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Level 3 Social Studies 2020

91596 Demonstrate understanding of ideological responses to an issue

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Demonstrate understanding of ideological responses to an issue.	Demonstrate in-depth understanding of ideological responses to an issue.	Demonstrate comprehensive understanding of ideological responses to an issue.

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INSTRUCTIONS

Use an issue that you have studied to respond to the task below.

You must use **relevant social studies concepts** and **specific evidence** in your response.

You should respond to the task in essay form or in a series of paragraphs. Your response should be concise and well argued.

Write your chosen issue in the box below. Space for planning is provided on page 3. Begin your response on page 4.

TASK: IDEOLOGICAL RESPONSES TO AN ISSUE

Sunday Adelaja, a Ukrainian spiritual leader, has argued that a nation's value system influences how its citizens react, respond and behave among themselves, to politics, commerce, family, and social life.

With reference to your issue and the adapted quote above, evaluate the extent to which ideologies have influenced the responses and behaviours of individuals/groups towards the issue.

Include appropriate viewpoints, values and perspectives in your response.

Note: Ideological responses are driven by a set of shared beliefs and ideas and may include imposition of restrictions, indoctrination, campaigns, inclusion and exclusion, and rewards and benefits. Within ideologies there are multiple points of view, values and perspectives.

Issue: Gender Inequality in India.

PLANNING

You should aim to write a concise response of no more than 5–6 pages. The quality of your writing is more important than the length of your response.

Remember: You must use **relevant social studies concepts** and **specific evidence** in your response.

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Begin your response here:

India is a subcontinent located in South Asia. Their population extends to 1.3 billion people, of which 68% live rurally. India's population (80%) follow the Hinduism religion. India's Constitution (1950) prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex. Despite this discrimination and gender inequality is prolifically seen in society. The issue of gender inequality in India is pressing and continues to develop. This inequality can be seen in much of Indian society as there are a lack of rights for women and crimes against them are most often unreported and misunderstood. This means that the Indian Constitution proves to be ineffective in prohibiting discrimination with a lack of enforcement. Gender inequality in India links to the social studies concept of culture. Due to the Hinduism religion being so largely followed the people place a high importance on their culture. Hinduism forms a restrictive and less equal society for women. Where arranged marriages and no formal education is supported. Gender inequality in India also links to the social studies concept of rights. Hinduism places an importance on the women's role. As deprived inheritance forms an immediate lack of opportunity. This deprivation of rights is clearly reflected in abortion rates. Mostly chosen by the family. Where in the last 30 years 12 million girls have been aborted.

It is evident that a "nation's value system influences how its citizens respond to politics". The Indian Constitution was put in place by those in power (Politicians) of 1950, however this is not enforced or followed

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as a result of India's value system gained from their duty to the Hinduism religion. However Sunday Adelaja arguing a 'nation's value system' is relatively vague. Can a value system collectively be determined? Is a nation's value system considered to be a majority? In terms of India. The most noted value system would be that of Hinduism. Only 80% of the population follow Hinduism. Still there is 20% who are not align with the values of the other 80%. Despite this the value system could be on a spectrum of different values individually who each respond differently.

A viewpoint on the issue of Gender inequality in India is from Mulayam Yadav Singh. Singh is an Indian Politician and leader of the Samajwadi Party. He recognises gender inequality but opposes taking action to prevent it. As he believes that it is not a major issue and values traditional gender roles where women have low welfare and men are superior. Singh's viewpoint is shaped by his conservative Hinduism ideology as he supports tradition, culture and civilisation. He has said "the girl makes a statement that the boy raped me, and that poor boy gets a death sentence".

Another viewpoint on the issue of gender inequality in India is from Malikka Sherawat. Sherawat is a Bollywood actress from India. She recognises gender inequality and supports taking action to prevent it. She is an advocate for improving the equality of women. She believes that gender inequality is unjust and that India is a too male dominated society. She values the rights of women and the law as rights eliminate inequality and upholding the Constitution does to. Her viewpoint is shaped by her feminism ideology where she supports women rights and equality. Will use her power as an individual to advocate for the wrong she sees in society. Sherawat has said "every minute we do nothing there's another women suffering abuse".

A response on the issue of gender inequality in India is by the Panchayats. The Panchayats are a group of male elders who govern rural India (68% of the population). The power they have means they can pass laws. Their response is influenced by their conservative Hinduism ideology where they support traditional gender roles and patriarchy. They have responded to the issue by imposing restrictions on women. This is by banning mobile phones and the wearing of jeans. To preserve tradition and abide cultural norms in communities.

In reference to the point argued by Sunday Adelaja we can consider 'nation's value system' to primarily entail Hinduism values and beliefs. Therefore the Hinduism values of tradition and gender roles have influenced how citizens (Panchayats) have responded to politics.

By accepting permission from the Government to govern rural areas, to family and social life, by imposing restrictions women's social life is limited and possible contact with distant family members is forbidden.

Some impacts of the imposition of restrictions by the Panchayats is that gender inequality is ^{extent} ~~extenuated~~. The gender imbalance widens with women being punished and stigmatised if they deviate from their expected role. ^{1/4 woman face violence. Every 20 minutes a girl is raped.} Families are harassed and face violence over dowries. There is unnecessary exposure to harsh treatment.

Another response on the issue of gender inequality in India is by the All India Progressive Women's Association (AIPWA). They are a women's group who aim to protect women from gender-based crime in society. They "fight against all kinds of oppression for equality of women". Their response is influenced by their feminism ideology. As they value

the rights of women and support action to bring about change. They have responded to this issue by protesting against gender inequality. After the 2012 Delhi Bus Rape they believed it was their role to engage activism to bring about change. These protests occurred 1 month to 2 years after the 2012 Delhi Bus Rape. They were exercising their right, freedom to assemble.

Although these values are not apart of the Hinduism value system in India they are still present and have influenced their decision as citizens to respond and encourage those in power to enforce laws. Their values of women's rights has driven them to react to the 2012 Delhi Bus Rape and support the family of the victim. It is then important to consider that there is clearly not just one value system of a nation. The amount of support received demonstrates that values may have shifted and people are more aware of this harsh inequality.

Some impacts of protesting by the AIPWA is there was more global discussion. These protests engaged media worldwide and sparked action. A documentary was made^{about the 2012 Delhi Bus Rape} which further provokes discussion. Leslee Udwin was the film maker and has said that gender inequality was a "long-overdue conversation". She also comments that "There was something absolutely momentous about these protests". This demonstrates that these protests were successful in achieving their purpose. ~~There was also a law change 2013 Criminal Law Act, prison sentence is extended to life.~~

The 'feminism value system' which influenced the way the AIPWA responded, ~~was further~~ by protesting further influenced a citizen from another nation (United States), with a similar

value system to respond by leaving her family and engage in spreading awareness and socialise to complete the documentary. This demonstrates a clear behaviour towards gender inequality and alert others.

Conservative Hinduism has influenced the response by the Panchayats to impose restrictions as a result of the power the Panchayats have in society. They get this power from governance from the Constitution Article 40 which states that "states can organise village Panchayats to act on their beliefs and control these areas in ways they best see fit". There is also a lack of police presence. They also have responded in this way from the influence they have in society. As Hinduism is the world's oldest religion, it is largely followed and highly respected. People pledge allegiance to Panchayats as they believe they are the best form of governance and are a holy group who use reasonable methods of control to enforce beliefs. This power and influence allows Panchayats to preserve and uphold traditional Hinduism practices. These beliefs and values are reflected in $\frac{2}{3}$ of the population which they control. The restrictions are followed. Social life and politics are controlled by these restrictions and governance.

Conservative Hinduism has influenced the response by the Panchayats to impose restrictions as they ^{part of the Hinduism ideology, they} value traditional gender roles. Have a belief of Dharmic duty where women should follow moral rights and uphold social conduct. The Manusmriti is a strong belief that women are delicate beings and should be protected by men. Directly linking to the stages of women where as a child they are protected by their father, a wife protected by their husband and widow protected by their eldest son.

feminism has influenced the response by the *ALPWA to protest as a result of the role activism plays in feminism. The *ALPWA believes that it is their responsibility as citizens to respond and act on their value system to respond, to alert others about the 2012 Delhi Bus Rape and call upon those in power to make a change to improve gender equality. When protesting they held up signs which read "Don't tell your daughter not to go out, tell your son to behave properly". **continues continues

feminism has influenced the response by the *ALPWA to protest as they value women rights. After the 2012 Delhi Bus Rape, sexual violence violates human rights. They also aim to challenge patriarchy as it is an unfair system. Protesting upholds feminist beliefs and urges for a change to secure a safer society.

The stages of feminism also influenced this response. The first being modernity signifying democracy. Improving women's status which Mahatma Gandhi was instrumental in influencing.

It is evident that through both of these responses a nation's value system has influenced the response. The values of conservative Hinduism fit closely with much of the rural Indian population. Taking the majority. These values as a 'nation system' have allowed and encouraged the panchayats to respond and impose restrictions.

→ quote reference For the values of feminism apart of India's nation value system have also evidently contributed to their protesting and behaviour towards gender inequality is negative.

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Conservative Hinduism has ^{to} ~~aff~~ a great extent influenced the imposition of restrictions by the Panchayats ^{towards gender inequality}. As this ideological response denies women, rights which are guaranteed by the Constitution and Declaration of Human Rights. It preserves traditional gender roles. Which alienate women with a lack of opportunity in education and other things. Therefore this imposition of restrictions which has been influenced by conservative Hinduism is a long-term consequence. This is because there is no evidence to suggest that the Panchayats governance will end. With such a large number of supporters it is very unlikely that this will end soon. Subsequently gender inequality worsens.

Feminism has to a limited extent influenced the protesting by the *ALPWA towards gender inequality. This ideological response has seen a change in law where the Protection of children from sexual offences 2012 came into force. However with known evidence of the Constitution proven to be ineffective this act being upheld is unlikely. The politics India is involved in has little enforcement of laws. There has been an increase in reporting however the stigma surrounding women and coming forward would continue. Therefore in the long term not attainable. Similarly with raising awareness. People get busy and turn their attention to other issues. So protesting and the increased reporting and raising awareness is a short term consequence. Not sustainable in the long run due to human nature. It is important to recognise that feminism response

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It is evident that conservative Hinduism ^{and the response} has influenced gender inequality to a greater extent than feminism. This may also have been a result of the 'nation's' value system better and more supporting of Hinduism values therefore citizens in rural areas under Panchayats control behave among themselves in ways which enrich Hinduism values and subsequently have a greater impact in influencing gender inequality. Since the 1980's the income share of the top 1% has reached 22%. Women are constantly deprived rights and citizens will react to this by women having little economic power (commerce).

Sunday Alelaja is successful in ^{concluding} ~~concluded~~ that a "nation's value system influences how its citizens react, respond... to politics, commerce, family and social life".

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