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“You were born free and you will always be free, no matter what others tell you.
But you must see what it is around you and learn to bend it to your will before
you are the one who is bent.”

— **Costanza Casati**

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ABSTRACT

This research analyzes the depiction of gender equality and its impact on female characters in *Clytemnestra* by Costanza Casati. Using C.M. Hall's concept of women's empowerment as the framework, the study explores six key traits: autonomy, demands for equality, resilience, adaptability, moral vision, and solidarity. Additionally, Teti et al.'s concept of the impact of gender equality in the areas of economic empowerment, political empowerment, and equal rights, is applied to examine how these empowered traits influence the lives of the novel's female characters. This research employs an extrinsic approach with a sociological lens focused on gender, allowing for an in-depth understanding of how gender dynamics operate within the narrative. Conducted through descriptive qualitative methods, the study interprets the complex internal motivations and social interactions that shape the characters. The findings show that the most prominent characteristic is resilience. While gender equality is challenged by patriarchal systems, it is strengthened through resilience among women and the support of certain male characters who respect women's autonomy. Political empowerment emerges as the most prominent outcome, with Clytemnestra exemplifying leadership that brings justice and freedom to other women. Her influence extends from the palace to the personal choices of her family members, promoting fairness and challenging social norms. The research concludes that gender equality in *Clytemnestra* is portrayed as a transformative force, empowering women not only to survive but to lead, resist injustice, and shape a more equitable society through courage, moral clarity, and collective strength.

Keywords: Gender Equality, Impact, Women Empowerment