

The Recognition of Disability: The Genesis of Historical Revolution

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Abstract

Disability is considered through the mind, not through the body. The principle of disability is prevailed from one generation to another within social structure. It is exercised greatly to have influenced through the perspective of time, space, and culture. The objective of the paper is to stimulate the emergence and historical perspective of disability from ancient time to present time covering all assumptions and orientations. It casts the luminous power of positivism regarding the ability of disabled. It is evolved throughout the ages stating the changing perception which is portrayed by individual within the society. This paper demonstrates how social norms affect and treat the concerns of disability. It presents how disability is an exploration of moral failure and closer to inferiority in ancient age. The thoughts are recognized as concepts of demons and somewhere people with disabilities are respected as saints in middle age. During the time of modern age, people with disabilities are provided essential requirements as normal one goes through basic needs. The principle of disability is exercised an influence through the evolution of industrial revolution in which disabled people are eligible to work with the theory of fraternity, equity, and lofty freedom.

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Introduction

“Throughout history, people with disabilities have been institutionalized and segregated, which tends to make you think that it is a group in need of charity. It is not about charity, it is about empowerment” (Ruderman).

The dogma of disability highlights the civilizations and cultures through which an individual makes own perception to survive. It is based on basic and psychological needs of people with disabilities. There are several multitudes of disability that are existed within the society. Some perceptions are lonely stayed to cover the existence of disability. Some cases are existed with the integration of other disabilities. The term is reflected to center the analysis of stigmatization to advocate the disability. Some terms have positive connotations in terms of disabled people in order to promote them. Some terms have negative connotations in terms of disability to cover the stigma. There should be highly accolades given to the disabled people as able people get it from the society. The physical differences can be seen through the various lenses of enlightenment and scientific period. Disability is viewed in multiple fields that may be either social field or religious field where disabled people are considered as servants of the supreme power. They are not

religiously exploited since the understanding of people with disabilities. Disability can be biological issue to generate the distinction between mental concern and physical concern. It can be observed in the 16th century writings of monsters, prodigies, and maimed. The emergence of disability shows a valuable resource for scholars of disability studies and history of disability. It can be understood how multiple cultures, civilizations, societies, and nations have addressed the contemplation of disability.

Historical Scenario of Disability: Ancient Time

The emergence of disability is established around late 1970s as an academic discipline. It is counted as a separate field to have focused on its models and trends. It starts from very beginning when ancient culture has been dominated over the society. It might be treated as a crime or offence. In this perspective, the punishment was considered for disability. According to Windover Archeological Site, one skeleton had *spina bifida* referring to paralyzed person who was taken care of in a hunter-gatherer society. There was a moral punishment not only in ancient Greece but also in the territory of Rome. The heirs of Roman Empire had considered it as an evil natured deed that's why the punishment for disability was stated in the form of moral failure. It could be seen through the glimpse of ancient myths. The perspective of mythology had affected the different norms of disability since ancient times. It might be disability of deafness, disability of lameness, disability of dumbness, disability of blindness, disability of anatomy, and disability of brain. All norms of disability were treated as the sentence of punishment. In Greek tradition, the disability of blindness was considered as an inauspicious natured trend. The deity of ancient Greek had no precaution regarding the different disabilities. All were lowered in the sights of Greek deities. Individuals were forced to access shrines by impaired walking. Greeks were looked to endure people with disabilities. Greeks had viewed people vaguely. The suffered individuals from the disability were thrown outside from the society. They were identified as downtrodden individuals who were not normal. Comparatively, they were recognized as an inferior to the normal one. The paranormal was more horrible and perilous in nature in comparison to the normal one. If an individual was suffered from a kind of disability, he was left to die without caring him with a proper diagnosis. There was a condition of hell in ancient times throughout the world for those persons who were born with some disabilities. In ancient times, health was a supreme existence that's why disabled people might be entities of no shade of benediction. In ancient Egypt, Staffs were used for people with disabilities to aid.

Disability in Medieval Time

In Medieval times, the concept of disability has been changed totally. People with disabilities were considered to be a part of natural process during the fall of the Black Death. The approach of disabled people was thought to be caused by beasts. During the medieval age, People with disabilities were playing the roles in the production of rural region. They were allowed to make a special contribution to the daily economic life. In some ways, the shift of movement was from inauspicious nature to auspicious nature of which people with disabilities were worshipped by assuming those were figures of divinity. They had divine powers because they were born with some kind of disabilities. They were not simple figures but were prominent icons of paranormal and magical powers. The people of middle ages had a prominent belief in those abnormal people

with physical deformities. The people with disabilities were recognized as figures of devotion and faith towards the almighty. They might be revered as hermits or sages. People believed that if person with disability was born on the earth, he might be sent by the supreme power to aid and make diagnosis of pensive natured people. They could be considered as priests to teach and preach on a particular subject for people who had a transcended belief in those people who were welcomed with disabilities. With the passing of times, the movement of disability has been changed again with the development of science and technology that have helped people with disabilities.

Disability in Modern Time

The concept of disability has been shifted after ancient myths of ancient times and supernatural beliefs of medieval period. As of now, there is an evolution of scientific approach to delete the untouchable perception of disability. Things are covered since the period of renaissance when people were prone on the scientific evolution. The scientific understanding has created the reaction of intellectual and rational thoughts regarding the concept of disability. The period of renaissance has brought out the theory of liberalism and reformism. It explains how things are grown under the shade of liberal thoughts. This idea has seeded the notion of humanism. It is a broad concept to analyze the disability. There are several instruments that are added to improve the emergence of disability. These things are analyzed by scientists and psychologists to solve the issue of disability by which people with disabilities can live with full confidence within the society. The experts are prone on studying the causes, origins, and effects of disability in all formats. Technology has helped more to make or design the instruments to limit the effect of disability. People can see the world with improved scientific aids. People can hear the sounds with the development of hearing aids and instruments. People can walk or run with the surgery. Any kind of disabilities can be solved with the overwhelming evolution of science and technology. The social relation is more significant for a particular person who has been suffered from physical deformity. If a person has a good and comfortable relation to the society, he may be relaxed and feel free from disability. The idea of enlightenment covers the momentum of disability in the frame of positivism. The concept of positivism creates the faith in disabled people in order to make a connection to the society. The European enlightenment derives schooling from rationality and natural science in order to inculcate the progress of disabled people. There are many places such as asylums, clinics, and prisons that are important to the development of disability. Human body can be studied at different levels through which body is manipulated and transformed with the medical resource. Disability can be termed with other concepts such as abnormal, paranormal, non-normal, and normalcy that are originated from the concept of eugenics. People with disabilities have some rights of society to implement the limitless boundaries. People should have free styles to live within the society that can't be shaken by ups and downs failures. The state of a particular region can't wag the confidence of disabled people because their rights are concerned as some social rights are given to able people. This may be an easy task to tackle the problems related to disability covered by great institutions. The modern scenario has developed the rights of institutions to generate the endorsement for disabled people. When disabled people have full confidence to survive within the rules and regulations of society, there is a need of deeds or activities for people with disabilities. They should have an

occupation that makes a relation to the society. They should do some deeds in order to perform venerations and impressions of the society. This may be an approach to sign in the industrial society where people can work and perform their duties. The technology has helped more to insight the career options for disabled people. There are several opportunities created for people with disabilities to perform either in the industry or in the factory. There should be a development of intensive care for disabled people within industrial society where people work. Capitalism and industrial revolution have constituted a class of disabled people who could not perform their duties according to body power. Disability experts have pointed out the industrial revolution is a historical moment with the economic shift from feudalism to capitalism in terms of understanding the disability. In the way, disabled people are considered as an entity of problem that may be terminated or solved. There is a main difference between urban sectors and rural sectors for work service. Urban sectors are good for disabled people because they can receive any kind of aids if emergency is concerned. In rural areas, it is very hard to find out the multiple aids for disabled people. Urban sectors are reliable for disabled people because they can easily get the opportunities within industrial society. Industrial society offers the special care and aid for those people who are suffered from disabilities. There are also organizations that give opportunities to disabled people but such affiliations are unable to perform their duties to serve out people.

The Perception of Disability: National Scenario

Disability can be observed not only in the circle of national perspective but also in the circle of international perspective. On the national parameters of disability, local cultures and civilization have mostly affected at the highest elevation. Disability is a dogma that is evolved across the time limit of ages. It is shifted from ancient to medieval and medieval to modern perspective. It affects several cultures if historical sense is concerned. People are banished from the society when they are considered as a figure of disability. They are segregated from the society at any cost. In Indian perspective, people with disabilities are considered as sacred figures to worship in one part of perception. In some cases, people with disabilities are considered as ghosts and beasts to contempt that is other part of perception of the society. It means they are subjected to mock or exploit within cultural boundaries. During the renaissance, the psychologists and psychiatrists are able to judge the disabilities of people with their critical investigations and scientific truths. They are prone on studying those people who are with some disabilities. Scientists can able to confirm in order to make a distinction between able people and disabled people. With the help of this distinction, the requirements for livingness should be provided to people with disabilities whatever they need. The 19th century time reflects the whole scenario of disabled people. They have some opportunities to act in the factories. Sometimes, they are exploited highly by powerful authorities. They may be scolded or may be shunned that creates the collapse of moralization for disabled people. They can't think without morale. They need a proper support and encouragement of confidence. If later part of modern period is concerned in the national perspective, the eugenics has achieved the esteem and disabled people are forced for extermination. They are forced for the sterilization as that is formulated as misconception for people with disabilities. The movement of disability has been broken out around 1960 and 1970s. The agitators have big clamor for equality and liberty. They attempt to terminate the exploitation,

discrimination, and stigmatization. There is a requisite of proper education, employment, and entertainment for disabled people as able people achieve. Movement activists demand not only social rights but also political, economic, linguistic, religious, and cultural rights for people with disabilities.

Disability: International Perception

The perception of disability can be understood internationally in the context of culture and civilization beyond the national boundaries. International perception of disability is reflected through socio-cultural elements and emotional strength. There is a requirement of emotional touch with sensitivity to augment people with disabilities. Disability is observed in different countries with different perspectives. There are different cultures and structures of disabilities systematized in the various countries. The socio-cultural context is utilized to formulate class, race, gender or ethnicity. Basically, Disability demands for brotherhood and camaraderie on the basis of equality and liberty. This international approach concentrates on the person's requirement within socio-culture. It empowers eligibility and dexterous skills to augment people rather than having disability.

- (1) Disability varies across the cultural boundaries of different countries.
- (2) Disability is identified in terms of socio-cultural revolution.
- (3) Disability across the countries relies on socio-cultural political meters.
- (4) Disability is not only severe issue for an individual but also for all.
- (5) Non-communicable factors are major factors concerning to disability.
- (6) Disabled people have some rights to be protected in terms of conservation.
- (7) Disabled people have authorities to pursue those rights that are applicable to able people.
- (8) The United Nations promote the human rights for people with disabilities.
- (9) The World Health Organization secures the health rights of billion people with disabilities on the higher scale.
- (10) The International Labor Organization promotes the methods and accommodations in terms of acquisition of rights for people with disabilities.

The international perception of disability can be observed to depict the capability and competency of disabled people across the boundaries. It may be reflected to the cultural disability. This can be sighted to make difference between people of America and people of Japan in terms of social activities. American people with disabilities are integrated to one another but Japanese people don't seem as integrated to one another. People of both nations have a requirement of basic augmentation. There can be another sight between American disabled people and disabled people of Germany in terms of services and experiences. German people

have less integration of knowledge in comparison to the schooling of American people with disabilities. People with disabilities were an entity targeted by German's Nazi Rule. This way, more than two lakh people with disabilities were executed during the period of holocaust in Germany. There is a primary endorsement for people with disabilities in America especially across the world. One example can be taken from people of Hong Kong in which disabled people are encouraged to make integration in order to survive in the community. They are forced to follow rules and terms given by the authority of the society. There is an evolution of normalization amongst people with disabilities.

Conclusion

The disability can be approached within multiple cultures with the respect of the society. The history of disability demonstrates from the age of antiquity to the 21st century by cutting the thread of segregation on the basis of class, gender, race, religion, cultural paradigm, and ethnicity. The concept of disability lights upon the similarities and distinctions between the experiences of disabled people in the global historical context. There are some national perspectives on the basis of local parameters and some cases belonging to the international boundaries. The national and international boundaries offer a privileged orientation for disabled people having social, cultural, philosophical, anthropological, and psychological effects and services. The culture of disability is understood not only in terms of socio-political achievements but also in terms of moral and human's technological achievements.

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