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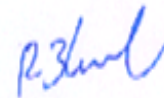
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Dimensions of Women in Politics

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Abstract:

This analytical study provides an overview of women in politics, focusing on their representation, challenges faced, and the impact of their involvement. It examines the historical background, highlighting key figures and milestones in women's political empowerment. The study explores the current state of women's representation in Indian politics, identifying factors contributing to their underrepresentation. It delves into the challenges and barriers faced by women in Indian politics, including gender biases, stereotypes, and violence. Furthermore, the study suggests measures to empower women in politics, such as internal party reforms, education, training, programs, and legal reforms. The study concludes by emphasizing the need for comprehensive efforts to address gender disparities and create an inclusive and empowering environment for women in Indian politics.

Keywords: Political Empowerment, Gender Disparities, Inclusive Reforms, Proxy Participation.

Objectives:

1. Women participation in politics brings viewpoints which are essential for a holistic development of the society.
2. The quantitative data on women participation is easy to measure and India has a long history of recording gender statistics for political participation.
3. The challenge is to measure the actual participation of women and to filter out the problem of proxy participation which may be prevalent at the grass root level.
4. Efforts are being undertaken to devise measures which would give a truer picture of women's participation in local level politics.

Methodology:

The methodologies utilized for the study are Descriptive, Analytical, Exploratory, Explanatory

Various Dimensions:

Women in politics navigate a range of dimensions that influence their roles and experiences. Here are some key aspects:

Representation and Participation: This involves the number of women in various political positions, from local offices to national leadership roles. Representation can impact policy outcomes and the inclusiveness of political processes.

Policy Impact: Women in politics often champion issues related to gender equality, health care, education, and family leave. Their presence can shape the focus and direction of policy discussions and legislation.

Barriers and Challenges: Women face various obstacles, including gender bias, stereotyping, and systemic discrimination. These barriers can affect their ability to run for office, secure funding, and gain political influence.

Intersectionality: Women's experiences in politics can differ based on factors such as race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and sexual orientation.

Intersectional analysis helps to understand how these factors compound or alleviate challenges.

Leadership Styles: Women may bring different leadership styles and approaches to governance, which can influence decision-making processes and political culture.

Global Perspectives: The experiences of women in politics vary greatly around the world. Cultural, social, and legal contexts shape how women engage in politics and the degree of their participation.

Historical and Social Context: The historical background of women's political participation, including milestones and setbacks, influences the current landscape and ongoing efforts for advancement.

Networking and Support Systems: Women often build networks and support systems to navigate political careers, which can include mentorship programs, advocacy groups, and women's political organizations.

These dimensions highlight both the progress made and the work still needed to ensure equal and effective participation of women in political spheres.

Study Analysis:

The attention seeking results were found regarding while analyzing the data as; at the outskirts of the scope of the study the results were mesmerizing to see In New Zealand the women participation in politics is 51% (out of 120 members 61 are Women) where as In Indian Parliament only 14.7% can be seen, to draw an average percentage of all the State Legislative Assemblies of India could be seen only 9% of women participation, where as in Karnataka Legislative Assembly only 4.5% Women Participation.

Challenges before Women:

Women in Indian politics face several challenges that can hinder their full participation and effectiveness. Some of these challenges include:

1. **Cultural and Social Norms:** Traditional gender roles and societal expectations often place women in subordinate positions, which can limit their opportunities and influence in politics. Cultural attitudes might discourage women from pursuing leadership roles or participating in public life.
2. **Political Representation:** Despite significant progress, women remain underrepresented in political positions. Quotas and reservations have been implemented in various contexts, but women still occupy a relatively small percentage of elected and appointed positions.
3. **Violence and Harassment:** Female politicians often face threats, harassment, and violence, both physical and verbal. This can range from intimidation and assault to more subtle forms of harassment, creating a hostile environment for women in politics.
4. **Funding and Resources:** Campaign financing and access to resources can be more challenging for women, especially in a political landscape where financial backing plays a crucial role. Women may struggle to raise funds or gain the support needed to run effective campaigns.
5. **Party Dynamics:** Political parties may have entrenched male-dominated structures that can marginalize women or limit their advancement within the party. Women often have less access to key decision-making roles within parties.
6. **Work-Life Balance:** The demanding nature of political life, combined with traditional expectations regarding women's roles in the family, can make it difficult for women to balance their professional and personal lives.
7. **Lack of Support Networks:** Women may lack mentorship and support networks that are crucial for career advancement in politics. The absence of role models and guidance can be a significant barrier.
8. **Legal and Institutional Barriers:** Although there have been legal reforms aimed at increasing women's participation, institutional barriers and inadequate implementation of these reforms can still pose challenges.

The other Challenges are Illiteracy, Unemployment, Ignorance, Social Disparities, Growing Crime, Mistrust Political Institutions, Violence against women, Religious Fundamentalism, etc. Addressing these challenges requires a multifaceted approach, including reforms in policies, support systems, and cultural attitudes to create a more inclusive and equitable political environment for women.

Conclusion:

The study suggests measures to empower women in politics, such as internal party reforms, education, training, programs, and legal reforms. It highlights success stories of women leaders who

have broken barriers and served as role models. The study concludes by emphasizing the need for comprehensive efforts to address gender disparities and create an inclusive and empowering environment for women in Indian politics.

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