**Should Men be Treated Better than Women?**

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Gender inequality is one of the world's top 5 worst inequalities. What it means is that, men go to work while women are housewives and they stay home and clean, cook and look after children. It also means that women can’t have the same jobs as men, or get the same pay as men ( 10% gap in full time employees). Multiple surveys have shown that 61 of the FTSE 100 companies directors board aren't even 25% female.

**Should men be treated better than women?**

Grace Dunlop(13) says, **“It's just so disappointing that men are still put at higher advantages than women just because they are men.”** She would also argue that everyone has experienced gender

inequality due to the patriarchy. The patriarchy is the enforcement of ideas, such as women having to be the primary caregivers to children and that women are too emotional and can’t handle power. It also affects men with things like toxic masculinity and common phrases like ‘men don't cry’ and ‘man up’. Although better than it was, she believes that gender inequality still very obviously exists, and that it’s in every aspect of our lives from the workplace to starting a new family of our own. She also believes that women aren't equally represented in higher roles like government, although 51% of the UK population are women, only 34% of the UK government are women.

However, Tom Short(71) would highly disagree, he says**. “Years ago I met a female MP and I thought she was as thick as two short planks, she was a silly woman.”** Tom short also believes that gender inequality should exist because as he says, “**Men and women are different so they will always be treated differently.”** Tom also feels slightly frustrated in the way that women are getting more power. He says that his favourite radio station (radio 2) has now been changed into woman's hour therefore now he refuses to listen. He says the changes of this was that viewers wanted more women represented, but that was not what he wanted. He also believes that roles of work should be kept separate and that women should do lighter work while men do harder and more challenging work.

**What are the consequences of gender inequality?**

The consequences of gender inequality if both sides strongly disagree are that the economy could suffer badly costing trillions. Violence, privilege and injustice are also bad consequences for this matter.

**How can gender inequality be dissolved?**

Although I agree with Grace, gender inequality could be dissolved by equalling gender pay, having more men to agree to being stay at home dads and lastly to teach children in schools not to grow up and be ignorant.

“We've begun to raise daughters more like sons... but few have the courage to raise our sons more like our daughters.”

- **Gloria Steinem**

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