



WOMEN IN THE MAINSTREAM SOCIETY: ARTICULATIONS RELATED WITH EMPOWERMENT

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Introduction

Empowerment of women means equal status to women. Here the balance of power between men and women is equal and neither party has dominance over the other. Empowering women socio-economically through increased awareness of their rights and duties as well as access to resources is a decisive step towards greater security for them. Empowerment includes higher literacy level and education for them, better healthcare for women and children, equal ownership of productive resources, increase participation in economic and commercial sections, awareness of their rights and responsibilities, improved standards of living and acquiring self-reliance, self-esteem and self-confidence. Thus the framework of empowerment encompasses the welfare of women, satisfaction of basic needs, access to resources, conscientisation to attain gender equality participation in decision making alongside men and control, which refers to the ultimate level of equality and empowerment. In short, the philosophy of women's empowerment needs a total overhauling of Indian society

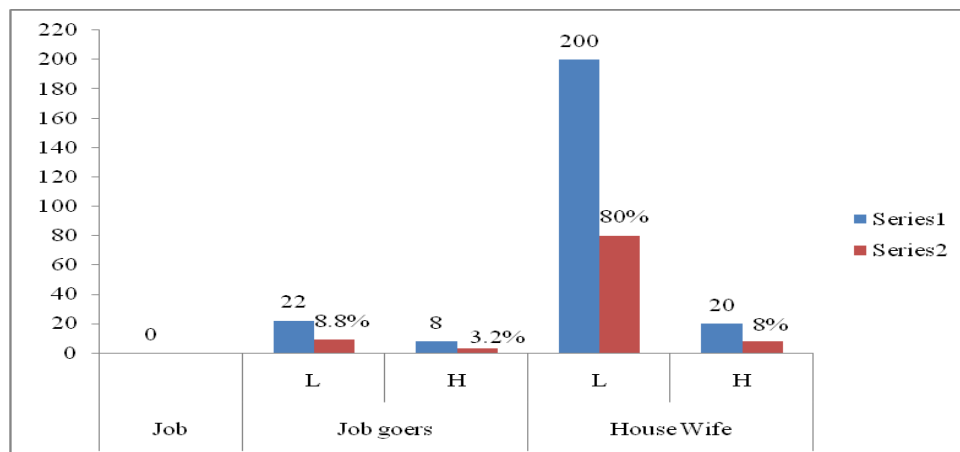
Empowerment is analyzed on the basis of women who are job goers and Non-Job goers. Certainly women face insurmountable issues and problems in wherever she makes her presence. Among 250 respondents, 30 are job goers and 220 of them are Non-Job goers. Hence the values are widely differed on the basis at different queries.

Job Goers

Job goers	Job goers		House Wife		Total
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Exercise Basic Rights	22 (8.8%)	8 (3.2%)	200 (80%)	20 (8%)	250 (100%)
Awareness of Crime Laws	8 (3.2%)	22 (8.8%)	194 (77.6%)	26 (10.4%)	250 (100%)
Domestic Violence	6 (2.4%)	24 (9.6%)	18 (7.2%)	202 (80.8%)	250 (100%)
Dowry Related Violence	7 (2.8%)	23 (9.2%)	36 (14.4%)	184 (73.6%)	250 (100%)
Working place Harassment	-	30 (2%)	-	-	250 (100%)
Total	30		220		250

Related to the question of exercise of basic rights, 8.8% of the job goers category exercised low level and 3.2% of the housewives categories exceed higher level.

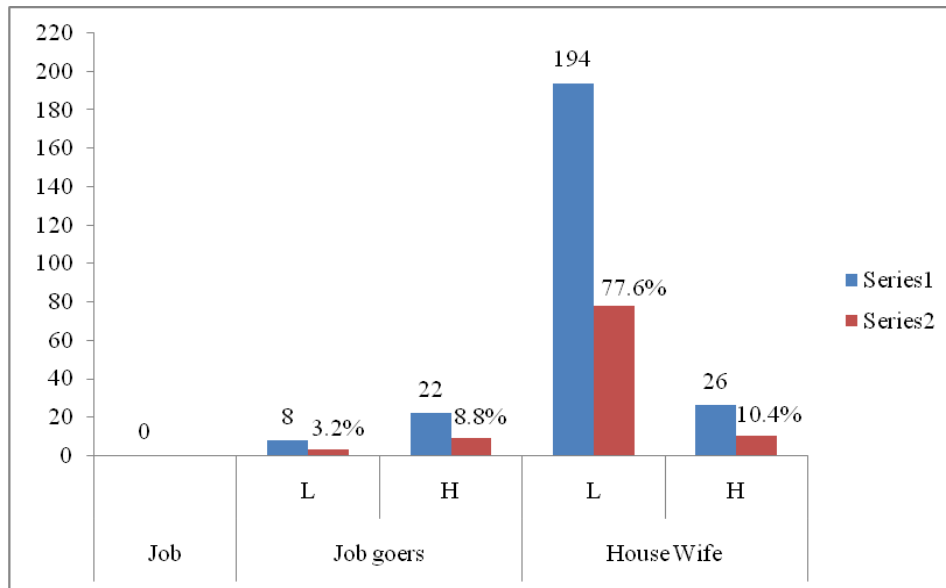
Exercise of Basic Rights





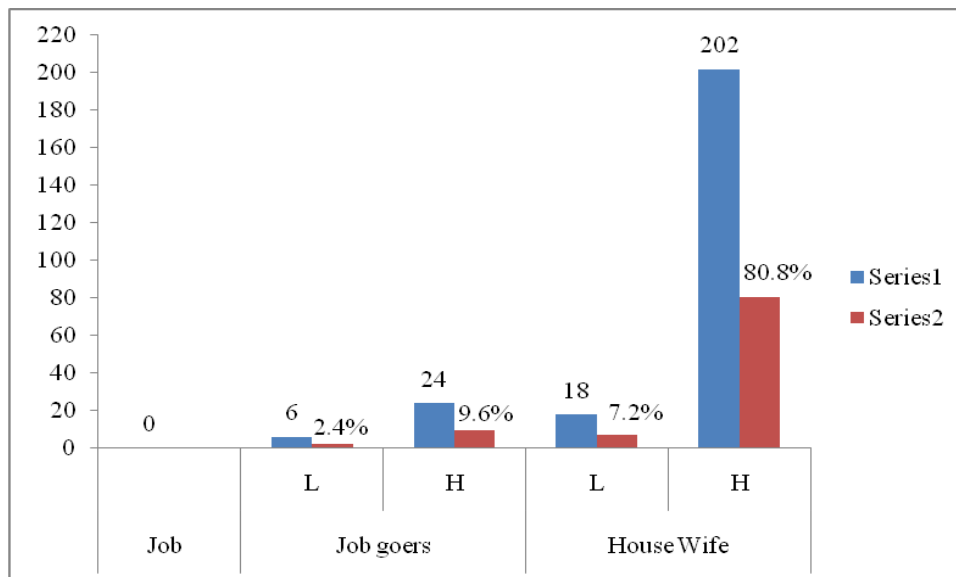
3.2% of the Job goers are less aware of criminal laws and 8.8% of them are aware of laws which protect the rights of women. 77.6% of housewives are less aware of laws and 10.4% of them are aware of criminal laws

Awareness of Crime Laws



2.4% of the women leaders come across domestic violence in the job goers category and 9.6% of them come across high level of violence. In the category of house wives, 7.2% of them come across less level and 80.8% of the women come across high level of violence.

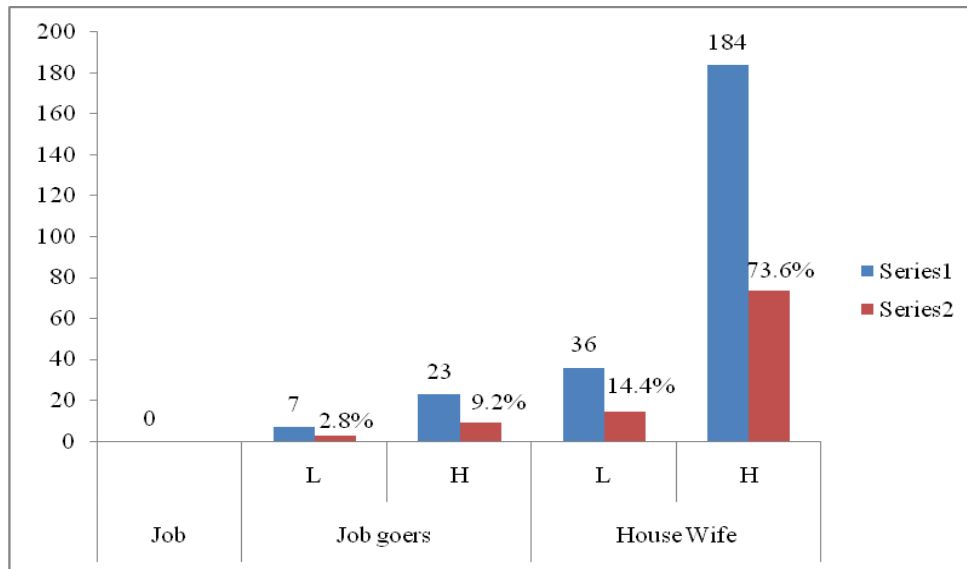
Domestic Violence



2.81% of the job goers come across low level of dowry harassments and 9.2% high level in the job goers category. Among House wives 14.4% of the respondents come across low level of harassments and 73.6% of them come across high level of dowry harassments and related at ground realities

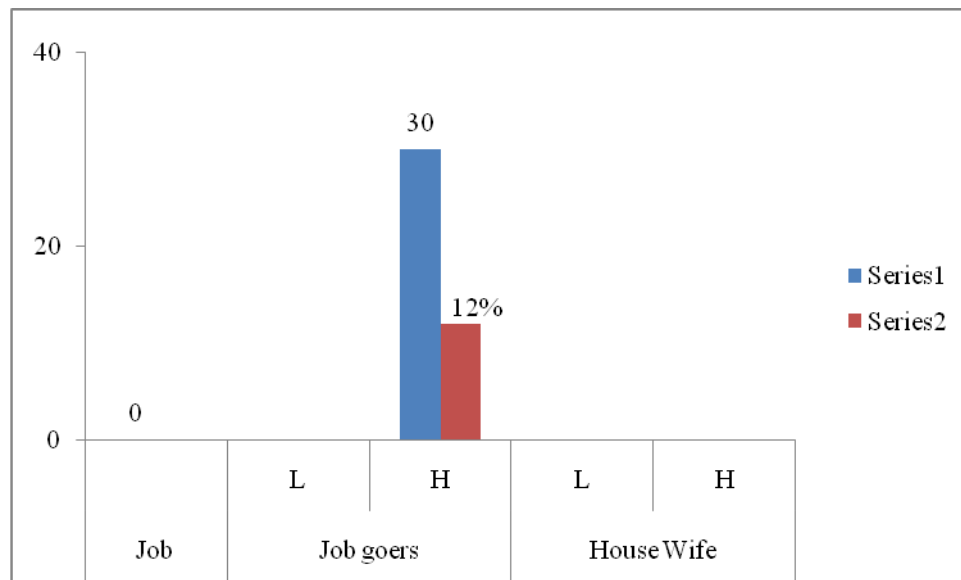


Dowry Related Violence



Regarding work place harassments all the Job goers i.e., 30 respondents opined the work place harassment to the high level.

Work Place Harassment



Empowerment is multi-dimensional gaining self-confidence and meaningful participation in decision making. As the foremost precursor to development and empowerment of women comprehensively seeks to ensure an equitable division of resources and carve a clear role for them in decision making. It helps them articulate their as well as other rights and participate actively in democratic processes. Empowerment also wards off retrogressive practices like female infanticide and gender based violence. Empowerment does not means setting women against men. Indeed, it means making both men and women realize their changing roles and status and develop a consensus for harmonious living in the context of an egalitarian society. It means redistribution of work roles, redistributing their values to the changing world and attitudes and evolving new kinds of adjustments, understanding and trust with each other. Empowerment of women is a new ideology for carrying democratic values into the family and society.



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