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Abstract

Women in Iran are not allowed representation in government and do not have legal rights in many aspects. According to studies, Iranian women lack rights regarding family matters and are required to wear a hijab or face prison time. They have little protection from violence including capital and corporal punishments, which are still used on women who defy these policies in Iran. These rules and policies are actively put in place by religious views and power-starved individuals. This raises the question of what has to happen for a woman to be provided with the necessary rights that she deserves as an individual. The study seeks to assess if these women will be able to reach their full potential as members of society when given their proper rights.

Cross-National Comparison

	USA	Iran	Yemen	World Avg.
Maternal Mortality Rate (per 100,000 live births, 2020 est.)	21	22	183	144
Adolescent Fertility Rate (Ages 15-19, per 1,000 women, 2021)	16	30	54	42
Labor Force Participation Rate (Women ages 15+, 2023)	56.5%	14.4%	5.1%	48.7%
Percentage of Women with a Financial Institution Account	96.8% (2021)	84.3% (2021)	1.7% (2014)	74% (2021)
% of Seats Held by Women in National Parliament (2022)	29%	6%	0%	26%

Organizations

- International Rescue Committee
- Human Rights Watch
- IKWRO
- Iranian American Women Foundation
- Middle East Matters
- Iran Human Rights

Interventions & Strategies

- Inform people about the issues affecting women in Iran
- Advocate for the reshaping of policies and condemn gender apartheid
- Support protests
- Fight to end the death penalty
- Support non-profit organizations that help support and advocate for women in Iran

Global Perspective

Women's rights will look different in every country, based on their rules and policies regarding gender equality and human rights.

- Women's rights are superficial compared to the cultural, class, and racial differences
- Rights can be divided into three categories; political, social, and civil.
 - Family systems and political spheres will take a different shape without gender diversity.
- People argue that women's rights should be Western inspired
 - Insensitive to women globally.

Assessment

Women's rights affect different groups of people differently depending on the cultural, political, and economic circumstances.

- Cultures have a variety of norms, values, and practices that other parts of the world may not have.
- Politically, some women globally are just getting the right to vote and run as a candidate. However, societal norms, pressure, and harassment keep women from voting in copious countries.
- Women are also restricted economic freedom abroad, which limits their rights to own and inherit land, passports, and travel.
- The rights of women contribute to global social welfare in various ways. Some of the attributes are:
 - Justice, economic growth, cultivating equality, and economic continuity.



History

