

Women's education

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Introduction:

If parents have one son and one daughter and are only able to send one child to a university, which child should they send?

Although you may not think so, educating all women is a big problem. There are 170 million people that do not have access to education, and 70% of those people are female. Those women are forced to go through life without education because in many societies people think boys deserve more education, because they are more valuable. This means that these girls don't have access to making powerful changes in their lives. What's the difference between male and female? Why is it that more than half of the people that lack education are women? Just think if you couldn't have access to education because you were a woman, would you think it was fair?

Education spreads around. If you have a good education, it's very likely for you to get a good job. If you get a good job, you can get lots of money for your family. If your family is doing well, you can come out of poverty, which lifts the next generation out of poverty, too. Think of all the progress the world could make if just one woman had access to education, now think of all the progress if millions of women get education. Maybe this is why this world is so troubled, because people discriminate against women.

Explain issue:

Women's education is a problem where people think that boys should get education, and girls should just stay at home. Pakistan has one of the lowest literacy rates in the world. 35% of the women are literate and 62% of the men are literate. This is a problem because girls don't get education, which leads to poverty.

Women's education is an issue affected both locally and globally. In the USA women and men's education is mandated to be equal, but just

imagine what it would be like if it wasn't. If you were a woman than you would just stay at home, cleaning. And think how hard it would be to get a job without education, which could make lots of poverty in the U.S. Also did you know that in certain countries only 1 in 7 women get married before 15? Girls that get married early don't know this is a bad thing because they think it's in their culture. If all the girls finished school and it was a law, then it wouldn't be common to get married so early.

However, many girls in this world do not have access to an education like in the US. For example, did you know that in many countries an average girl only gets two years and a half of education while boys get double the amount? If women go to school in these countries (Sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East and Southeast Asia, Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Niger and Yemen) they have the privilege of being in class for only a year. And, typically, only 1 out of 5 girls goes to school. This means that 4 out of the 5 girls don't get any access to real education and that means they don't learn the skills to read, write, and express themselves in any way. This means that they are dependent on others, possibly their husbands, and maybe more in danger of staying in abusive relationships.

People are saying many different things about this issue. According to information from Democratic Health Survey, people have said the following things to the question. If parents have one son and one daughter and can send only one child to the university, which child should they send?" 53% of the people said it should be about which child is smarter. 39% said the son should go to the university, and 8% said the daughter should go. Many people are taking advantage of being able to not have to bring their child to school. This is because it is less money, and so they can work around the house. How mean and selfish is that?

Current events:

There is a program called Girls Rising. This program helps girls get an education. They have many stories about powerful girls; one is about a girl called Wadley. Wadley was 7 years old when the earthquake struck Haiti, and her life was really hard after that. She really wants to go to school but the school won't let her. Wadley said, "I will come back until I can stay." In

many countries girls are getting harmed because they try to go to school. For example, the Taliban shot Malala Yousafzai for trying to get onto the school bus. But there are many other girls that people hurt and throw things at for sneaking into school, some girls even pretend to be a boy so they can go to school. People do this because they don't believe that girls should have the right to go to school. This could affect people around the world, because education spreads around. Educated girls grow into educated women, research shows these women have healthier babies and are more likely to educate their children.

Although you may think that today everyone has equal education, these are still various countries that think women should work for their masters instead of go to school. They must clean the house; carry heavy things to the house etc. People harm girls for trying to get to school and avoid working.

Methods of change:

There are many organizations that help women's education both locally and globally. For example, there is an organization called Girls Incorporation of NYC. This organization inspires girls to be strong, smart and bold. They take girls from the ages of 14-17 from across NYC that don't have education and teach them things. An organization that helps out globally is called women's global education project. They help educate girls from all over the world and give them scholarships and more to help them succeed; this can make girls dreams come true.

You can help no matter what age you are for example you can start an organization that helps girls education, or even a club at you school. The important thing is to spread the word so that more and more people try to help these girls.

Call of Action:

Do you want to take action? Well here I will list organizations that help women's education, by helping these organizations this issue could become smaller.

Organization:	What the organization does and how you can help:	Contact Info:
W.E.P (Women's Education Program)	This organization helps girl's get and education by teaching them and giving them opportunities. You can help by donating money or help be a part or the program.	Mailing Address: 244 Fifth Avenue, W208, New York, NY 10001 Telephone: 917-470-4991 E-Mail: info@womenseducationproject.org
P.E.O (promoting education opportunities for women)	This organization gives girls opportunities for scholarships. You can help by donating money to this organization	Phone: 515 255 3153
Women's Global Education Project	This organization teaches girls and educates them. You can help by hosting a party, donating or volunteering.	Link: http://womensglobal.org/
United Nation Girls educated initiative.	This organization is trying to make the gender gap in	Link: http://www.ungei.org/infobycountry/index.html

	primary and secondary education smaller. You can help by	
Educating Girls Matters	This organization helps inspire other people to engage this issue. You can help by donating, or hosting a party!	E-mail: Info@educatinggirlsmaters.org

I want to help by spreading the word. You can even start your own organization or host a party, or write your own report; the sky's the limit.

CONCLUSION

I hope you learned a lot that inspired you to make a change and help the girls who are discriminated. The slightest action can save peoples lives, and for fill their dreams.

Are you going to let these girls fight on their own?

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