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Gender Biography Section IV-VII

#### Section IV: Activities

I used to play tennis, basketball, chess, hide and seek, and volleyball with my friend in childhood. The traits, qualities, and skills each game referenced foster on to think and act accordingly. The way of focusing helps to improve the concentration while playing any game. For instance, chess requires thinking and applying the knowledge, whereas tennis, basketball and volleyball need strength, energy, skills and speed. It encourages the ability to think and act accordingly within a few second of time, which in turn is useful in daily life whether in ex am or at workplace.

Cricket was originally man-dominated game, where only boys are supposed to be involved, but in childhood we all girls as a team, decided to play with boys in order to prove that girls can do it. Initially, we discouraged by cricket because it requires strength and determination in one's thinking. It helps in focusing on the ball and strengthens the ability to run fast. If I belong to different gender, I would have got access to this game or activity since this game involves male. If I belong to different gender, I probably might have not been discriminated or told that girls are not supposed to play cricket.

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At that time the schools were long from .pm used 7 to yard and play tennis after the tuition at

pm, so the only time I could 7 pm to 30:5 pm, after that I used to have tuition from 5 am to 8

t that I would never realize how the l was so in to i .pm7 spend time playing tennis was after

I wish this time never ends, I wish, I play tennis“ I always used to think .time passed by

I used to play sports with girls and boys ”.throughout and not even time could stop me

e mini class on sports where all girls and boysbecause during school days we used to hav

The sports sometimes .should play together any kind of sports assigned by the teacher

None of the girls could defeat the .became exclusive to one gender for example basketball

There were .razy about wining and taking the ball from usboys since they go so wild and c

Yes, this changed .few girls who were tall and we all girls could depend on those few of them

There was deemed .the sports in notable way because the game goes in favor of boys

girls and boys because to see who does better and to whom game necessary to separate

This change altered my experience in terms of looking on a particular sports were .favors

As a result of this experience the one thing .always male are dominant in one way or the other

learnt about my gender is girls are always underestimated but eventually they are the that I  
In terms of opposite gender, they are .s life'only one who play important role in everyday  
orts, work, oralways consider to be dominant in society or any where we go, whether it is sp  
".with every successful man there is a woman behind him" family but it is said that

I was definitely encouraged in my childhood to play sports. One of the most favorable sports that I liked was skating. I was never discouraged from playing skating. Skating is type of activity which can be used in many ways: balancing, control on our self, can be used in ice skating, and dancing. I was 8 yrs old when I started seeing my friends go to skating so ultimately I was encouraged and told my parents about this. Within few hours they contacted the instructor and assigned the days for which I can start my training. Due to my parents active involvement with my sport it eventually brought encouragement inside me to do something. Within few days I was under the instructor's training and found myself one of the lucky ones to experience this advantage. As a result I learnt that skating is not only for boys but girls are as equal as boys. Girls can achieve what they want in their lives by working effectively and building self confidence. In terms of opposite gender, being a male is equally important as being a female. There is no discrimination against skating between male or female.

There are many flashbacks in my life where I experienced some sort of fear and happiness. I am tremendously scared of heights and darkness. At the age of 10, my father's best friend's family and our family planned a water park picnic. My father's best friend's family had two sons whereas in my family I was the only child. They all decided to seat in roller coaster whereas I refused it. My father's best friend suggested nothing was going to happen since he will be sitting with children. With that hope I agreed and went on to the roller coaster. At first it was ok since it wasn't too high, but as soon as it reached top and with a high speed came down, I started getting irritation and noxious. I started screaming to get out of the roller coaster. The roller coaster was stopped and I came down and was seeing others enjoying. Later on the two sons came and teased me by representing me as a coward. I was feeling disappointed as I never got chance to sit on any games that were too high due to my fear. One thing I definitely learned was the

discrimination is seen from early childhood and is lifelong. The fact that boys are to be certain way and girls are supposed to be certain way begins from beginning of childhood. As a result of this experience I learnt that girls can express their feelings in many forms it can be in the form of the fear or the anxiety. Whereas boys always tend to hide and neglect the inner feelings or fear of some sort of thing in life. I wasn't called a Tomboy or as "like a boy".

The situation was somewhat like this .yrs old 13 I was called a tough kid when I was Obul Reddy Public .grade studying in P<sup>th</sup>7 in Hyderabad, India and I was in my we were .This time was around rainy season and the floors of the hallway were kind of slippery .School rmissionI got up and took the pe .pm and my social studies class was about dismiss1 It was As I was getting out of the class, I knew that floors are .from teacher to use the restroom Suddenly, I looked back while .slippery as a result, I was walking slowly down the stairs As soon as I looked back I .going down the stairs so as to see my friend who was calling me I did not notice until I .lost one step and fell from the stairs which led to sprain in my right leg I spent whole day and as soon as the school .was walking and feeling slight pain in my leg I yelled in pain .ok out my shoes and saw a swollen legpm I went home and to 5 dismissed at We went to the doctor and .and my mom called my dad to make an appointment with a doctor Within this month I had my finals too so there was no question .month 1 he told me to rest My parents called .did really great on my finals even after having this injury I .about taking rest .me a tough kid and told me that in spite of having an injury I did not take my finals leniently structure hands, and a proper 2This made me feel that even though a human has two legs, t even have what we as a'still they complain about their lives, what about those who don human have? As a result I learnt that anything is possible in life if we do not think about other things that distracts us and instead focus on what we needdo in our life, we will definitely achieve it. I learnt about opposite gender that if my father would not have taken me to the doctor at the

very first moment or if he would not have played a father's role at that time I would not have been cured.

I wasn't called a "girly girl" but instead I was called a "simple girl." This situation was when we had a house rooming party at my house and I called one of my friend and also invited her uncle. My friend who always wears fashionable clothes was told right in front of me by his uncle that I am a "simple girl" and he told her to be like me. He even told that girl's personality comes from being as simple as you can. I wore half sleeved shirt and jeans; her uncle told her not to show off too much. This was kind of a strange feeling because I did not want my friend to get disappointed about her clothes. As a result I learnt that not to change yourself for someone else, and be as you were before. This taught me about the opposite gender that they are there to tell their perspective but ultimately it is up to us weather we appreciate the right or wrong perspective.

#### SECTION V: GENDER CONVERSATION

*The earliest memory of CONVERSATION* THE OPPOSITE SEX WAS REFERENCED WAS IN A CLASS DISCUSSION OF A FILM "FLY GIRLS." IN THIS MEMORY, IT SHOWED HOW JACQUELINE'S HUSBAND ENCOURAGED HER TO BECOME A PILOT EVEN AFTER THE MARRIAGE. JACQUELINE'S HUSBAND WAS REPRESENTED AS SUPPORTIVE, ENCOURAGING, LOVING, AND CARING TOWARDS HIS WIFE. THIS WAS DEFINITELY A GREAT FEELING HOW A MEN LEADS TO SUCCESS OF HIS WIFE NOT DISCRIMINATION OR NEGLECTING HER AMBITION. THE MESSAGE ABOUT MYSELF AS A PERSON SHAPED MY IDEAS ABOUT NOT ALL MAN IS CONSIDERED TO BE UNSUPPORTIVE TO THEIR WIVES. THERE ARE FEW MEN WHO ARE STILL ALIVE AND CONSIDER THE WELL BEING OF THEIR WIVES.

According to these messages I think that if people try not thinking what society wants from them and what they can't do but instead thinking what they want in their lives will definitely lead to the achievement that they want in their life. As a female person, I was glad to see how Jacqueline did what she wanted not thinking that being a pilot is only for men. She instead proved these female are not

behind, they can also do things if they decide and do with determination and courage. Being a female is equally contributed as being a male. If one thinks everything is possible in life then no matter who they are as a gender can achieve it.

The earliest memories involving the interactions or the physical presence of people of the opposite sex was talking about a MCAT at time of my working schedule at Access Health. This early memory was about a POC in charge person. His name is Nadim who is a POC in charge person. He is studying at UIC and works in a POC. How to take and what is the right time to take it: MCAT. He took the MCAT this year and gave me guidance and instruction about how to study. POC. The context of this interaction was how to score higher in MCAT and what are the materials that are needed in order to succeed in MCAT. Center I was at Access Health. This interaction started by discussing how is his working as a part time on Saturdays. performance at UIC and what are the strategies in order to get into med school.

It made me feel that I need to work hard and score high on MCAT in order to secure my place in med school. It is really difficult test and there are others who are competing to get in to the med school. It encouraged me to even work harder and be among the lucky ones to secure the place in med school. This interaction was friendly since he made me understand how difficult it is to enter into Med school for which I have to prepare from now. It was delight to talk to him because of his kind and friendly behavior.

Being a female it is more important for me to prove myself with hard work and dedication or the hunger that I possess to get in med school. It has become more important for me as a female not to disprove myself.

#### Section VI: School

I attended pre-school or day care in Baby Pearl Center, India. The gender make-up of my classmates was composed equal proportion of male and female. The gender make-up of teacher or care provider was mainly of female ratio over male ratio. The gender make-up of my grade school classes had equal ratio of male and female. No there is no situation that raised gender to the surface.

At school, males were impatient, wild, out of control, and disobedient. They basically would be inactive during the class time and would disrupt class in any means. The people who were the members of the opposite sex would try enacting the same way with whom they hang out trying to show the superiority. The people who constituted my learning community were firstly my parents who encouraged me in everyday life and secondly my teachers who taught me the meaning of the learning and help me succeed by providing the best learning environment. The leaders of my education were my

teachers who fully supported me in the material in terms of understanding the concept clearly. Basically the majority of them were females.

#### Section VII: Media

In this program the .kyunki saas bhi kabhi bahu thi :This is an Indian program called main lead were Smriti Irani, Ronit Roy, Aparna Mehta, Hiten Tejwani, [Riva Bubber](#) ,[Gauri Pradhan Tejwani](#) dna ,[Rakshandha Khan](#)This program was based on family and how they help . It shows the ups and downs in each .mes of need and in critical situationeach other at the ti .s life and also shows how they cope up with the problem'and every member

Smriti Irani, Aparna Mehta, Riva Bubber, Gauri Pradhan Tiwari, and Rakshandha Khan are female where as Ronit Roy, and Hiten Tejwani are male. The most important supporting actor was Aparna Mehta and she is female. There is a variety of representatives of those who are men and those who are women. For instance, the family was shown wealthy and owned their own business. Men were represented as tough, courageous, Asian, and working class. Female were shown attractive, hardworking and homely.

*There were particular qualities prevailed among the male characters such as being .orking, are employed and maintain a personalitystrong, protective, building muscles, hardw Whereas, female were considered to be introvert, and extrovert when it comes to solve and Female .Female were generally ethical and housekeepers .problem that appears in their lives They are not the workers in the paid labor .of children and home were generally care taker When employed, the types of jobs that they are represented within are generally .force .business textiles and industry*

When unemployed, they are shown either applying to the jobs or attending the interviews. Sometimes they are even shown working a small paid job on the street where the poor people tend to work. They are shown with the family in a small low budget restaurant. They reflect the gender roles in a society and how one should behave. There can be generalization made about gender roles from this media in terms of how the male and female act and behave in a certain way that shapes their family together.

THE MESSAGES ABOUT THE MEN IN THIS MEDIA ARE THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE STRONG AND SUPPORT THE FAMILY AT THE DIFFICULT SITUATION. THEY SHOULD BE THE ONE BY WHICH FAMILY CAN STAND TOGETHER.

THE MEN ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY FILLED CERTAIN ROLES DURING THE UNEMPLOYMENT THEY ARE THE FIRST PREFERENCE TO GO OUT AND FIND WORK. MEN WERE SHOWN AS BUSINESS PARTNERS, OR OWNERS, OR AS SHARE HOLDERS. MEN WERE NOT ABSENT FROM THE MEDIA. THE MESSAGE ABOUT WOMEN IN THIS MEDIA WAS THEY STAND OUT WHEN THERE IS ANY SITUATION OR PROBLEMS AGAINST THEIR FAMILY. THEY ARE TYPICALLY HOUSE WIVES WHO SERVE THEIR WHOLE LIFE IN THE WELLBEING OF THE FAMILY.

THE WOMEN ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY FILLED A CERTAIN ROLES AS A DAUGHTER, WIFE, MOTHER, AND GRANDMOTHER. NO, WOMEN ARE NOT ABSENT FROM THIS MEDIA. THE RACE -GENDER MIX MESSAGES THAT I OBSERVED WAS MEN WAS INVOLVED IN EARNING INCOME WHERE AS FEMALE WAS INVOLVED IN THE HOUSEHOLD ACTIVITIES. NO, THE MESSAGES THAT I RECEIVED DO NOT ADVANCE THE SOCIAL JUSTICE DUE TO THE FACT THAT EVERYONE SHOULD BE TREATED EQUALLY.

THE MESSAGES REGARDING WOMEN AND THOSE REGARDING MEN DO NOT PROMOTE THE IDEAL EQUALITY PARTICULARLY OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE THE SOCIETY THAT THEY WERE SHOWN IN HAD THE IDEOLOGY ABOUT GENDER ROLES. IN THE SOCIETY THAT THEY WERE RAISED MAINLY CONSIDERED THE DIFFERENCE IN THE ABILITY OF MEN AND WOMEN. MEN WERE CONSIDERED PRESTIGIOUS AND OUTGOING, WHEREAS WOMEN WERE INTROVERT AND NURTURING THEIR KIDS.

MY CURRENT FAVORITE PROGRAMS ARE MAINLY INDIAN REALITY SHOWS: DANCE INDIA DANCE, SA RE GA MA PA, AND DID DOUBLES. IN ORDER TO ADVANCE SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY THERE SHOULD BE NO AGE LIMIT AND THEY SHOULD TRY AND SEE HOW UNTRAINED DANCER OR SINGER PERFORM WITHOUT ANY TRAINING BY GIVING THEM ONE CHANCE TO SHOW THEIR SKILLS. MY AUNT WHO LIVES IN CANADA IS MARRIED TO A PERSON FROM UGANDA. THEY ARE ONE OF THE BEST COUPLE KNOWN IN OUR FAMILY. THEY ARE WELL SETTLED, AND HAVE MORE PRESTIGE THAN ANYONE ELSE IN OUR FAMILY. THE PARTNER IS SUPPORTIVE AND HAS A POSITIVE ATTITUDE. THEIR RELATIONSHIP IS LIKE AN EVERLASTING LOVE STORY.

THE RELATIONSHIP IS PORTRAYED AS IMPROVING AND LESSENING TO EVERYONE IN OUR FAMILY. WE LEARN FROM THEIR RELATIONSHIP AND EVEN SOMETIMES GIVE EXAMPLES TO OTHERS ABOUT HOW THEY LEAVE HAPPILY. THIS MADE ME FEEL PROUD THAT THERE IS SOMEONE IN OUR FAMILY FROM WHOM WE COULD LEARN LESSONS AND IMPLEMENT IT IN OUR DAILY LIFE. ACCORDING TO ME, MARRIAGE IS NOT DEPENDED ON COLOR OR TEXTURE INSTEAD THE INNER HEARTS ARE THE ONE WHO JOIN THE TWO LOVERS. ONE SHOULD LOOK AT THE INNER SIDE OF THE HUMAN BEING.

I never dated someone who is non white, but my friend dated James, who is non white. Their relationship was not happily going. They had fights and had trust between them. Their relationship was like a glass without water. There was no love, and affection between them. This increased because of the negative thoughts. Their relationship was treated differently than those relationships between people of the same race. The people generally thought that the people who are of the same race have the same

thoughts and feelings then compared to those of the different race. People think that there is no connection of religion and cultural identities to those who are in relationship with different race.

This should not be taken into granted that if the people who have relationship with different race will not last longer because they are from different culture or religion in fact, one should think that religion and culture does matter at some extend, but the most important thing is two souls should be satisfied with the relationship.

I LEARNT THAT PEOPLE STILL HAVE THE IDEOLOGY IN SOME PART OF THE WORLD THAT THEY SHOULD MARRY THE PEOPLE FROM THE SAME RACE AND CULTURE. ACCORDING TO THESE EXCHANGES, I LEARNT THAT WHITENESS DOES NOT MATTER UNLESS THE PERSON IS PURE FROM INSIDE OF THEIR HEART. THE EXTERIOR COLOR DOES NOT MAKE A PERSON CARRYING BUT INSTEAD KNOWING THE PERSON FROM INSIDE HELPS TO GET THE CLEAR IDEA ABOUT HOW THEY ARE.

FINAL ANALYSIS

Gender/ Race Analysis

The overall messages within these experiences about male/ female or white/non-white portrayed how to act and behave according the gender personality and how society looks at you according to what they see is how they see. The messages imply about male/female or white/non-white is simply how gender shapes ones identity.

THERE IS AN INCONSISTENCY ABOUT THE GENDER ROLE IN THE SOCIETY THAT A MALE SHOULD BE WORKING FOR BRINGING MONEY TO THE HOME WHEREAS A FEMALE SHOULD BE AT HOME NURTURING THE CHILDREN AND COOKING.

ACCORDING TO ME THESE ROLES AND THEIR IMPOSITION ARE CHANGING AS PEOPLE ARE MOVING FORWARD FROM THE OLD MENTALITY. IN MODERN ERA, THERE IS NO INEQUALITY BETWEEN MALE /FEMALE IN SOME PARTS OF THE WORLD. WOMEN ARE GIVEN EQUAL PRIVILEGE AS WELL AS OPPORTUNITIES AS A MALE ARE. WOMEN ARE STEPPING OUT OF THEIR HOUSEHOLD LIVES AND WORKING HARD PROVING THEIR IDENTITY IN THE SOCIETY.

The roles for female who are white are generally taught to be beautiful and given far more advantage due to their appearance then compared to the male who are non white. This role is enforced in daily basis of life whether it is in school, college, work, or in the community. The way people think is based on how they see and what they see. People judge according to the personality and the way one acts not by the inner perspective or the feelings that one has.

Critical Analysis

The overall message serves how society is constructed which eventually leads a person act accordingly. Society shapes the gender role. Within a dominant institution: family, employment, for example the girls/women who are non-whites are discriminated based on their race and ethnicity. They are not given the privilege that a boy/ men who are whites have.

THIS EVENTUALLY IMPACTS HOW ONE IS SEEN IN THE WORKPLACE NOT BY THE SKILLS OR QUALITIES THEY TEND TO HAVE BUT THE FACT THAT THEY ARE NOT TRUSTABLE DUE TO THEIR SKIN COLOR. THE IMPACT IS LIFELONG AND TREMENDOUSLY HEART BREAKING SINCE THEY ARE NOT ONLY REJECTED BY THE INDIVIDUAL BUT BY THE WHOLE SOCIETY IN WHICH THEY TEND TO LIVE IN. THEY GENERALLY GO INTO THE DEPRESSION BY THESE CIRCUMSTANCES.

IF THE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION CONTINUES THEN THE DEATH RATIO OF NON WHITE MALE WILL DRASTICALLY INCREASE DUE TO THEIR STRESS OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND ANXIETY. DEFINITELY NOT, BECAUSE THE GENDER ROLE SHOULD BE EQUALLY CONSTRUCTED NOT BY WHERE THE PERSON IS FROM AND WHAT IS THEIR ETHNICITY. EVERYONE SHOULD BE JUDGE BY “WE ALL ARE HUMAN BEING” NOT BY THE COLOR OF THE SKIN OR BY THE RACE. ONE THING COULD BE TAKEN INTO GRANTED THAT IF PEOPLE START BELIEVING THAT WE ALL ARE EQUAL IN TERMS OF HUMAN AND WE ALL PERTAIN THE SAME QUALITY THAT IS WE ARE THE MESSENGER OF THE GOD.