

## Opinion on the Role of Women

### Urdu transcript:

اچھا مجھے بتائیں کہ

as a women

آپ نے پاکستان بھی دیکھا ہے، امریکہ بھی دیکھا ہے، اب بتائیں کہ عورتوں کا

role

پاکستان میں اور امریکہ میں کیا

difference

ہے؟ پاکستان میں کیسا ہے؟

پاکستان میں دو

different types of roles women play

کرتی ہیں۔ ایک جو

cities, major cities

میں میں دیکھتی ہوں کہ

women are trying to come up. Business section

میں جا رہی ہیں اور ابھی ایک

all women bank

بھی کھلا ہے

all women police

بھی کھلا ہے

so basically in major cities like Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad

یہ ساری چیزیں ہو رہی ہیں،

women

عورتیں اوپر

try

کر رہی ہیں آنے میں

jobs

لے رہی ہیں مگر جو گاؤں ہوتے ہیں

villages

جو کھلائے جاتے ہیں وہ وہاں

women

بہت

suppressed

ہوتی ہیں

men

کے ساتھ۔ وہ بس گھر بیٹھی ہوتی ہیں، کام کر رہی ہوتی ہیں، گھر کا کام جیسا کہ کھانا پکانا،

برتن دھونا، بچوں کے خیال کرنا، بس یہی جو ہے جو آج کل جو

change

کرنے کی کوشش میں ہے سارے مگر بس یہ ہی

differences

ہوتی ہیں

between women

آج کل

upcoming

ہو رہی ہیں مگر امریکہ سے تو کوئی

comparison

ہے ہی نہیں

basically

کوئی زیادہ

comparison

نہیں ہے مگر ایک سو سال میں پچاس سال میں انشا اللہ دیکھتے ہیں کچھ ہوگا۔

### English Translation:

Interviewer: Okay, so tell me, as a woman you have seen Pakistan and you have seen America. How is the role of women different in Pakistan and America? What is the role of women in Pakistan?

Interviewee: In Pakistan women play two different types of roles. One being in the major cities, I see that women are trying to come up. They are going into the business sector, have established an all-woman bank and all-women police squad. So basically in major cities like Karachi, Lahore and Islamabad, women are making progress. They are trying to get jobs but women in the villages are suppressed by men. They sit at home, take care of the house, cook food, wash dishes, take care of the children... but people are trying to change this state of affairs. These are the major differences between women, but women are trying to come up in Pakistan. However there is no comparison to the progress of women in America. Basically there is not much comparison, maybe in another 100 or 50 years things will change.

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