

ATTITUDE OF MUSLIM GIRL STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS TOWARDS HIGHER EDUCATION

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ABSTRACT

The present study investigated the attitude of Muslim girl students towards higher education in Mewat. Respondents consisted of 120 students of Class XI and XII randomly selected, and the attitude of parents towards higher education of their daughters. It has been found that most of the responses indicate positive attitude, and majority of the responses given on the question related to attitude on higher education and its impact on conduct is found to be favorable.

INTRODUCTION

Education has been accorded a respectable position in our society. Since independence provision of educational opportunities for women has been an important component of the national endeavor. Education for women is not merely a question of return on investment but also a much larger and significant process of enhancing her self esteem ensuring an equal social service and participation in public life and their modern life in the changing circumstances of technological innovation. The level of education is an important factor in the life of a girl. It is also recognized that there is a need to promote women's equality and education. The values of equality and social justice demand that the women should be able to exercise their rights in society and to make worthwhile choices regarding their lives. For the emancipation of women, it becomes important that they should have higher education as it will help in their empowerment.

OBJECTIVES

1. To study the attitude of Muslim girl students towards higher education.
2. To study the attitude of Muslim parents towards the higher education of their daughters.
3. To compare the Muslim parents and their daughters with respect to their attitude towards higher education.

HYPOTHESIS

There is no significant difference between the parents and their daughters with respect to their attitudes towards higher educations.

SAMPLE

The sample of the study consisted of 120 students of senior secondary schools and their parents of Mewat. 30 students were selected from arts stream and 30 students from Science streams. These students were selected from the attendance registers of Class XI and XII randomly (14 students from class XI and 16 students from class XII). Random sampling technique was adopted to select the sample of the study.

TOOLS

1. A questionnaire was developed by investigator. to study the attitude of muslim girl students towards higher education. There were 35 items and was divided in five sections i.e. conduct, education and career, family and career, religion, and society.
2. A similar questionnaire was used to study the attitude of Muslim parents towards their daughter's higher education. (Except 5 items which were deleted from the questionnaire as these questions were related with the girl's life situations). So there were 30 items in this questionnaire.

STATISTICAL TECHNIQUES

In the present study, the quantitative approach was followed for data analysis.

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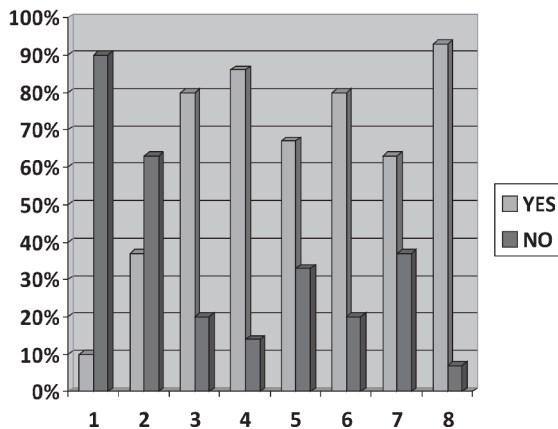
Percentage of the type of responses given on each question were discussed and interpreted.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION
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The question assessing attitude has five aspects related to higher education. For each aspect a separate graph has been constructed i.e Conduct, Education and career, Family and Marriage, Religion, and Society.

Graph-1

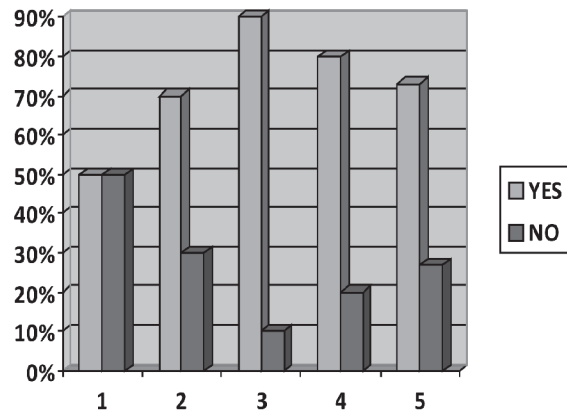
Percentage of the types of responses given on each question related to the conduct.



it is concluded that the percentages of responses are related to the conduct of the students 90% of the students feel that higher education is not the cause of corruption of manners and moral in the society. 63% of them view that the girls having higher education do not go in bad health. Whereas 80% thought that, the girls become aware of their rights. Even girls are of the views i.e. 86% that high education leads to spoil the life, but 80% of them feel that highly educated girls solve their problem in a better way. There should be no difference in the education of boys and girls, 93% they think so 73% of them blame higher education for the freedom of sex.

Graph-2

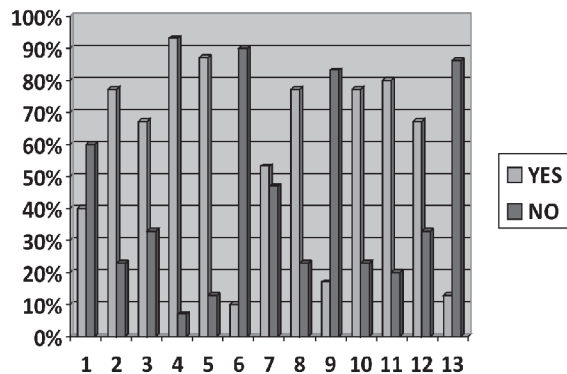
Percentage of the types of responses given on each questions related to the education and career



The responses are related to the girls' career and education. Half of them think that girls are not fit for the course of engineering, doctorate and architecture etc. 90% girl's students feel that higher education develops self-confidence. Where as 80% opines that its leads to self-dependence of the girls.

Graph-3

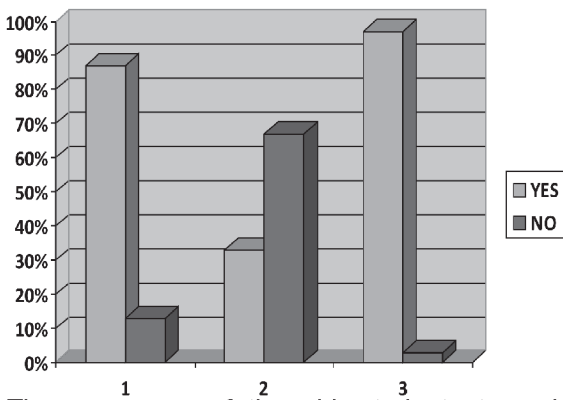
Percentage of the types of responses given on each questions related to the family and marriage



The response related to marriages and family are taken which are converted to percentages' 60% of them think that a family can not be neglected if girl of that family takes higher education but in contrast to it, 77% feel that the family gets neglected if the girl take up a job. Whereas 67% say that higher education is necessary to establish the equality of both sexes. 93% of the girl students keep views that a girl having higher education can look after her family in a better

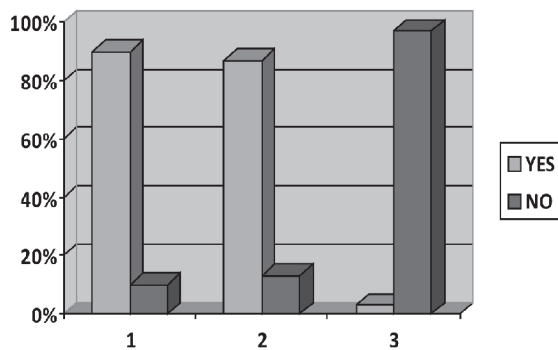
way. 87% of them give opinions that a highly educated wife co-operates with her husband in a better way. But 83% of them are not agreed to the statement that higher education or the girl leads to increase in the number of divorce cases. 77% make their response in positive that the higher education makes carry to find a suitable groom 80% of them views higher education as to eliminate the dowry system. But contrary to it 67% think that higher education leads to love marriage.

Graph-4
Percentage of the types of responses given on each questions related to the religion



The responses of the girl .students towards higher education in relation to the religion are quite evident. 86% of them feel that higher education is an obstacle to become a true Muslim. But only 33% of them believe that higher education provided to girls move away from following the religion.

Graph-5
Percentage of the types of responses given on each questions related to the society.



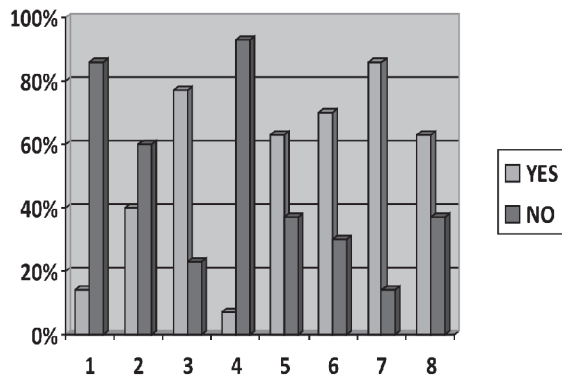
The response was related to the society. 90% of them feel that higher education leads to healthy social growth of nation's youth. Whereas 86% are of the view that it eliminates certain inhibitions prevailing in the society.

OBJECTIVE - II

To study the attitude of parents towards higher education of their daughters.

The question assessing attitudes has five aspects related to higher education. For each aspect a separate graphs has been constructed i.e conducts, education and career, family and marriage, religion, and Society

Graph-1
Percentage of the types of Responses given on each questions related to the conduct.

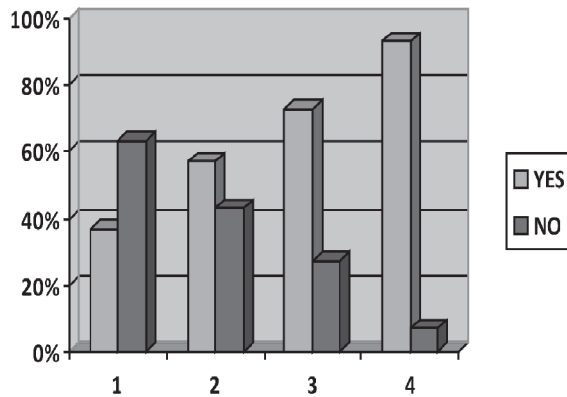


The percentages of the types of responses have been given which are related to the attitude towards higher education in relation to conduct. In this context, the concern is to whether higher education among girls helps in the development of good conduct.

It is noticed that 14% of the parents blame higher education for the corruption of manners and morals in the society where as 86% do not think so.80% of the parents are of the views that girls having higher education become bad in health.77% opines that education of the girls make them aware of their rights. But only 7% think high education may spoil the life of girls.63% views that higher education is necessary for the adjustment with different people.70% of the parents see that an educated girl can solve her problems in a better way.

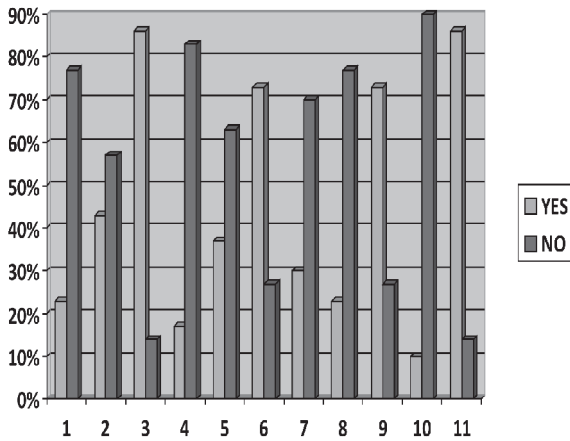
Whereas only 63% told me that there should be no difference in the education of boys and girls .

Graph-2
Percentage of the types of Responses given on each questions related to the education and career



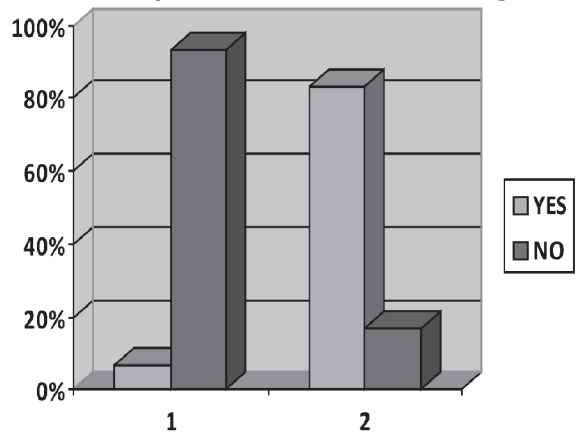
The percentage of the types of responses have been given which are related to education and career. Only 63% of the parents feel that girls are suited for Engineering, Doctorate and Architecture etc. 57% are of the view that higher education helps in future life. Whereas 73% think that with the higher education, the self confidence in the girls develops 93% favors for higher education of girls for making self-dependent.

Graph-3
Percentage of the types of responses given on each questions related to the family and marriage



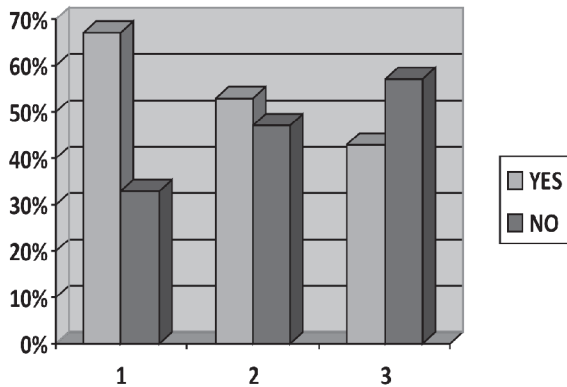
The responses related to the family have been calculated. 77% give negative response on the matter of high education of the girls resulting in the neglect of the family. Whereas 43% responses positive when a woman take up a job, her family gets neglected, and 86% of the parents feel that higher education is necessary to establish the equality of both sexes ,and but only 17% favors that an highly educated girl looks her family in a better way. Whereas only 37% thinks a highly educated wife co-operates with her husband ,and only 7% feel that a highly educated wife becomes careless to her child and the same percent of people also think the higher education among women leads to increase in the number of divorce cases.90% of parents do not prefer to marry a highly educated girl to a 'boy having a similar level of education. But 86% accepts that it is difficult to find a suitable groom for a highly educated girl.

Graph-4
Percentage of the types of responses given on each questions related to the religion



The percentages of responses are analyzed in relation to religion. 93% of responses never believe that higher education is an obstacle to become a true Muslim But they realize that 83% of response feels that higher education should not be given to girls as it makes them to be away from following the purdah and other system of religion.

Graph-5
Percentage of the types of responses given on each questions related to the society



The responses of higher education of girls towards society are given in this table. 67% favors that girls having education develop healthy social growth nations youth 53% are in favor of higher educations which eliminates inhibitions prevailing in the society. 43% feel that education of the girls increases the corruption in the society.

OBJECTIVES: III

“To compare the parent’s attitude and their daughter with respect to their attitudes towards higher education”

After analyzing and interpreting all the collected data, the comparative study of the attitudes of Muslim girl students and their parents towards higher education were observed the attitude towards higher education of Muslim girl students indicate positive and its impact on conduct, education and career, marriage and family, religion and society is found to be favourable.

Both of them favor higher education which do not leads to corruption of manners and moral as 86% of parents as well as 90% of students approve it. Nonce is some contradictory thing; where parents (86%) believe that higher education.

MAJOR FINDINGS

After analyzing and interpreting all the collected data, the following major findings were arrived at. So far the attitude towards higher education of Muslim girls is concerned, most of the responses indicate positive attitude. Majority of the

responses given on the question related to attitude on higher education and its impact on conduct is found to be favorable.

1. In case of difference of education of girls and boys parents (63%) and students (93%) do not believe on this but there is a wide difference in-between them.
2. Related to education and career, the responses of parents are low than responses of students. Parents favor only 37% for choosing the carrer of Engineering, architecture etc whereas 50% of girl students choose the career of engineering
3. For the self dependency of the girls 80% of the parents favour it where as 93% of students agree for it. This shows that girl students are more career oriented and think about their life.
4. For the marriage and family, the responses of parents are more conservative than the views of the girl students. If the girl takes higher education, 23% of the parents feel that the family gets neglected whereas 40% of the students feel so. Both feel that for the equality of the sexes, higher education is necessary.
5. The increase in the number of divorce cases is the result of higher education 73% of parents say it whereas only 17% of students think so.
6. 10% of the parents feel that the girl should be married to a boy having similar level of education. Whereas 13% of the girl students think so.
7. Some questions are asked by the girl students which are only relevant to them. Their responses are very much in support of it such as the elimination of dowry system increase in the cases of love marriages etc.
8. In case of society, parents feel higher education develops healthy social growth of nation but only 53% prefers feel that higher education eliminates inhabitants.

CONCLUSION

The study reveals that parents want their daughters to be self-dependent and aware of their rights. So they prefer for higher education

for their daughters. Daughters, too, are more desirous of going for the higher education to enhance their status and position in the society.

Although it was found to be an encouraging sign that parents have become aware of the changes which are taking place in today's society and trying to modify their attitudes according to the demands of the present day. Still, there are parents, who consider their daughters as liabilities and do not pay proper attention towards their education.

Keeping in view, the point that there is wide spread discrimination against girls/ women in the sphere of education in particular and other spheres of life in general, more efforts should be made for the betterment of the situations and thereby improving the lot of the girls in particular and society in general. If a society is to move forward, we must pay adequate attention for the improvement of its members (the women).

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