

I asked my 3 year old niece if she would also go to office like me when she grows old. She said: “I am a **girl**, only boys go to office. Papa is a boy, so he goes to office. Mumma is a **girl** she stays at home, so even i will stay at home.”



My grandmother said
I should be grateful to
live in this day and age
where **women** are
given a lot more
opportunities.
I remember thinking,
women are given
these **opportunities**
by whom?

Two years after my wedding, I was given a choice to either change my surname or get divorced. I'll now be **losing** my name, and they will now be losing my **respect**.

At the wedding of the son of a Politician, **they had hired Russian girls** who were put inside Zorbed Balls and paraded. Never had I seen **women** exhibited as **sexual commodities** so blatantly before.

My sisters boyfriend entered her college and **smacked her** in face just below the left eye. **Why?** Because **she** was wearing a low-cut top.

I put up a picture with
two of my **male friends**.
My uncle told me to
take it down because
people were talking
about how I had **no**
values as I was hanging
around **boys** all the
time.

**The day of my birth,
my grandmother cried
because I was the third
girl child to my
parents.**

My neighbour was worried that her 7 year old **son liked to cook, do art and play the piano. She said she wished **he** was more into sports and **“BOYISH”** things.**

Often, I have observed,
Even though **Men &
Women** sit parallel in a
church, during prayers,
women tend to sit
towards the **back.**

“Tu meri **beti** nahin
beta hain”,

A reinforcement of patriarchy,
ironically used as a compliment
for a girl who has made her
parents proud by performing
well.

Recently while trying to decide our aim for a mock company in school, a student said, **“Let’s do something related to rape. These girls always whining about rape anyway so we’ll make a lot of money.”**

When I was in college and a professor attempted to rape my classmate, we reported to our homeroom teacher.

She told: **“Forget about it, these things happen in **Women’s** colleges”**

I visited a school for mentally disabled children in Kerala. During lunch i overheard a male employee tell a young girl, “**Girls** should sit on the floor to eat their food, so that the boys can sit on the chairs”

In a crime T.V. serial, a conservative girl was cajoled into drinking and then raped. She returns home and is shamed by her father for showing up drunk. Nobody seems to care that she was sexually assaulted. I openly expressed my horror to my mother who responded, **“There is something like culture, not everybody is like you who does whatever she wants.”**

I asked my mom if I could join kickboxing classes. She said
“You have time for that but you don’t have time to learn how to cook, a **girl** needs to learn that first. kickboxing is for **guys.**”

My college library is usually open till midnight. however, **girls are not allowed in library beyond 6 P.M.**

Why is it that when you take a long time to get ready, you are told *“tum to **ladkiyon** se bhi zyada time laga rahe ho?”*

Why is it that if you prefer staying at home, you are told

*“**ladkiyon** ki torah ghar mein hee baithe rehte ho”?* Such language reaffirms

harmful stereotypes about women and reiterates that the place of a woman is only at home.

When I was 12, my brother and I were having aloo paranthas. I finished my portion and was about to take more, when my grandmother stopped me and said; **“you should wait for your brother to finish. If he leaves any, you can have them.”**

I was 5 and my sister was 7. We were home alone for the first time, for like 10 minutes. My grandmother asked to take off my earrings and made me sit by the window before she left, **So that with my 'BOY'cut hair I would look like a boy and somehow serve as protection for my sister and the house - despite being a girl, and well 5.**

Once I was on a bike with my husband at 9 P.M. Two guys on another bike made some vulgar comments, leading to a fight between them and my husband. At the police station, the officer dismissed me, saying:

“look at your clothes, you are not wearing a mangalsutra or sindhoor. What’s the fault of the boys? They did that because they thought you were unmarried and roaming around at night with a boy.”

Even if i were unmarried and roaming with a boy, how does that warrant lewd comment?

My father-in-law told me:
“Ladki chahe jitni marzi badi job kare, khana toh usiko banana chahiye, ghar bhi usiko sambhalna chahiye. Ladke ki duty sirf paisa kamake ghar lane kki hoti hai.” (No matter what job a girl has it is still her duty to cook food and look after the household. A guy's only duty is to earn money and bring it home.)

**When I started
pursuing my master's,
many of my relatives
remarked: “*Itni padh
ke kya karegi, Ladka
kaise milega ise?*”**

(“why is she studying so much,
what guy will marry her?”)

I was telling someone about how I play the electric guitar.

He responded: **“Leave that to the **guys** you have to ultimately sit at home and make chapatis.”**

My professor asked us us in class how many of us had watched Ghost Rider, a lot of guys and a few girls raised their hands. he proceeded to laugh and say, **“Barabar hain, aise movies ladkiyon ke liye nahi hain.”**

My grandmother threatened and tortured my **mother** to go for an abortion because **she** was carrying my little **sister** (second **girl** in a row). When my **mother** refused, she asked my father to divorce **her**.

4 drunk guys entered the girls hostel in my college at 2 am by jumping through the windows of the bathroom. They were reported, caught and expelled. A guy discussing the event with his friend said:

“whatever-none of the girls in the hostel are as pretty enough to deserve to be raped anyway.”

During an IIT-JEE class, a teacher said: “I don’t know why the **girls** here are so anxious about clearing IIT-JEE. They can just sit back and relax *kyunki koi na koi **gadha** padh raha hoga unke liye, jo unke liye car khari dega, paise kamayega...*”

(because somewhere an idiot is cramming for them so that he can buy them car, give them money...)

I wanted to go to IIT but my father did not allow me to take the entrance exam, because according to him,
“Engineering is not for girls. A girl should only either be a teacher or a doctor.” My brother was to do engineering (and he doesn't even like it)

At a reputed private law college, a friend of mine said: *“yaar tu ladki hain. Placement nahi hui toh kya? kisi ameer ladke ko pakad ke teri shaadi kar denge. We are men, we don't have that privilege.”* (You're a girl. So what you dont get a job? you can get married off to a rich guy)

My grandfather once
told me to my face,
**“Women are a
liability, not an asset.”**

One of my relatives said this a few weeks after her grand daughter was born: “By 15 I will get **her** married, or else **she** may try to rebel and refuse if I let **her** grow any older without marriage. You see **girls** today trying to behave like **men.**”

A relative expressed her concern about my looks, to my mom: **“Accha hai ki woh padhayi mein theek hai, nahin toh shaadi mein bahut problem aati.”** (It is a good thing she does well at academics, otherwise getting her married off would have been a problem.)

I dislike keeping long nails and applying nail polish. This displeases my mom, who constantly asks me : **“For once can you behave like a girl. Were you born masculine or feminine?”**

When I told my mother that I had been sexually molested by 12 men (including my father, brother, cousins and neighbours), her reactions were as follows: 1.) What does that (sexual molestation) mean? 2.) But they did not have sex with you, right? If parents are unaware, how can they protect their kids?

I came across this question on Quora: “Which Indian do you wish was on Quora, But isn’t? Why do you want **him** to be here?” Despite having 500+ upvotes, I was the first to ask for the question to be changed to “**him/her**”. Why do we subconsciously assume that the most accomplish / interesting people are men.

I was coding a device when one of my male classmates told me, **“why are you wasting you time? you girls can never be good programmer!”** I am now employed as a software developer and he is not.