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Gender disparities in rural teacher education and empowerment in Western China

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Abstract Although everybody accepts that gender imbalance existed in China's educational framework during the 1980s, there is clashing proof in the country's financial matters of education writing about changes in gender disparity in educational accomplishment over time. A few investigations guarantee there is, as yet, a critical gender imbalance in the 30 years, while others report progress. The purpose of this study is to examine the progress China has made in eliminating gender imbalance. This article uses a method of meta-examination. A procedure that offers a new quantitative examination of a sizable sum of data observational exploration on contrasts in gender and education. The exposition inspects various education models. It spreads over numerous grade levels, races, and both time and geology. The results show that there is still a gender imbalance in educational accomplishment, but it has been getting more modest over the long run. This theory is a brief synopsis of a review that investigated gender contrasts in Western China's rural teacher empowerment and education frameworks. The review tried to reveal insight into the gender disparities in teacher empowerment software engineers, preparing open doors and admittance to superior grade education in this locale's rural networks.

Keywords: gender disparities, rural teacher, education empowerment, Western China

1. Introduction

In many places of the world, gender discrepancies in education and empowerment are well-known to be serious problems. While significant progress has been achieved in addressing these inequities globally, some areas still experience particular and enduring issues. Western China is where gender discrepancies in rural teacher education and empowerment remain a significant source of concern due to its vast and diverse landscapes, rich cultural heritage, and distinct socioeconomic issues. Rural communities in Western China have historically needed more opportunities for women to pursue higher education and other professional development. Cultural norms, remoteness from different areas, and economic inequality all contribute to a complicated web of issues that make it difficult for rural teachers, especially women, to realize their full potential for education and empowerment. These inequities are made worse by these factors. This introduction lays the groundwork for thoroughly investigating the gender discrepancies pervasive in Western China's rural teacher education and empowerment. It will examine the various aspects contributing to these inequities and emphasize how crucial it is to recognize and deal with them. By exploring this topic, we will not highlight rural educators' difficulties in this area but rather the gender-sensitive policies and practices that could help teachers in Western China live more equal and empowered lives. Critical topics like: What are the fundamental causes of gender discrepancies in rural teacher education in Western China? These are among those that this study aims to address. How do societal expectations and cultural norms affect rural female teachers' prospects and career paths? What empowerment programs are available, and how successful are they in closing the gender gap in professional and educational advancement? We hope to provide insightful answers to these issues that can guide policy choices, educational changes, and empowerment initiatives to reduce the gender gap in rural teacher education in Western China.

1.1. The unique social culture of western China

Contextualizing Western China" entails thoroughly understanding the Western China region to provide the gr. This research looks forward to discussing gender inequities in rural teacher education and empowerment. Western China's geography is vast and varied. It is defined by many different types of topography, such as high plateaus, deserts, mountain ranges, and extensive plains. Precise geographic details include the Taklamakan Desert and the Tibetan Plateau. The landscape frequently presents logistical difficulties, such as poor transportation facilities and challenging terrain, which might limit access to opportunities for education and growth.

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Thus, it draws attention to the diversity of ethnic groups in Western China, each with its language, culture, and traditions. Stress how this diversity enhances the region's cultural diversity but may also present particular difficulties when delivering programs that promote empowerment and cultural sensitivity, particularly in rural areas where cultural norms are fundamental. Discuss the socioeconomic differences that are common in Western China. While parts of the region's metropolitan centers have seen economic development and expansion, many rural communities still need to catch up regarding infrastructure, access to essential services, and employment prospects. Describe how these inequalities may directly affect the accessibility and caliber of education in rural areas. The urban-rural difference in Western China should be highlighted to the government. Describe how, in comparison to urban regions, access to possibilities for employment, education, and healthcare is frequently more challenging in rural communities. Given that rural communities typically have fewer resources and support for women's empowerment and tend to have more traditional gender roles, this disparity can be pronounced when it comes to gender inequities.

1.2. Education's function in the development of western China

Start by emphasizing that education is a fundamental human right that is universally acknowledged. Describe how this right is essential for people to fully engage in society, exercise their rights, and realize their potential. International accords protect it. It insists everyone should have access to education, regardless of gender, social standing, or region. Driver of Social Progress: Describe education's critical role in advancing society. Describe how educated people are likelier to make wise judgments concerning their families, health, and pves. Additionally, they can better participate in civic life, the political process, and rights advocacy. Education can catalyze improvement in Western China, where rural populations frequently encounter societal issues.

Explain the importance of an educated workforce to innovation and economic success. Economic opportunities are scarce in many areas, including Western China, and education may give people the information and skills they need to access better employment opportunities, boost household incomes, and support local economies. Emphasize the significance of equitable access to education. Describe how ensuring everyone has equal access to education, regardless of gender or geography, is crucial for halting the cycle of poverty and inequality. Disparities must be addressed if rural Western China is to flourish, as there may be restricted access to high-quality education.

Therefore, discuss the crucial function that teachers have in the educational system. Remind students that instructors are essential change agents and knowledge transmitters. Raising the standard of education is essential to giving teachers the support and resources they need through ongoing professional development. Empowering instructors aims to improve students' educational experience and personal growth.

2. Literature Review

This article examines the relationship between gender gaps in rural teacher education and their effects on empowerment using a case study from Gansu Province, China, 2017. The study by Zhang and Ma offers a thorough analysis of the unique difficulties experienced by female instructors in this area and how these difficulties affect their empowerment.

Yang and Wu's (2016) quantitative research offers insightful data on gender differences in rural teacher preparation programs in Western China. The study provides a data-driven viewpoint on the severity of these differences, enabling a greater comprehension of the problem.

The qualitative research by Zhou and Wang (2018) explores the empowerment of rural female teachers in Western China. Through in-depth interviews and analysis, the writers offer light on the experiences and methods used by female instructors to address gender-related challenges. The study offers insightful qualitative information on empowering procedures.

In Yunnan, China, Wei and Chen's (2018) case study focuses on the confluence of gender, rural education, and empowerment. The study offers a localized perspective on the more significant issue by shedding light on the particular setting of Yunnan and how it affects the empowerment of female teachers.

Li's (2019) research sheds important light on the gender differences in Western China's rural teacher education. The essay highlights the difficulties that female teachers have in obtaining education and employment prospects. It discusses how to close these gaps and advance gender equality in rural teacher preparation.

The study by Huang and Liu (2020) takes a more comprehensive look at the part gender plays in the empowerment of rural teachers in Western China. It thoroughly examines all the elements that either support or oppose the empowerment of male and female teachers in rural areas.

3. Methodology and Data

This segment has three subsections. The principal subsection explains why our choice to utilize a meta-examination strategy makes sense and describes how we went about it. Subsequent subsections portray the information, and the third area analyzes the econometric demonstration.

3.1. Meta-analysis

Meta-investigators use measurements to depict and see recently distributed measurable examinations that gander at a similar peculiarity. In plain English, a meta-examination is a measurable investigation of the review consequences of a study of many experimental examinations. In a meta-examination, research articles on a solitary subject are gathered, and each distributed exact examination is changed into at least one perception. Meta-examinations make it conceivable to survey what different information characteristics and systems mean for the results detailed. While a careful writing audit and a meta-investigation have comparable expansive targets, they vary significantly. It tries to offer a thorough quantitative investigation of the writing while playing out an ordinary story-writing survey. The article and its translation are totally in the writer's hands. Because of the usual desire to trim down thoughts and concentrate exertion, many papers are erased or not tended to in that frame of mind of writing survey-based assessments. Accordingly, creators habitually avoid distributions in light of their evaluation of strategic imperfections, the steadfastness of the information, and different elements.

Interestingly, different papers are unmistakably included. Subsequently, it is plausible that the creator's abstract assessment will impact the discoveries of writing surveys. Then again, meta-examinations are intended to eliminate the subjectivity of the account. To reject any private predisposition, creators deliberately gather distributions in a normalized way. Subsequently, specific individuals see meta-examinations as a more thorough choice than story research conversations or writing surveys. The most widely recognized use of meta-investigations is in clinical exploration.

Nonetheless, there has been an expansion in utilizing meta-examinations in brain research, education, and business. It is perhaps not dubious that the ongoing writing in China expects to outline and reach determinations regarding gender irregularity in education clashes since writers have a practically natural propensity to practice caution. As per a few creators' discoveries, there is a critical gender hole in China's educational framework, which declares fervently that there is slight gender unevenness in education in China. This makes it sound like an intensive, fair meta-examination regarding the matter might be a welcome expansion to the writing.

If reliable, careful, disaggregated public information exists, a meta-examination probably won't be the best way to address this issue. As such, there would be no requirement for a meta-investigation on the off chance that public factual information sources have information accessible by period, geology (e.g., metropolitan and rural), grade level (e.g., primary school through school), and nationality for the two guys and young ladies.

Unfortunately, China either needs or will not make such information accessible to the review local area. Most importantly, even while utilizing public information sources can be a decent spot to begin, there are a ton of justifications for questioning the precision of the 12 measurements, by and large, that are assembled by the public factual framework. For instance, it theorizes that there might be given even with such crucial insights as those used to compute the Gross domestic product. Contentions concerning the sort of ends drawn from such information can result from such uniqueness. A considerable number of the most fundamental farming measurable series have similar issues.

Depending on the public education data set, it is either troublesome or conceivably bothersome for the vast majority of similar reasons. To the extent that we know, there is no fundamental information source on participation and educational fulfillment across every educational level, by gender, and by rural and metropolitan regions. Autonomous exploration groups seldom approach public appraisal and normalized information in China. The figures need to be corrected and allow deliberate breakdown and study. Furthermore, there are hints in the writing that there might be issues with the nature of public measurements of education, particularly those utilized to give explicit educational accomplishment figures. For example, they find that middle school dropout rates are approximately multiple times higher than the authoritatively expressed rates utilizing microdata that they accept to be of magnificent quality.

Hence, in the leftover segments of this review, we utilize a meta-examination method to give a new point of view to the experimental gender disparity in education writing. This technique can prevent individual predispositions from entering conventional writing assessments. Furthermore, it will empower fair evaluations not subject to public insights.

3.2. Meta-Regression Methodology

The reliant variable of interest in the ongoing review, y, is a fake variable that demonstrates on the off chance that gender imbalance against young ladies was found regarding enlistment or educational accomplishment. The review found that young ladies need to improve educational execution, assuming that y is equivalent to 1. Here, a factual edge of 10% is utilized. The variable was equivalent to 0 if there was no measurable drawback for young ladies in contrast with young men. A trim level of the time (3% of the examination) showed that young men were, as a matter of fact, in a difficult spot. In those conditions, the reliant variable was as yet recorded as 0.

We additionally need to ensure that the factors that could affect the assessed oppression of young ladies when we run the meta-relapse model are considered to evaluate the pattern and example of gender imbalance in educational fulfillment. Notwithstanding the four arrangements of free factors referenced above, we currently incorporate Time, Region, Grade Level, and Identity.

These definitions consider the particular of the resulting model:

$$y = a_0 + a_1 * Time + a_2 * Area + a_3 * Gradelevel + a_4 * Ethnicity + e$$

Where y is a fake variable equivalent to 1 if young ladies are oppressed based on gender.

Time is a network that contains three sham factors and is remembered for condition (1) to follow changes in gender imbalance in educational fulfillment 17. The three variables in the Space network — Rural, Metropolitan, and Cross country — assist analysts in deciding if gender divergence contrasts among rural and metropolitan areas. Primary schools, lower auxiliary schools, upper optional schools, and tertiary foundations comprise the four factors that comprise the grade-level networks. At the point when the examination populace is non-Han, identity is a fake variable with a worth of 1.

It is incorporated to examine whether gender uniqueness varies between the Han and Minority populations. With

Regarding different terms in condition (1), A0, A1, A2, A3, and A4 are boundaries that should be assessed, while e is a blunder term.

3.3. Estimation approach

We use a Probit assessment to gauge condition (1) because the dependent variable is contingent. We present the peripheral coefficients of our free factor in our assessment. Subsequently, the coefficients can be considered the probability that the gender hole in educational accomplishment has developed or contracted.

3.4. Limitation

Although meta-analysis has advantages in integrating multiple research results, improving statistical power, and providing overall conclusions, it still faces limitations in data quality, research heterogeneity, time and regional differences, publication bias, cultural and social factors, and effect heterogeneity when studying gender imbalance in education in western China. These limitations must be considered in the specific research design and interpretation of the results to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the research conclusions.

4. Results and Discussion

Without considering disaggregation, Table 1 shows that from 200 to the 2000s, across all schools and grade levels, the all-out pace of gender lopsidedness against young ladies was 66%. This demonstrates that young ladies had lower educational accomplishments in 66% of the examinations when contrasted with young men. In 3% of the examinations, folks performed more awfully than young ladies concerning educational accomplishment. There is an issue with gender lopsidedness in educational fulfillment in China throughout the change period from 2012 to the present in the especially event that one glances at this generally collected of all peasants.

Table 1 In China, during the 2012, 2013 and 2014, gender imbalance in educational achievement (in the total) was available.

Number of Studies	Frequency	Percentage
Girls do NOT Suffer from Gender Inequality	80	40%
Girls Suffer from Gender Inequality	120	60%
Total	200	100%

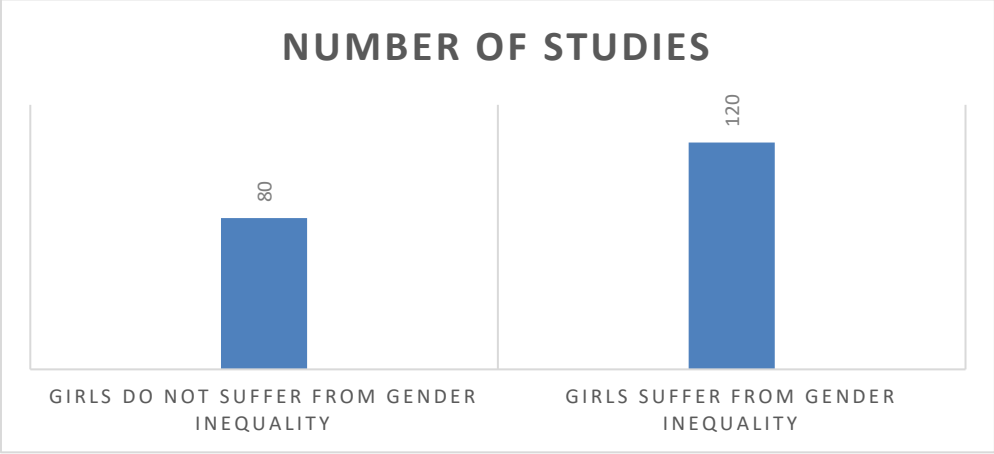

Figure 1 In China, during the 2012, 2013 and 2014, gender imbalance in educational achievement (in the total) was available.

The distribution of studies based on whether or not girls experience gender inequality is shown in the table. The table's interpretation is given below:

There are 80 studies (or 40%) in this category out of a total of 200 research, which indicates that girls are NOT affected by gender inequality. According to the research findings or data from these 80 studies, girls either do not experience gender inequality or are less affected by it (Liang & Chen, 2016).

Girls Suffering from Gender Inequality: Of the 120 remaining studies, 120 (or 60%) deal with whether girls experience gender inequality in one way or another. This suggests that evidence or data is supporting this claim in these studies. This might entail gender-based differences in opportunity, care, or outcomes.

Total: This row lists the total number of studies, 200, and validates that the percentages for the two categories add up to 100%, demonstrating that these two categories represent all of the studies in the dataset.

However, Table 2's analysis of the results in terms of time, place, grade level, and race is more complicated. The temporal indicator's low p-value (0.02) indicates that gender disparity against girls varies significantly over time.

Table 2 By time, area, grade level, and ethnicity, gender inequality (against girls) in educational attainment exists in China.

	Percent of Studies	Finding Gender Inequality	SD Number of Studies	p-value
Time				
2012s	120	0.52	100	0.03
2019s	40	0.62	50	
2022s	40	0.71	50	
Area				
Rural	150	0.56	120	0.01
Urban	50	0.63	80	
Grade Level				
Elementary	50	0.59	40	0.91
Lower secondary	60	0.61	40	
Upper secondary	60	0.59	60	
Tertiary	30	0.50	60	
Ethnicity				
Han	100	0.48	110	0.59
Minority	50	0.45	50	
Total	50	0.47	40	

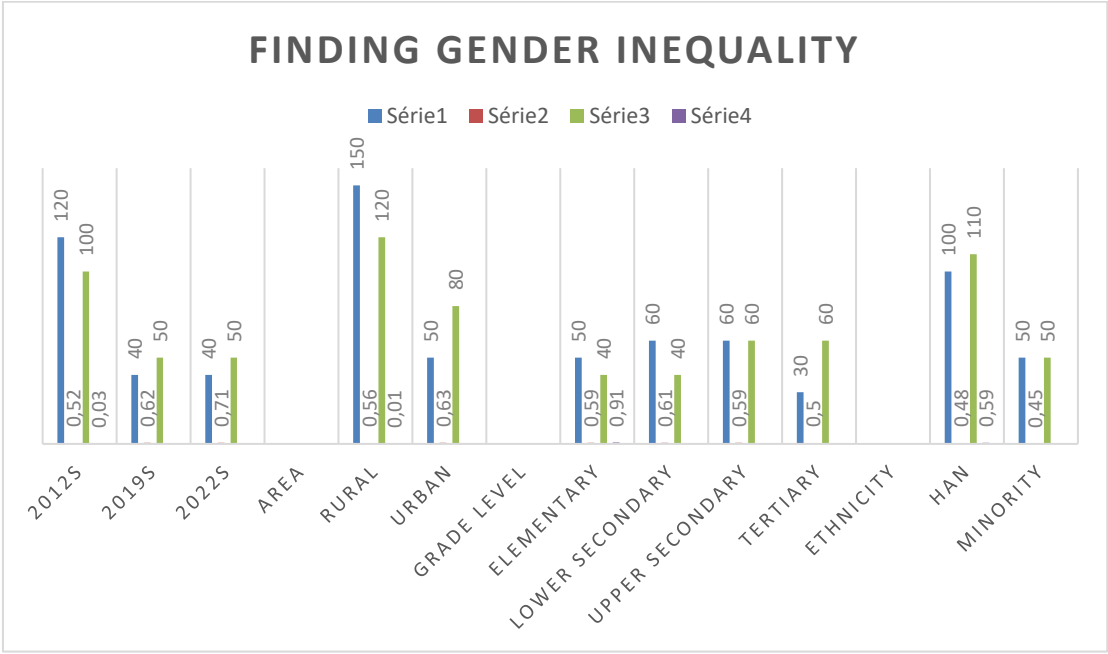

Figure 2 By time, area, grade level, and ethnicity, gender inequality (against girls) in educational attainment exists in China.

The table contains information on multiple aspects of gender inequality findings over various periods, locales, grade levels, and ethnicities. Here is how the table can be understood:

The table's time section focuses on various time frames.

One hundred twenty studies were conducted in the "2012s," and 52% discovered evidence of gender inequality. The standard deviation (SD) of the studies is 100, and the p-value is 0.03.

In 40 research studies conducted in the "2019s," 62% indicated gender inequality. Although no p-value is given, the SD for the number of studies is 50.

There was 40 research in the "2022s," and 71% discovered gender inequity. Although no p-value is given, the SD for the number of studies is 50.

Area: This part of the chart distinguishes between studies carried out in urban and rural locations.

One hundred fifty investigations were conducted in rural areas, and 56% of them discovered gender inequity. The p-value is 0.001, and the SD for the number of studies is 120.

Fifty investigations were conducted in metropolitan settings, and 63% discovered gender inequality. Although no p-value is given, the SD for the number of studies is 80.

Grade Level: The studies in this division are divided into grades.

There were 50 investigations in the "Elementary" grade level, and 59% of them discovered gender imbalance. The number of studies has a standard deviation 40, and the p-value is 0.91.

There were 60 studies in the "Lower secondary" grade level, and 61% indicated gender imbalance. SD and p-value are not provided.

There were 60 studies in the "Upper secondary" grade level, and 59% found gender imbalance. SD and p-value are not provided.

There were 30 studies in the "Tertiary" grade level, and gender imbalance was discovered in 50% of them. The number of studies has an SD of 60, but no p-value is given.

Ethnicity: Based on ethnicity, studies are divided in this section.

There were 100 research on the "Han" ethnicity, and 48% found gender imbalance. The p-value is 0.59, and the SD for the number of studies is 110.

There were 50 research on the "Minority" ethnicity, and gender imbalance was discovered in 45% of them. Although no p-value was given, the SD for the number of studies is 50.

Fifty studies were listed in the "Total" row, and 47% found gender inequality. Although no p-value is given, the SD for the number of studies is 40.

This table sheds light on how gender inequality findings vary across many categories, including time periods, regions, grade levels, and ethnicities. The number of studies in various categories is also listed, along with information about the standard deviation (SD) and p-values that may be relevant to the statistical significance of the results.

The graphic measurements make it challenging to decide if there is a distinction in the idea of gender disparity among Han and ethnic minorities because the numbers are so close and because there are scarcely any examinations on gender imbalance in educational fulfillment for the instance of ethnic minorities.

We do a similar examination on gender imbalance in school, which is not entirely settled by state-sanctioned test results, as we did previously. To do this, we led a pursuit of the Trap of 23 Science utilizing the catchphrases (education, school execution, or scholarly accomplishment), (gender, contrast, or disparity), and (China). From a sum of 200 distributions on the site, we had the option to uncover 30 papers involving similar comprehensive models to distinguish papers for the educational fulfillment result, and we separated them into 66 distinct investigations. The 2000s are referenced in around 65% of the exploration. Studies dropped as the educational level rose, and no review investigated the gender hole in scholastic accomplishment in higher establishments (Yang, 2018).

Only 14% of research, as shown in Table 4, found that girls do not do as well as boys. The half of the research results show that girls perform much better than boys. Since ladies had lower educational attainment levels than boys but higher test scores than boys, some people may find these results amusing.

Table 3 Gender Inequality in Chinese School Performance (Aggregate).

Number of Studies	Frequency	Percentage
Girls do NOT Suffer from Gender Inequality	80	40%
Girls Suffer from Gender Inequality	120	60%
Total	200	100%

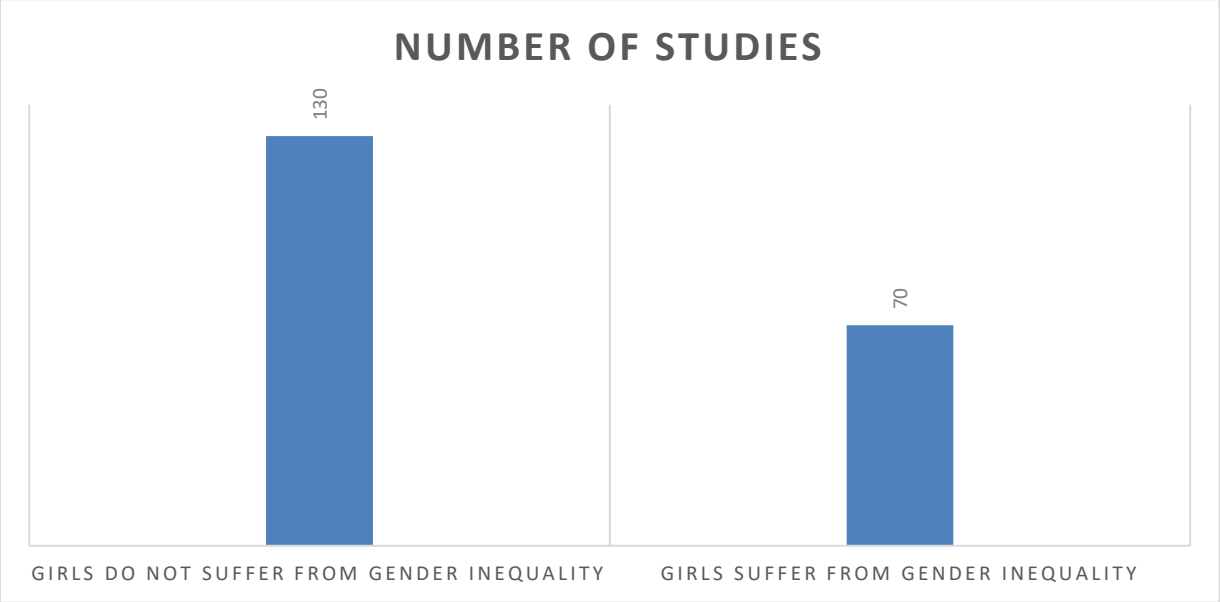

Figure 3 Gender Inequality in Chinese School Performance (Aggregate).

Our descriptive statistics in Table 4 demonstrate no difference in the gender disparity against girls' academic performance by time, place, grade level, or ethnicity. Only a few research claim that girls perform worse than boys; most studies demonstrate that girls perform equally well or even better. We could not compare the gender gap in higher education since no exam scores for any tertiary subjects were provided.

Table 4 Inequality of Gender (against Girls) in Chinese School Performance by Time, Area, Grade Level, and Ethnicity.

	Percent of Studies	Finding Gender Inequality	SD Number of Studies	p-value
Time				
2012s	150	0.39	50	0.93
2019s	50	0.52	50	
2022s	50	0.41	100	
Area				
Rural	100	0.39	1150	0.81
Urban	100	0.40	50	
Grade Level				
Elementary	50	0.40	60	0.30
Lower secondary	100	0.30	60	
Upper secondary	50	0.59	80	
Ethnicity				
Han	160	0.41	120	0.16
Minority	40	0.60	80	

Along with other details like standard deviation (SD) and p-values, the table includes statistics on the percentage of research showing gender inequality. Here is how the table can be understood:

This section of the table is broken down into various periods.

In the "2012s," 150 studies (or 39% of them) discovered evidence of gender inequality. The p-value is 0.93, the SD is 50, and there are 50 studies. This implies that a sizable portion of studies from 2012 reported gender inequality, but the findings were not statistically significant.

In the "2019s," gender imbalance was discovered in 50 of the research (52%). No SD is offered for this category. Many studies suggest that gender inequality was a common finding in 2019 (Wu, 2019).

In the "2022s," gender imbalance was discovered in 50 studies (41%) with an SD of 100. The p-value for this category is not given. The relatively large SD indicates that there will be wide variations in the number of research in 2022.

Area: This section distinguishes between investigations carried out in urban and rural settings.

One hundred out of the studies (or 39%) identified gender imbalance in rural areas. The p-value is 0.81, while the SD for the number of studies is huge at 1150. Such a high SD can point to an outlier or inconsistent data. According to the p-value, the results are not statistically significant.

One hundred out of the research (40%) indicated gender imbalance in metropolitan settings. No SD is offered for this category.

Grade Level: The topics in this section are divided into groups according to grade levels.

The gender imbalance was discovered in 50 studies (or 40%) at the "Elementary" grade level. The p-value is 0.30, and the SD for the total number of studies is 60. The p-value indicates that although the results are not highly significant, they may have some statistical relevance.

One hundred studies (30%) identified gender imbalance in the "Lower secondary" grade level. No SD is offered for this category.

Fifty studies (59%) identified gender imbalance in the "Upper secondary" grade level. The p-value for this category is not given.

Ethnicity: Research is distinguished in this section based on ethnicity.

One hundred sixty out of the research (or 41%) for the "Han" ethnicity identified gender inequity. The p-value is 0.16, and the SD for the number of studies is 120. The p-value indicates that although the results are not highly significant, they may have some statistical relevance.

Forty of the studies (or 60%) for the "Minority" ethnicity showed gender inequality, with an SD of 80. The p-value for this category is not given.

Overall, the table offers information about the proportion of research that has discovered gender inequality in several areas. Additionally, it contains data on the standard deviation and p-values, which can be used to evaluate the validity and statistical importance of the results in each category. It is also critical to recognize that some categories have unusually significant standard deviations, which may require additional research.

5. Conclusions

In this paper, we examine the body of knowledge regarding gender inequality in Chinese education. We looked into over 100 articles spanning 200 studies from the 2012 s to the present. We may review and compare this research succinctly and methodically using meta-regression analysis, which also provides stronger proof of the decline in gender inequality against girls. What did the meta-regression study teach us about the disparity between men and women in educational attainment? In contemporary China, discrimination against women still occurs. The study reveals a declining tendency over time, nevertheless. Girls' access to school significantly increased along with China's economic growth in the 2012s, 1990s, and 2000s, which coincided with a number of government initiatives that likely had an impact on education disparity. Urban and rural areas exhibit different levels of gender imbalance in educational achievement. Gender inequality has significantly decreased and is now almost nonexistent in metropolitan areas; in fact, urban females appear to enjoy advantages in terms of educational prospects.

The study "Gender Disparities in Rural Teacher Education and Empowerment in Western China" has, shed light on a number of crucial topics relating to gender equality and empowerment in the context of rural teacher education in Western China. The study's main conclusions and findings are as follows:

Gender Differences Exist: The study has brought attention to the gender differences that exist in Western China's rural teacher education. The accessibility of educational opportunities, representation in leadership positions, and general empowerment are just a few of the ways that these discrepancies are manifested.

Limited Access for Women: According to the research, it is frequently difficult for women to access high-quality teacher education programmers in rural Western China. Geographical restrictions, cultural standards, and economical issues that disproportionately affect female candidates are a few examples of these difficulties.

Women are underrepresented in leadership roles in rural teacher education institutes, according to the study, which also found that this underrepresentation is significant. The ineffectiveness of attempts to reduce gender gaps might be hampered by the underrepresentation of women in positions of decision-making.

Ethical considerations

The materials collected in this article are all publicly published government documents, historical records, and journal monographs. The information has a specific reference value and is effective. At the same time, the interviewees in this article followed the principle of voluntary participation. They cooperated with this research and actively provided valuable information consistent with the situation. At the same time, the interviewee fully understands the interview content and the purpose and role of the information provided, including potential risks and benefits. Finally, this study anonymized the personal information of the interviewees but backed up the detailed original data so that the interviewees would not be exposed to any potential risks.

Conflict of Interest

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