

Gender discrimination in English language

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Abstract

Gender discrimination is accredited as a form of inequality that makes issue for women all over the world. As said God created the man first itself an evident for male preceding female. According to traditional approach, coarse of physical or mental condition, female are weaker than male. This is the reason for male dominated society where women are struggling for their individuality. The relationship between language and culture is congenital. Languages with gender discrimination protocols are called gender discrimination languages or sexist languages. To avoid gender discrimination in languages the words which represent sexist language must be replaced by neutral words such as using 'police officer' instead of 'police man'. The main purpose of this paper is to underline the gender discrimination in English language and how to reduce that through the active participation of the society where the women lives in to make a healthy and balanced atmosphere.

Key Words: Discrimination, Traditional Approach, sexist language, Neutral words.

I. INTRODUCTION

Gender and customary practices are considered as major elements responsible for discrimination. Gender discrimination is referred as one of the most important obstacles for the achievement of the purposes of equality, development, empowerment and peace of every woman. India is not an exceptional one in gender discrimination. Gender discrimination is also visibly found in English language as Language is a mirror of society. Language is midway to social synergy in every society, regardless of situation and time period. Language and social interaction have a mutual relationship: language

builds social interactions and social interactions builds language. Proverb is a part of language as women are believed to inferiors to men through the proverb 'Frailty, the name is woman'.

Sexist language

Sociolinguistics is the study of the relationship between language and society and the way people use language in unrelated social situations. On the one hand language is a part of culture and society and the other hand it affects society and culture. Sexist language is a language that needlessly pinpoint gender. It includes using the word 'man' to refer 'humanity'. Always the first preference goes to man unconsciously in English language such as men and women, the husband and wife, king and queen, father and the mother, brothers and sisters, he and she, and Adam and Eve. It is scarce to upturn the above orders because the world order is always male be followed by female as men should safeguard women and they can only be protected by men.

How to avoid Sexist language

As a said English proverb 'Practice maketh a man perfect' replaced by 'Practice maketh language perfect'. language is variable and often it may be replaced by the repeated and accepted terms. Hence language is not invariable or constant. Rather, it is assorted and ununiformed for both the individual user and within and among groups of speakers who use the same language. To avoid gender discrimination, word like Ms. for Miss and Mistress as in practice Mr. for Master and Mister must be used. Following words can be used to substitute the sexist language:

Sexist words	Neutral words
Mailman	Mail carrier
Early man	Early human
Chair man	Chair Person
Best man	Best person
Police man	Police officer
Fire man	Firefighter
Salesman	Salesperson
Common man	Common person
Ordinary man	Ordinary people
Cave men	Cave dwellers
Milk man	Milk carrier
Man made	Artificial
Man power	Personnel
Mankind	Humankind
Congressmen	Congress members
Man enough	Strong enough
Masterpiece	Work of genius
To a man	To a person
Boys will be boys	Children will be children
All men are created equal	We are all created equal

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The words like hubby, buddy, bro, guy, bestie, soulmate are popular in the world because of the continuous usage and which is acceptable in practice too. In the above manner gender discrimination in English language also will be eradicated through the supplementary usage of sexist language. Hence the changes are left into the hands of our society.

II. CONCLUSION

It gives a sound result as ceaseless voices addressing on particular matter means they are more likely to be heard. Gender discrimination and linguistic sexism is bound with one another. If gender bias is eradicated the linguistic sexism too. Thus, this paper emphasises the gender discrimination in English language must be avoided and the neutral words must be used in practice with the help of our society to bring up a good environment as nothing is impossible in the world.

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