

The Right to Choose:

Women's Political Activity in Islamic States

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Three Types of Political Activity (least to most active)

- * 1) Political discourse and community-affiliated activities, such as meetings
- * 2) Political protest and demonstration
- * 3) Holding public office

Are Muslim women relatively inactive (compared to Western expectations) in politics due to oppression by their male-dominated society or by personal choice?

Muslim women are elected when...

- * They run for office at the municipal level
- * They run with a lesser or non-religiously affiliated party
- * There is a quota system in place

