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Some consider feminism to be a major problem in society; however, administering gender equality is important in today's society. One of the main reasons why some see feminism as a problem is because of the lack of solutions to the problem of gender inequality in America. Moreover, the term *feminism* is often considered as the new 'F Word'. Consequently, feminism is often ignored because of the lack of emphasis on the importance of female equality. Even though societal norms have evolved from the era of considering women only as baby-makers, cooks, and house cleaners, still the stereotype has not been completely eradicated. This is evident in the lack of emphasis on solutions to the feminism issue.

"The Elephant in the Living Room" by Kristin Finkbeiner examines feminism on a deep level, and it considers how most people usually avoid the topic of feminism. Even with this, feminism is still a major aspect of modern society. Finkbeiner uses Mitt Romney's ideologies as an example of why she is so bitter toward politicians, because his ideologies clearly are against feminism and gender equality. She feels that many politicians, in general, have a very flagrant disregard for feminism as an issue in society. In her article, she points out evidence that shows that American women earn less pay than men working in the same positions, as an example of gender inequality.

In addition, the article highlights that the issue of feminism needs to be addressed as a major American policy, and equality for women should be addressed as a major factor in today's society (Finkbeiner, 2012). The nature of the article clearly shows that she, herself, has personal experience with feminism in her life. Additionally, her writings shows her obvious disdain for the ignorance of politicians regarding the issue of feminism. She also gives attention to America's failure to deal with the issue of feminism, as female equality is still lacking in this country.

In her article, Finkbeiner highlights the problem that is apparent in America regarding feminism, and she compares America to the entire world. She states that America is quick to duck and take cover to hide from the issue of feminism, which is an escalating concern in America today (Finkbeiner, 2012). She believes politicians deliberately shy away from using correct statistics so that it deceives the American people into thinking that politicians are sensitive to female inequality and feminism. Kristin accentuates global statistics to highlight how feminism is dealt with in other countries. For example, India saves \$ 383 billion a year by encouraging equality for mothers, and Nigeria saved a significant amount of money (\$14 billion), for example, in 2011 due to its equal gender employment rates (Finkbeiner, 2012).

Although her article advocates for feminism, it is somewhat biased because the article is focused on men needing to ensure that family equality exists in America. Additionally, she emphasizes that women should be behind the push in the Senate for women agendas, and she suggests this should be done through non-violent demonstrations. Finkbeiner addresses the feminism problem by targeting men who do not understand the nature of gender inequality and how it hurts women in society.

Another problem, again, is the “elephant in the room” that gets constantly ignored, especially by politicians. However, Finkbeiner does not suggest any real solutions to how they should address gender inequality in America (Delahoyde, 2012). Consequently, the problem is not solved this way. It is apparent that Finkbeiner’s article can be compared to a sports spectator who criticizes a player, but is not able to play the sport at all. This suggests that, therefore, Finkbeiner is actually part of the problem, not the solution.

In conclusion, Finkbeiner addresses the gender inequality issue in America; however, this only highlights the problem, but does not solve the problem. She simply addresses the nature of

the problem in America, which in itself does not point to any solution. Finkbeiner's article definitely demonstrates her experience with female inequality, and this is why she is in a position to provide a solution but does not. Nevertheless, she at least creates awareness, even though her article is limited because she gives no solution to the problem, which inadvertently makes her part of the reason there is an "Elephant in the Room".

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