

Abstract

This research aims to explore the untold narratives of women who experienced the inexplicable violence in the Partition of 1947. Writers like Sidhwa, Pritam and Jyotirmoyee Devi give voice to the unheard, silent narratives of these women. Bhalla as an editor and translator compiled these stories and made a commendable effort to incorporate narratives from every region and contributions by various writers. This research aims to reveal how the state chose to forsake these displaced women in the name of familial and national honor. Focusing on the aftermath of this fight for independence it concentrates on the efforts of these women to adapt to the changes in their lives, to embrace other religions and different cultures. It aims to analyze how these women dealt with feelings of isolation and the diaspora of their identities. It explores both their resistance and capitulation to the confining Patriarchal religious and cultural norms. This thesis also tries to contribute to the existing research on the Feminist response and Postcolonial diaspora found in these texts. Post-colonial feminism explores how feminism fails to address issues of third-world women. It argues how race, culture and Patriarchy affect women in the third world in a far different way than the west. Double colonization is a process which affects their lives in the most basic way because they are colonized and are also chained down with shackles of Patriarchy. Post-Colonial feminists argue that besides fighting Patriarchy and the aftereffects of colonialism. They have to battle western feminists who refuse to treat them differently and do not believe in the differences of race, ethnicity and cultural background.

By using this theory, this research intends to illuminate the effects of one generation to the other one and its far reaching impacts on the contemporary society and problems of Violence and Women Rights. It attempts to reconcile with the atrocities of the past and to come to terms with it in the best possible way in hopes of finding a solution to the present dilemma. This thesis

in short is an attempt to understand the phenomenon of people both being the Victims and Perpetrators with particular emphasis on the impact to women.