***Co-Education***

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**What is Co-Education?**

System of education in which student of both gender can receive their education in the same Classrooms, school, college, faculty or universities.

In simple words,

**“Education of boys and girls in same place”.**

**History:**

It was first introduce in Switzerland, but now it has become popular almost in all Europe and America. The ancient Greek philosopher, Plato said that

**“Co-Education creates a feeling of comradeship”**

The idea of Co-Education has become controversial issue in our country. The Supporter of the system has heap up bog arguments in this favors. The advocate it at a large scale in our country.

**Why Some Societies Supported Co-Education**

The supporter of the system favor the system mainly due to two factors.

1. **Economical factors**
2. **Sociological factors**

**Economical Factors:**

* Available infrastructure could be sufficient no need to open separate universities on the basis of separate gender.
* Good for under developed countries.

**Sociological factors:**

* Co-education allow young people to express their views openly.
* Co-education eliminate gender based discrimination.
* Boys and girls gain social maturity through valuable interactive play and shared learning in co-education.

**Advantages of co-education:**

* Decrease the educational expenses.
* Promote competition in study.
* Promote mutually understanding the two gender.
* Both gender get equal opportunity of learning.

**Disadvantages of co-education:**

* Destroy golden tradition of Islam.
* Boys and girls attracted in an affair of heart.
* Higher educational expenses.

**Why co-education is criticized?**

**Conservative people criticize the system of education**

* According to them this system is against our traditions.
* The fear that co-education will develop immoral relationship between boys and girls.
* They believe that co-education will be spoil both boys and girls.
* But their arguments do not hold much water.

**Co-education and Islam:**

* Islam is not against the co-education, if Islamic values be kept in mind.
* Girls are covers themselves with hijab.
* Interaction with others while remaining in limits.
* Don’t abuse the freedom of parents.

**How many people like co-education in Pakistan?**

* 79% parents don’t like co-education.
* 60% prefer to send their girls to co-educational institution.
* 5% given no response.

**Conclusion:**

In fact co-education is a western concept in its nature. Its main purpose is to end the modesty of women by persuading them to join the gaiety of the club. Most important all our religion Islam does not allow the free mixing the boys and girls. There for separate institution should be setup for both the gender.