

The Impacts and Influences of Family in Reshaping the Gender- Psyche as well as the Personality of Transgender Children in Jammu.

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Abstract:

The word 'family' has been derived from the Latin word 'familia' which means a group of social unity of people including children who inhabit either by cognation or kindred with the aim of maintaining the prosperity, pleasure and peace of the entities in the same social organization. In this context, family is an institute which plays a significant role in the overall development of children's gender psyche, where a child is to be indoctrinated to grow, not only physically but also mentally, emotionally and intellectually from the very day one is born. Here, they learn what is their gender, how to behave and act with others on the basis of their gender morally and emotionally, how to read and write, how to respect elders, how to understand the world around them and so on and so forth. The study attempts an analyzing, how family background and the family culture play an effective role to reshape the gender psyche as well as personality of transgender children in Jammu through a descriptive survey method.

Keywords: Familia, Gender Psyche, Indoctrinated, Reshape, Transgender, Jammu, Descriptive Survey

Introduction:

Hijras are known as the "third gender" in India. Biological determinism has been a dominant factor in identifying family relations. If not through a "natural" birthing process, including the (often debatable) C-section, biology is maintained through options like in

vitro fertilisation, intracytoplasmic sperm injection, and surrogacy. Adoption becomes a reluctant choice often resulting from the financial inability to procure the previous options, though this is not necessarily true (Bharadwaj 2003). Yet, seeking social acceptance for adoption might not be an easy task. In an interview given to Channel 4 News,^[2] Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie said that trans women are trans women that have male privilege, which she later clarified in her Facebook post^[3] as:

A trans woman is a person born male and a person who, before transitioning, was treated as male by the world. Which means that they experienced the privileges that the world accords men. This does not dismiss the pain of gender confusion or the difficult complexities of how they felt living in bodies not their own.

After the birth of a child, family is his/her first primary social group. He/she first interacts with his or her family and learns many things by observation. In this context, the role of the family in the process of socialization of him/her is very effective. The way he/she is loved, cared and nurtured at home provides the opportunity for him/her to thrive better in the life. Family's impact on the development of gender psyche of any child is like a foundation, which may help in shaping up the future of a child. He/she learns various developmental skills such as cognitive skill, language skill, emotional skill for his/her growth and development. The role of the family as the prime educator in the family is claimed to work together to educate their children. Family is responsible for shaping the future of child and influence their values, skills, socialization and security during the childhood developmental stages. Parents are the first teachers for their children. Family environment is the first educational environment, because in this environment every

individual or a child first gets education and guidance. Therefore, the family plays a very important role in the period of child's gender psyche development in order to have basic knowledge of the ethics and norms that prevail in the community against him.

The word 'Psyche' has been derived from the Greek word 'Psyche' which means a set of invisible conscious as well as unconscious principles or entities of human mind which gives direction to the physical, emotional, psychological, spiritual, and mental body of the human being. In Greek mythology Psyche was a gorgeous exceedingly beautiful princess who fell in love with the love god named Eros (Cupid) and married him, at last, after through the terrible trail. In this context, it emphasizes more to soul rather than to love which indicates to religious as well as the mythological path of Greek history. According to the 'Merriam Webster Dictionary,' the word 'psyche' means "butterfly" which refers to the imagination of the soul of the human being. But 'in English, it often sounds less spiritual than soul, less intellectual than mind, and more private than personality'. In this context, the psychoanalytical theorist Carl Jung commented "I have been compelled, in my investigations into the structure of the unconscious, to make a conceptual distinction between soul and psyche. By psyche, I understand the totality of all psychic processes, conscious as well as unconscious. By soul, on the other hand, I understand a clearly demarcated functional complex that can best be described as a "personality". (Jung, 1971: Def. 48 par. 797). The Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary defines psyche as the mind of human beings; their 'deepest feelings and attitudes'.

Review of Literature

Living Smile Vidya's autobiography **I Am Vidya: A Transgenders Jourjey** was written in Tamil and was later translated into seven different languages including English. It is regarded as one of the most brilliant transgender memoirs which depicts the impact of

family on gender psyche. It was first published in 2007. It is the first transgender autobiography in India. It showcases the struggle of Sarvanan to become Vidya. The struggle includes a lot of physical and mental training. In addition to her life the autobiography also presents the plight of contemporary transgenders like Vidya in India.

A Gift of Goddess Lakshmi is a candid biography of Manobi Bandyopadhyay written by Jhimli Mukherjee Pandey who is a Journalist. It is called as a candid biography of India's First Transgender Principal by the writers as Manobi tells her story of transformation from a man into a woman with unflinching honesty and deep understanding. It depicts the birth and life of Somanath and his journey to become Manobi and the challenges she faced throughout the journey and how she continued to pursue academics despite many upheavals. The journey is an extraordinary and courageous one by a transgender person to define her identity and set new standards of achievement. The book mirrors our society and its treatment and reaction to the transgenders in our society.

E. M. Pomerantz and R. A. Thompson (2008) have conducted a study entitled Parents' role in children's personality development: The psychological resource principle. The goal of this study is to explicate the role of parents in shaping children's personality development. To this end, we focus on a central principle of parents' socialization of their children: Parents shape children's personality development through their provision of psychological resources because of controversy over whether parents actually contribute to children's development beyond their genetic legacy, we begin by making the case that despite the support for the role of genetics, there is also support for the role of socialization by parents. We then discuss the major models and methods guiding research on parental influence. In the subsequent section, we explicate the psychological resource principle. In this context, we discuss the psychological resources

important to children's personality development and how parents facilitate the growth of such resources. We then turn to the implications of the psychological resource principle for understanding how parents and children jointly contribute to the socialization process as well as contextual variations in this process.

Charles F. Halverson, Jr. Karen S. Wampler (1997) have conducted a study of entitled: “Family Influences on Personality Development”. This chapter discusses the family influences on personality development. There is an emerging crisis in the study of personality development because of the missing data on parent–child relationships. There are three crises in the personality development research: (1) the first real crisis— known as “bidirectional watershed,” is that it is not clear who might be responsible for children's personality development. Maybe, just parent–child correlations reflected the action of constitutional characteristics of the child on parenting and not the other way around. (2) This crisis is related to transactional models that further complicate the picture of the family influence on personality development because of the elaboration of this model. The child and the caretaking environment were conceptualized as always in a state of mutual feedback; infant characteristics modified parental practices, which in turn modified infant behavior thereby, modifying parental behavior. The final crisis is within-family effects which are of recent origin. Nearly all of the studies of family and parental influences on the personality of the child are based on only one child per family. Family and parental influences focus on the mother, on the father, or on the family as a unit.

Objectives of the Study:

These inscribed ideas are the objectives for completing this research work in a scholarly way:

- To explore how the impact of family reshapes the individual's gender consciousness.
- To analyze how gender has been created throughout history and its tremendous effect on third gender community.
- To highlight how the family members treat the children brutally after knowing their peculiar sex organ in Jammu.
- To find out the Socio-Cultural effect on the Hijra children due to their gender.
- To illuminate the psychological pangs and emotional pathos of Hijra children in outside of their community.
- To investigate the reflection of discomfort and trauma in their painful stories through the lens of descriptive method.
- To focus on how transgender has been treated as a symbol of superstition and evil in society.
- To examine how far their lived memory is authentic in bringing out the facts and evidences.
- To bring out the various cultural traits of Hijra community in Jammu.
- To show how the family background influences the Personality Development of Hijra children.
- To analyze how the family background influences the Gender Psyche Development of Hijra children.
- To elaborate the gender discrimination in society.

Research Tools: Interview Schedules and questionnaire develop by the researcher have been used as tools.

Interview Questions:

- 1) What is your name?
- 2) What is your age?
- 3) Where do you live?
- 4) How many members do you have in your family?
- 5) Does anybody in your family beat you due to your peculiar sex organ?
- 6) Do you feel humiliation and discomfort due to your gender?
- 7) Would you desire to have sex?
- 8) In which dress code- male or female do you feel comfort?
- 9) Does anybody in your family suggest you to go to school?
- 10) Do you want to read?
- 11) Does anybody in your family teach you to develop your personality?
- 12) Have you treated badly due to your gender?
- 13) Do you want to change your gender?
- 14) Are you happy with your community?
- 15) Do you think that the role of family plays a significant impact in one life?

Research Questions:

- 1) What are the effects of family background on the Development of Gender Psyche of Hijra children?
- 2) What are the effects of family background on the Development of Personality of Hijra children?

Methodology: Descriptive Survey method is used by the researcher.

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Population: Transgender Children of Jammu.

Sample: 25 Children selected purposively.

Data Analysis:

In the present study, data analysis was done as per the objectives.

The effect of the family background on the development gender psyche of Hijra children:

To analyse the effect family on the, the researcher had used interview schedule and questionnaire.

Table-1 showing gender psyche development of Hijra children:

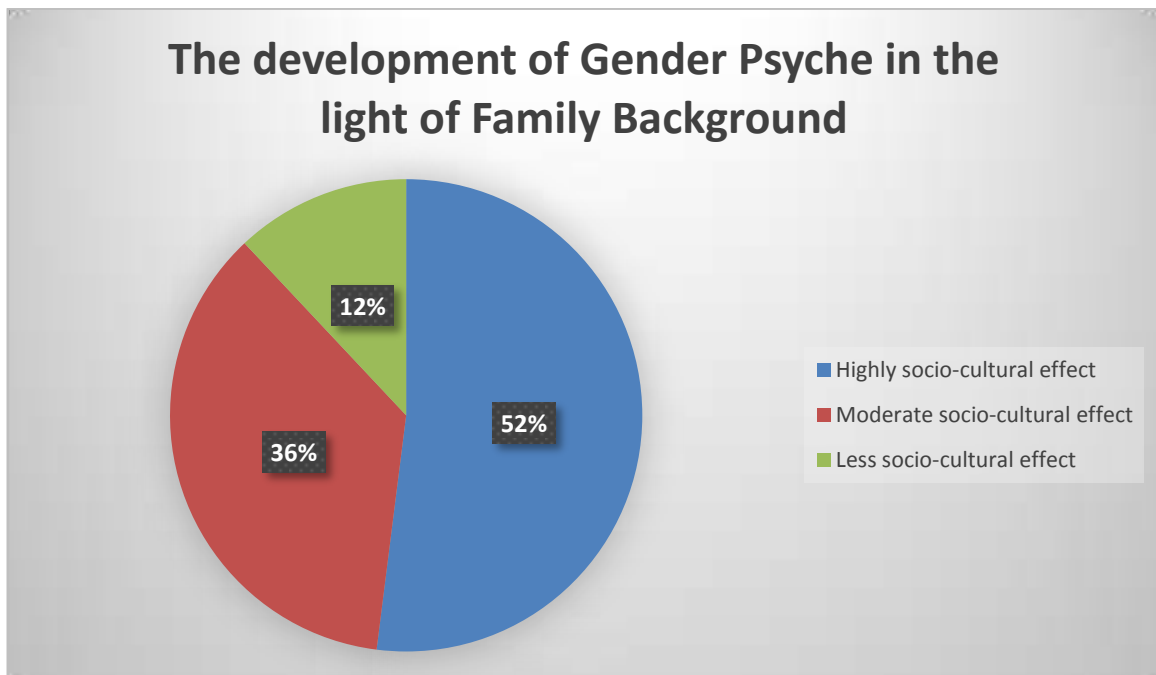
Socio-cultural effect	Frequency	Percentage(%)
Highly effect	13	52
Moderately effect	9	36
Less effect	3	12
Total	25	100

By the observation of Table-1 it is found that 52% Children are highly affected by the gender psyche of their family members. 36% children belong to moderate position and 12% children are less affected by the gender psyche of their family members.

The various socio-cultural codes related to gender that a child meets with are learned by him/her and thus, a child develops the gender consciousness which is influenced by his/her experience. The socio-cultural background of an individual has an impact on his/her interaction with the rest of society.

So, it may be concluded that children are highly affected by the gender psyche of their family members.

For better understanding a graph is generated from the obtained data, showing the gender psyche development of the Hijra children in the light of their family background.



Researcher had observed at the time of data collection that Children are more engaged to maintain the family tradition and culture. So, the gender psyche development of Hijra children is affected by their family background.

The effect of family background on the Personality Development of Hijra Children:

To analyse the first objective, the effect of family background on the personality development of the Hijra children is given below. The researcher used interview schedule and questionnaire on family background on the personality development of child.

Table-2 showing the effect of family background on the personality development of the Hijra children:

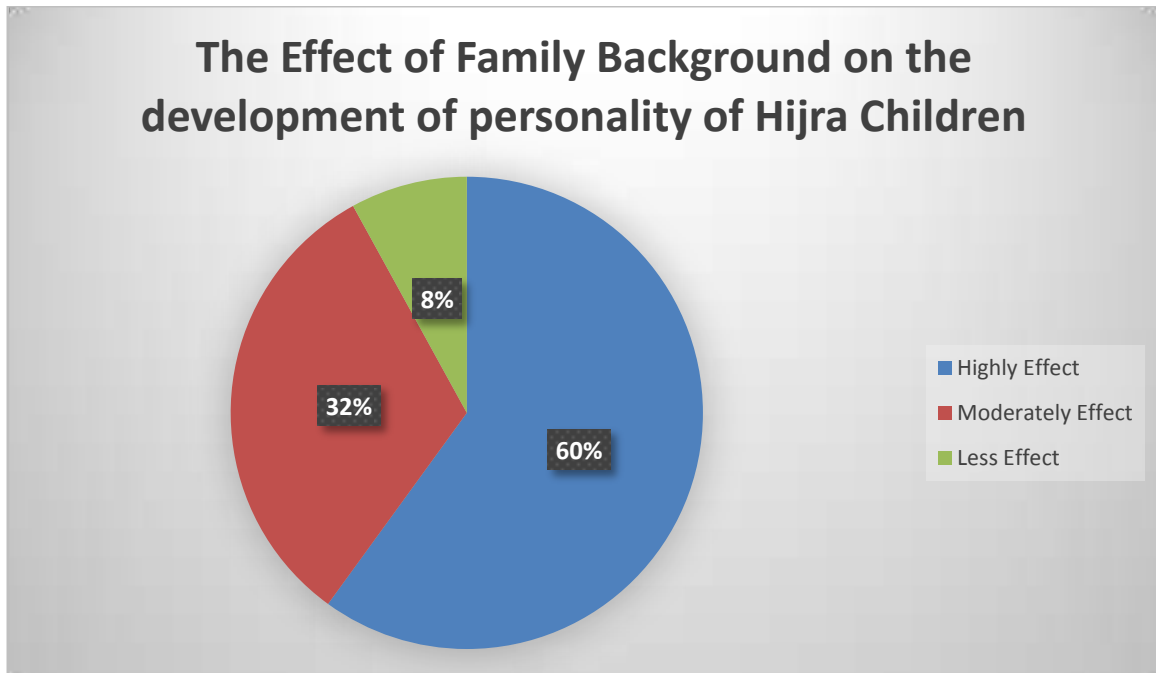
Level of Effect	Frequency	Percentage(%)
Highly Effect	15	60
Moderately Effect	8	32
Less Effect	2	8
Total	25	100

By the observation of Table-2 it is found that 60% Children are highly affected by the personality of their family members. 32% children belong to moderate position and 8% children are less affected by their family background.

In this context, researcher points out that the family plays a very powerful role on the developing of child's impacting attitudes, beliefs, habits and personality traits. The family plays a critical role in the overall development of a child.

So, it may be concluded that children are highly affected by family background.

For better understanding a graph is generated from the obtained data, showing the effect of family background on the personality development of Hijra children as below-



Researcher had observed at the time of data collection that Children are more engaged by family background. So, the personality development of children is greatly affected by family background.

Justification:

On the basis of the above findings, it is concluded that the effect of family background on the development of gender psyche well as the personality of Hijra children is quite remarkable and eye-catching. The researcher has observed that the family plays a very powerful role on the developing child's impacting attitudes, beliefs, habits and personality traits. In this context, it plays a critical role in the overall development of child. The various experiences of individuals during their development are dependent upon their social and cultural background. Children are growing up in an unsupportive family environment find it hard to learn new things and are not able to make their own decision. But children, who have a strong family support, are exposed to diverse experiences early in

life, develop a confidential attitude and are more able to face challenges. Here lies the justification of the study.

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