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The Cognition of Disability: Formulation of Models and Trends

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Abstract

Aims: The paper entitled “Disability Studies: Models and Trends” brings out a deeper concern of representation of reflected mind rather the physical awareness of body. The motive behind this research is to highlight the models and trends of disability studies across the socio-cultural aspects. It covers social model, political model, biophysical model, psychological model and cultural model across the boundaries of all limitations. The concept of ability is overwhelmed through the road of disability.

Methodology and Approaches: The paper is primarily based on the mental reflection rather than physical reflection regarding disability, its nature and application. It is concerned with the insightful psyche of disability. The interpretation has been made in such a way to lead a better understanding of literary narrative as an outcome of strong mind competency to handle the mentality. The methods and approaches adopted for writing of this paper are descriptive, comparative and evaluative.

Outcome: The paper offers a new approach to insight into certain trends and models in reference to the concept of disability. It questions on intellectual thinking of intellectual thinker in regard of disability how it states the mentality of sound person towards disabled person.

Conclusion: It is requisite to make every single thing accessible to every single person with a disability. One, who is strong by mind and soul, cannot suffer from physical illness. Disability is deemed to overcome issues related to mentality. It can be taken with positivism rather than negativism. Disability with positivity is an exploration of healthy mind rather than unhealthy mind with negativity.

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Introduction

Disability is an ambiguous in nature. It is very complex term to define within the society. Disability is not concerned with physical differences on the parameter of systematic intellectual skill. It is concerned with issues of mental awareness. Disability is an academic discipline covering different aspects of the socioeconomic culture. Disability is a relevant to the distinction between physical awareness and mental awareness. Person with disability is confined with the stigma of social concern. Disability is a parcel of being man. Disability is considered as an integral part of human experience. It reflects from the different fields of society. It sometimes concerned with morality. There is a potentiality of disability covering a large range of environmental and individual factors. Natural and unnatural factors both affect the disability. It may be affected through various diseases. Disability is exercised to make an influence on personal needs, psychological needs, social needs, political needs, economic needs, physical needs and medical needs. It is a diversity of such factors such as race, religion, gender, color, sex, age, identity, sexual orientation and ethnicity. There are various factors such as ageing, medical concerns, acts, poverty and different needs affecting the study of disability. These factors impact on life experiences and human actions. Disability is an influence on the evolution of strong mind reflection to pave the path of ability. People with disabilities may not feel full happiness in their lives because of shortness of thinking and living plan. People with disabilities take demise shortly due to poor condition of their lives. They experience more limitations in daily routine lives in comparison to normal condition of life experience. There are several models of disability that are reflected in nature. They may shape the life cycle of humans with disabilities.

Disability: Cultural Model

This model of disability states the cultural value of disabled man how he survives with the cultural aspects within the society. It emphasizes how man with disability shares the arena of exploitation. It states how disabled person suffers more and more in the society by experiencing the discrimination on the basis of caste, creed, color, race, religion, ethnicity and language. There is a reflection of

exclusion of disabled personality from the socio-cultural location. As we know that there are various types of rituals and conventions immersed in the society and people are forced to follow the cultural regulations. It may be harder for able one, and then it may be much harder for disabled person who is helpless. There are various practices, beliefs and rituals to be prevailed throughout the culture. It can be deemed through the emergence of historical background of oppression and suppression. It may be staked how outrageous speculation is signed to present the disability in terms of cultural aspect. This model infers how disabled person could not be able to present his perceptions within the society. The cultural model encapsulates the all authorities to challenge and threaten the negative perspectives of the society covering the false sacraments and stereotypical superstitions. On the basis of these parameters, disabled person suffers more and more. This is not in the favor of disabled person because disabled person is suffered physically but more suffered mentally in the stereotypical scenario. This cultural model recognizes the diversity for disabled humans within the socio-cultural institution in terms of religion, philosophy and language. It may be considered as an exploitation of identity crisis that is the burning question in the modern society.

Political Model of Disability

The political model of disability is viewed with rules and regulations of a particular location. People with disabilities are prone to follow some conventions in order to sustain within the boundary of the society. Some rules are very tough to follow especially for disabled persons. Some rules are very easy to follow but they are corrupted in nature. It means that they lead the perception of negativity within socio-political organization. The social and political history of disabilities reveals historical roots of beliefs, attitudes and perceptions. The model continues an evolution of societal attitudes toward disabled person to explain how political actions create opportunities for disabled person.

Disability: Social Model

“The social model of disability can be expanded to chronic illness and to the broader work of the medical humanities” (Garden, 70). The social model is very important to emphasize the disability of a particular person. Under this model, it

is confirmed that disability is not an inherent feature of one but it is an external affair for man with disability. He follows the notions of the society how it is imposed with the union of clarity and vague. Social model portrays how disability is basically the stagnation in the way of inclusion of disabled person. Disabled person is unable to take participation in any events due to the disability. Disability may be hindrance and hurdle in the path of equity, liberty and brotherhood of society. It may prevent person to part in the social environment. It may be concerned as the exploration of social constructed issues. The social model of disability creates issues and errors in the relationship of interaction between individual and nature. People with disabilities should hope of love, compassion and affection with the passing of time. Hensel unravels his soul that hope and peace always prevail throughout the society.

Disability: Medical Model

“Medical humanities scholars incorporate disability rights perspectives into their works can help clinicians to improve medical care for disabled people” (Garden, 74). This model cures the person with disability. Those persons are suffering from disability, should take the cure and treatment of the medical model. When disability is fixed, it is a problem of medical field. This should be cured within time lest it should increase the problem. There is a need of medical experts, doctors, nurses and physicians to treat people with disabilities in order to fix healthy. This model is basically based on the individual’s impairment, not on the social environment or natural environment. It may be true in sense but sometimes, it is blamed to shun the hurdles of society that imposes on people with disabilities. the medical model is not only for curing people with disabilities but also for removing the hindrances in the path of inclusion of disabled people by which they may be able to live with the proper health and wealth. As we know that health is wealth, so health is an important item to be happy for people with disabilities.

Biophysical Model of Disability

This model is viewed with the attention and concentration of nature and man. It may be concerned with environment of human. The biophysical model of disability is viewed as an interaction between human with disability and natural

world. It may be deemed how the environment world emphasizes human with disability to improve the human-environmental location where disabled person feels well to survive.

Bio-Psychosocial Model of Disability

The bio-psychosocial model states that disability is not a just medical issue or a social issue or psychological issue as a single entity but disability is considered as a replica of integration of all issues. It is a complex combination of social model, psychological model and life model. They are associated to one another to create the bio-psychosocial model for human with disability. People with disabilities may be able to live with full attention. The bio-psychosocial model needs to augment the status of biological, psychological and social model for the better life opportunities of disable people.

Disability Rights Model

This model advocates the perception of human rights and human authorities. This model is an important to advocate the rights for people with disabilities. According to this model, everyone is entitled to get all human rights. In the same way, disabled person is entitled to get all human rights where disability is not matter because it is just a negative perception of the mind. They are entitled to get schooling, get freedom, get equality, get equity, get brotherhood and get all facilities and accommodations. This model states the removal of discrimination on the basis of caste, creed, color and language. There should not be any issues within the community of disabled people according to this model. The model of disability rights states the augmentation and promotion of rights and authorities on the basis of equality, liberty and fraternity. People with disabilities may be able to generate opportunities and avail the prescribed opportunities to be successful in their lives.

Trends of Disability

“Disability prevalence is influenced by numerous factors that vary from country to country. These factors include trends in health conditions, environmental factors and other variables such as conflict, diet, substance abuse and natural disasters” (Thompson, 8).

There are many trends relevant to the perspective of disability. Disability can be deemed with various trends modeled on various fields of socio-political culture. It may be concerned with poverty, rights, acts and aging. There are some trends of disability as given below:

(1) Aging Population

The aging population is a matter to measure the disability across the world. It is deemed how the aging population is increased slowly and gradually in terms of people with disability. It may be one factor for augmentation of disability within the society. People are basically disabled with their minds. Their thoughts are so limited. They are unable to aid someone because they feel helpless due to the narrow mind construction.

(2) Medical Aspect

The medical aspect may be one trend to explore the disability. Medical concern is basically considered to treat someone who suffers from disability of body and mind. Disability is increased due to various diseases prevailing across the society. Some emerging conditions are major factors for the augmentation of disability. There are many syndromes such as autism, psychological illness and learning disability to improve the relevance of disability. Disability is augmented due to awareness and advances of medical science and life science treatment.

(3) The American with Disabilities

It states the stereotypical features of disability rather than real solutions of disability for people. It may depict mental disability of people or physical disability of people. Covering the entirety of American history from 1492 to the present, the experience of disability is highly been in American narrative. Disability ties between nativism and oralism in the late 19th century and the role of ableism in the development of democracy. Alice Wong brings an experience of life as an individual with disabilities to the forefront of the society during time of anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

(4) Poverty

Poverty is one of the causes of increasing the disability. People are suffered from the devoid of various items such as proper education, proper schooling, proper

medical treatment, proper living survival needs and numerous facilities. Due to the paltry of requisite components for livelihood, people suffer from mental disability. Due to mental disability, they may approach the suffering of physical disability. All are difficulties concerned with the institution of poor condition.



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