



Perspectives on Oppression against Black Women

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Abstract:

Oppression and struggle against brown colored women continue to be a significant problem in Asia, Africa and America too. The purpose of this study is to use grounded theory to identify multiple dimensions of oppression experienced by impoverished black women. The case studies of the world constitute different manifestations of oppression. Dimensions of oppression included classism, sexism, familism, racism and casteism by classmates, colleagues in some cases family, relatives, neighborhood, relationship with men, experiences in workplaces, social functions.

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Introduction:

The practice of oppression or violence against women is continuing and increasing from the period of Mahabharata till today's modern era. People often talk about it and discuss to eradicate the violence. But we need to think that the women who have dark complexion also face the cruel mental and physical torture which are rarely talked about. This struggle exists in terms of verbal, behavioral, mental and physical abuses in their families and society. This is a critical issue as many black women face significant stagnation due to various reasons such as ignorance, discrimination, preference to beautiful faces, giving priorities to looks rather than skills, education and knowledge. Black women are treated differently from white women. Recent literature examining unequal treatment towards dark colored women's underscores developing forms in society at home, at workplaces also. These studies examine both the perceptions of experiences of women who have light skin tone and those who are darker than others and their succeeding attempts to overcome all the challenges. Therefore, preventing the biased treatment towards stereotypical social stigma and eradicating it is essential for developing overall expansion of growth that women can implement to grow mentally, socially and minimize the loss of opportunities to them. It is an outcome of British Colonial dominance for two hundred years in India. This hierarchy is consciously constructed with negative agenda. Existing research has largely concentrated on specific areas such as salary differences between male and female, harassment of women in workplaces examining outcomes related to individual's traumatic experiences throughout lifetime. This paper examines the socio-economic, political, mental, academic, professional contributing to these challenges and purposes strategies to address them. By identifying the key

barriers and exploring successful case studies, the study seeks to provide a roadmap for societal organizations to support equal social justice in their journeys.

Literature Review:

The landscape of women's rights and consciousness has evolved significantly over recent decade, yet the challenge of attitudes, behaviour, mannerism remains a persistent obstacle for brown girls from flourishing their hidden potentiality and open up new ideas.

Alice Walker, a powerful black female writer had gone through such deprivations which she portrayed the struggle of black people especially of black women throughout history. She is known as the voice of the voiceless people. Her literacy work reflects her personal experiences and observations.

In addition, according to the National Crime Information Centre, in 2022 of 2,71,493 girls and women comprised only 14% of US female population at the time. In rural areas of India,

black women are still branded as witches, mostly from backward castes, face violence and these cases are left unreported. So, media couldn't cover the news. As the apathetical attitude towards dark skinned girl, girls-maintained silence even after most abusive treatment in home environment. They are suffering silently because of unsympathetic behaviour towards them.

The Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programmes (12th November,2024) raised awareness of the issue of missing and murdered black women and girls.

Hernton Calvin defined the '**triple tyranny**' of racism, sexism, classism faced by black women. It has done from double minds such as being women and being black. The white girls already hold cultural superiority. Even I see in movies, ads only white girls are playing central roles, role of villains are played by brown girls. I have not seen that any brown lady is playing the leading roles in most of the time. The discrimination is quite evident, but still being ignored.

Objectives:

1. To access the types of problems black women, face who had gone through social deprivations, from literary contexts, personal experiences and surroundings.
2. To study about the challenges faced during study, job search by the research articles, 10 women were interviewed and asked questions about their life experiences from childhood till now. Out 10 women, only two women can express freely with family and relatives. Other women facial judgements, criticism in public and private spheres.
3. To find the time taking by society to get over the stereotypical mindsets,10 people were interviewed and asked questions based on above objectives.5 people agree and 5 disagree about the whole scenario. Their overall response is that this completely based on literary texts, individual's experiences and their environments.
4. To study about overcoming all these challenges faced throughout lifetime by society, 10 women were interviewed and asked questions based on above objectives. Out 10 women were interviewed and asked questions based on above objectives. Out of 10 women,7 women can get over the criticisms and 3 are struggling to achieve the open mindsets.
5. To access the steps for raising the awareness against pre-existing thoughts through treating all of them equally.

Materials and methods:

Qualitative method was adopted for this study. Data were collected through literary contexts and surroundings.

Research Questions:

1. What kind of problems Black women are facing in today's world?
2. How long do society continue to give step mother treatment to a particular group of society?
3. How do Black women overcome all these challenges?
4. What steps should women take to eradicate it from root causes?

Data Collection and Analysis:

On the basis of psychological level, white colour is spontaneously associated with good, virtuous, beautiful, attractive all positive qualities but the dark colour is often labeled as ugly, unworthy, unattractive all negative attributes. Often black women are victims of disrespect because of the partial perspective of people. They are easily being objectified. Society makes them realize unworthy, backward sections. It's super easy to gaslight the helpless category of women who less support.

In corporate field, a potential black girl is not easily getting promotion and increment while group of white girls easily get it during short time. A sense of inferiority and inadequacy is deeply cultivated within them since childhood. Black women are found to be used and to be taken advantages by their white counterpart in friend circle also. They started to sabotage their feelings, collapse authentic values and deepening the inferiority sense. In case of marriage, relatives, people in society belittle them, tease them in public and private too. So black women have to struggle for survival both inside and outside their houses. Constitution of India prohibited the state from discriminating against any citizen. **Dr. B. R. Ambedkar** also fought against inequality though for Dalit communities. Still this paper is about unfair judgement of society towards brown girls. All these deprivations, tyranny are vividly described in the fictional works of **Alice Walker**.

Case Studies:

An analysis of an overview that provides the ideologies of black female sexuality which are different from and often constituted in opposition to, white female sexuality.

Race and Repression:

Different treatment based on race has become a system in India since long ago. Ill treatment and unnecessary criticism regarding physical attributes are not something new. Indian Constitution promises equality and freedom from discrimination, but it does not work for brown colored girls. Even the boys, cricketers with black complexion are humiliated in schools and cricket fields.

In India, ads like fair and lovely, others beauty products are so popular because the obsession of having a glowing white skin tone. Why is it necessary to achieve lighter colored tone? What is the need to change the colour? It has become very normal to minimize the principal values, to disrespect black girls even though they are well qualified and good natured in some cases. The physical characteristics are very important in the beginning and at the end. These differences have been created by society with ill-educated, unhealthy

and negative minded people. Biased society is the one which tells her whether she is a woman and what is it to be a woman in words of Simmonds.

Black feminists explore the lives of colored women in white dominant society. The aim of my writing is to create forms of knowledge built upon the experiences of black females. Prejudices in presents in subtle forms such as body languages, maintaining silence after ill treatment and misunderstandings. It requires to include race and cultural differences within feminist arguments. It suggests that feminism has traditionally been 'white', ignoring the lives experiences of black women of colour because it propounded the idea of a universal 'woman's question' or else it homogenized all black experience into one ignoring marginal and minority experiences within black cultures. Black women seek to get the opportunity of empowerment and emancipation of women not just in relation to whites but also in relation to black men.

The objective is not to plead a case for separatism. As a novelist, Alice Walker argued about all people of colour. In spite of belonging to same race, black men dominate black females. They are considered as 'unattractive' and are abused by men. In some cases, the husbands are getting involved in extramarital affairs in front of their eyes and left their dusky wives with severe mental and physical distress. In result, of that, they are forced to commit suicide as of no help is found by them from family and friends. The question may come that the same thing happens with any woman apart from race, caste, religion. What is the difference of violence between two races? The gap of understanding, space of opportunities created the hollowness of structure of family, social function, professional fields etc. What needs to be understood is first, precisely how the black woman's role in a rural, industrial or domestic labour force affects the construction of ideologies of black female sexuality which are different from, often constructed to white female sexuality, and second how the role relates to the black woman's struggle for control over own sexuality.

Many writers including Walker examine the quest of black women for selfhood through individual relationship to the community in various forms such as informal friendships and family interactions.

In award winning novel, **The Color Purple** by African American writer, **Alice Walker** she speaks for equality and revolts against women's subjugation. She faced racial differentiation during her childhood. In the works of the **Search of Our Mother's Gardens**, writer portrayed the issues like racism, hegemony, white supremacy and sexism minutely. These women are less noticed and alienated from others based on race and ethnicity. They need to overcome all discrimination. They feel inferior than others. They become mentally shattered. All prenotion values cause them to limit their independence. It's challenging to build their individual identity.

Postcolonial Approach:

Britishers marked and shaped the minds that 'white people' are culturally superior than 'people of colour'. This distinction is quite evident in the contexts of Asia, Africa and South America.

The deepest political tragedy that I have experienced is how with such grace, the outward features of a particular gender have been glorified. Finally, some brown girls are breaking the strangle hood of heterosexual thinking on women. Her labour, sexual preferences and the aesthetics of the black body are foregrounding in the community. This openness rejects the idea of centrality in beautification of women. It can be applied in welfare, eradication of employment and education etc. for the good of all.

Tripple Tortures:

In schooldays, I observed that my batchmates used to be busy with selfies except me. The alienation presents in hidden form. It seems to be removed on surface level but exists in corner which we miss in most of the cases.

Gandhi's visit to South Africa shows racist controversies too. Women of colour are marginalized through three dimensions like racism, sexism and classism. They had to fight for minimal basic needs in everyday life. This triple pressure has isolated them from rest of the crowd. They started to think and feel downgraded. Society reminds them underprivileged section. They are confined to the lowest paying jobs. It considers the differences of primary importance.

Solution:

- Everybody should get the opportunities in terms of freedom of expression, equal chances.
- People require to put efforts on progressive outlook of life.
- Progressive society needs to give equal scope to the modern, knowledgeable and empowered person irrespective of their gender, race, class dimensions.
- Black women appear to seek social transformation through educational change.

Conclusion:

Brown girls have been the victims of racist and sexist oppression for long time. Being black in colour of skin, female in gender, Dalit in caste and economically underprivileged in modern society are tough challenges. We are burdened with triple bricks. Despite the triple tortures, those women are resisting those repressions of different kinds and searching for identity. They have been abused by intimate male partners. They are continuously struggling to participate in meaningful discussions and interactions in personal and intrapersonal relations and in social gatherings. They are often restricted to their male member's emotional blackmails and dominance. In some cases, they ended up in a state of sexual abuse. The result is the silent traumatized version of brown girls. Unfortunately, those girls are unaware of their inner power which has been muted by the ongoing defamations throughout lifetime. Racism can't be easily eradicating by society as was deeply rooted in colonized minds of Indian Citizens. It causes them loss of their ambitions and capabilities. To get rid of all chains, black women must first embrace their true selves by realizing their talents, dreams, ambitions and principal values. To transform people's perceptions of race and class, caste, self-realization paves the way for it. We can overcome all humiliations and oppression through self realization. Every human being needs to be respected in all circumstances. Mutual understanding fosters the realization of individuals between individual person and the social sphere. It leads to betterment of society and emotional, mental well being in all spheres of life.

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