

Language, Gender, Power

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Abstract—*Language, Power and Gender are three aspects that are interlinked with each other to lead a society. Power is the ability to take a stand, Language enables one with the power of speech and form a decision and Gender, should be given a language so that they can form a firm ground of their own. In case of power in our society which is a patriarchal society, the authority/power to take decision remains confined within the male domain. The females are not given the power to even speak for themselves, and thus is deprived from the world to which they might have contributed immensely. Women possess power only to control and maintain the household. But even at this area, the rules are designed in favor of the male, and the eldest female merely becomes an object through which the do's and don'ts are to be carried on. Though times are changing still it is believed that women needs to be looked after and controlled by a male because she is believed to be "weak and vulnerable", and she is not 'rational' enough to take her own decisions. So at the very beginning we will need to understand its importance, the intensity they and work towards the right implementation of the same. Language is a very important aspect of existence and in our society this is also categorized amongst the sexes. The language that women uses should be filtered starting from their body language to the way she speaks everything is taken into consideration. Whereas, it is completely the vice-versa when it comes to men. As they are the observed "superior sex" of our society everything they do deserves a second chance, and should be treated with leniency at the first instance.*

On an ending note, I would just like to bring into notice that the three aspects namely power, language and gender needs to be equalized. It is the biased nature towards these aspects that causes misbalance in our society. The day we will be successful in eradicating this biased attitude of our society, our country will have one of the most ideal society in the global platform.

Introduction

The three terms that mentions as the title of this article are an essential part towards the functioning of the society. They are important and that is why one should be using it in a wise manner as ill functioning with anyone will cause misbalance in our society.

Power

When we study about this aspect, it is one of the factors that finalizes the position of an individual in the society. It enables one with the status of doing something as per his/ her desire or passion that he/she nurtures within oneself. When power is given to an individual, he/she gets the confidence of doing something as per their desire and thus they get more involved

into it, and work with heart and soul in it. Power, is a huge term and should be functioned in such a way that it is used for the betterment of every individual in our society. If not used in a wise manner, then it might cause a great havoc in our society.

Language

Language plays an inevitable part in the existence of all the individuals present in the society. It doesn't only remain confined to speaking with someone in a certain mother tongue. It is not only a medium of conversing with one another, but is a way of expression. This expression is a very important instrument as because it leads one to speak out one's thoughts, the way he/she thinks and the morals that exists in that individual. Language enables one with the power of boldly representing one's work and beliefs and it also takes into consideration several other aspects such as etiquette, tone and words that an individual uses while expressing his thoughts. This is one of the basic amenities but even this is not available for everyone in the society.

Gender

As we speak of gender, it has somehow become obvious in our society that the males are considered to be the 'superior sex'. This is why males are somehow given a privilege towards almost every sphere and they have the right to take decisions not only for themselves but also for others. As the belief prevails that they will be the one who will take the family ahead and will also look after it and that is the reason they are always considered to be the "apple of everyone's eyes". Whereas different types of impositions are made mostly upon girls and women of the family. Even though they might possess the capability of prospering in various fields, yet they are being held back behind the façade of culture and traditions. These work might have no relevance other than making women a form of puppet which is nothing but a way of degrading their position in society. But people fail to understand that by doing such things they are not earning anything, but they are losing out on whatever real emotions they could have nurtured in their lives.

Impact Of The Trio

When these three aspects are brought together and made to work with an optimistic point of view, then it will be an immensely successful in filling the potholes that exists in our path of building a healthy and an evil free society. The right quantity of power and the use of language at the proper time in the proper way for every single individual in the society who is in need of it. It is necessary to take off power from the clutches of those people who are misusing it and they should be curtailed for the same so that they understand and learn that one shall reap what he sows. The partial attitude of our society in the distribution of power is actually ruining its future as because it is not one's gender but the intellect which has the power of taking decisions. And thus, one's ability should be considered rather than the gender. Though a woman in most of the household work according to the wishes of her family, one should not deny the fact that it is she who has the power of adjusting and even after undergoing all the pain puts up a smile instead of making kind of complaints or nurturing any kind of grudges against anyone. Even after all this she makes an effort to satisfy everybody who holds any form of expectation from her. But all her qualities are taken for granted as she is someone who is expected to be the one who should be always caring and giving to others. One generally should have the knowledge that a person excels only when he/she is given the power of pursuing the ambitions according to his/her choice, but along with it support and cooperation from well wishers is also required. When someone receives such things, then they receive a tremendous boost in confidence and eventually strives for achieving the goal along with performing in the best manner. But at the same time, it should be looked after that one should receive only the right amount of power to exercise, because if the level of power gain great heights then people turn greedy and crave for more and in the process harm and humiliate others. They also implement unnecessary terms and conditions in the society which as a result harasses everybody residing in it. Even in our mythology it is being taught that excessive greed for any kind of vices in anyone's life is destined to be doomed in some way or the other. As for instance, there is a story of a devil Bhasmasura who was an urdent devotee of Lord Shiva meditated to him for granting him victory over death and so wanted the power in his hands. After meditating for a prolong period of time his penance finally impressed Lord Shiva who finally granted him with the boon that anybody whose head he touches with his right hand would reduce to ashes. This made him immensely happy and on contrary he insisted that at the very first place he wanted to put his hand over Lord Shiva's head. This petrified Shiva and he started running with Bhasmasura chasing him. Finally Lord Vishnu comes for his rescue by taking the form of a young and beautiful woman. He charms Bhasmasura and the latter falls for her. But for the sake of their love she asks him to swear by her name by touching his head with his right hand. As soon as he touch his head that was the end of Bhasmasura.

So, this teaches that one should be aware of his/her limits and make a genuine effort of being honest towards any task or relationship they are in. Power should be filtrated and distributed in the right manner as it will eventually lead to immense success. In the contemporary times, there are people who has tendency of thinking out of the box. Such people believe and at the same time they are making a genuine effort to break the stereotypes present in our society as they are willing to build their own way towards the aim they are passionate about which will help achieve success. As for instance we can think about the movie Dangal which depicts the superstitions that prevail in our society, and how an honest fight for the right cause lead to success. This movie shows the fight of a family who comes from a place where women are believed to be the ones who are the means the procreation and the one who should be always looking after her family as that is what she was born to do. This movie is genuinely acts as a torchbearer because here it is not any female character but the father who recognizes the talent of his daughters and make an honest effort to polish their raw talent. It is his determination that he continues with his struggle and finally succeeds in making his daughters international wrestlers and they eventually made the entire country proud by winning gold for our country. This movie proves the point that there are people who think differently, instead of barricading their thoughts at the instigations of unnecessary norms that are set by the society.

As for language, one needs to have firm command over it as it is not only a medium of speaking but also a way through which we can transform our thoughts into words, and let the world that every individual have different perspectives towards life. Language is not only limited upto verbally communicating with one another, but a person's way of conversing is also considered. But even this basic means of communication is distributed unequally in our society. It so happens that the "other" i.e., the feminine gender needs to speak whenever she is asked and allowed to do the same, and this shows that they even do not have the power to speak for their own right. Even if they know what is right for their existence they could not speak as their right to language was in the hands of someone else. It can be also very well noticed in our society that language needs to be organized in case of women. She has to speak in a particular tone, has to walk in a certain fashion and even needs to sit in a proper fashion all the time. There is nothing wrong in being organized or in being poised but the problem is that all the rules are to be followed only by women. Whereas it is completely the vice-versa in case of men. They can speak in any tone, sit in any way and can even abuse and all these factors are considered to be "cool" in them. Moreover, if girls are in company of their friends and chat with them in friendly tone and have a casual body language towards them they are considered to be "characterless" whereas if the same happens in case of man then he is someone who is termed to be extremely "desirable". Another gender that needs to be given importance are the

transgender. Transgender are always neglected in our society but they should also have their space as they might be equally talented like anyone else.

Ways for building an Ideal Society

Though with the passing of time things might take a possible turn as because the upcoming generation hardly has any kind of faith in such narrow beliefs of the society. But to eradicate the problem from its roots one needs to first take the step of imparting education as it is the first step towards constructing an ideal society. Educating oneself with academics as well as with the unnecessary discrimination that exists in our society at an early age will lead one to understand the reality and make one rational enough to take the right decision not only for his own self but also for others. With the help of education people will understand that it is one's ability that makes one worth of being successful. The next step is to provide opportunity to the people who deserves it irrespective of the person being male, female or transgenders. In a recent newsfeed we came to know that even the transgenders who are doing well in the field of music, academics as well in competitive exams but usually they treated very badly and termed as outcasts of the society. Whereas even they possess talent and given the authority over themselves they can achieve great heights. We need to understand that however they are it is not because of their fault, so they should deserve all possible chances to prove their talent and achieve the goals they might have set for themselves. The last and the most important way is to provide one with the power of expressing one's wishes and help them fulfill them irrespective of any barrier in caste, gender etc.

Conclusion

On an ending note, I as an individual who resides in this society can state that if we solve out these problems we can help ourselves to lead a happy and contented societal life. It is only if we firstly solve the existing problems we can take provisions to build a proper society. If every individual of the society is able to instill these thoughts within themselves and act accordingly then people will get the taste of equality which is what in reality everyone desires for. This attitude will thus lead to the creation of the "ideal society" which will make our country one of the best in terms of societal development globally.

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