys towards succeed women or achieved women
- Ex: Women drivers, Girl first rankers in the schools, Women group leader in the society, Women politicians, Female Teachers in a village, Domination of wife etc..

Social Acceptance

- **Social acceptance** can be defined as the fact that most people, in order to fit in with others, attempt to look and act like them. Or sometimes it is the ability to accept or to tolerate differences and diversity in other people or groups of people.
- Social Acceptance is required for women in Patriarchal Society. Due to the male dominance in the society many of them are not accepting the success of women. Now the women is entered into many field. At the same time they are facing the problems in the same field due to less acceptance by the male colleagues.

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- Lack of social acceptance, women are victims in the problems like diverse, acid attacks, rapes, abuse, bad rumours and so on..
- When women have confidence, the men should support the women and respect her rights in the society
- Men should change the mindset to accept the success of women
- All have to agree that women rights are human rights. Women contributing 50 per cent of the total population. Constitution provided lot of facilities to women. Men should support women for their growth and development.
- Government of India brought many acts and policies for women and their protection s
- Ex: Domestic Violence Act – 2005
- Nirbhaya Act -2012
- The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013

Thank You

