

# 30 Rights of Muslim Women

## *as enshrined in the Quran, the Prophet's teachings and Shariah*

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### 1. Right to social mobility

Exercise her abilities and talents through her active participation in social, political, and religious activities, thereby improving her personal position and contributing to the advancement of her community. Q- 3:195; 9:20

### 2. Freedom from human trafficking

Never be traded, raped or forced into non-con- sensual sex; not to be shamed for sexual crimes committed against her; not to be silenced or made to marry the rapist. To not be subject to marital rape, to respect the sacredness of her body and to recognize her right to live in peace and security. Q-4:25; 24:33; H-Muslim Bk 45.70

### 3. Right to express modesty

Express modesty through inward qualities and culturally suitable outward expressions, to do so with no social or legislative coercion. Q-7:26; 24:30-31; 33:53; 33:59

### 4. Right to education

Receive quality education, basic or advanced, acquire universal knowledge, participate in the provision of education by having equal access to educational institutions, libraries, madrasas, and scholarship, thereby achieving her intellectual and spiritual potential. Q- 20:114; 39:9; 58:11; 96:1-5; H-Ibn Majah 224

### 5. Right to leadership

Exercise her leadership abilities in political and civic positions promoting justice and peace in the service of her faith, community and nation, resolving conflicts within her community and for humanity at large. Q-27:32-44

### 6. Right to pursue a career

Provide choice and opportunities for her to pursue her talents and skills through gainful employment, enabling her economic agency and her contribution to the betterment of society. Q-4:32; 3:195; 28:23, Sunan an-Nasa'i: Bk 23, H 150.2584

### 7. Freedom of speech

Provide full security for her to voice her ideas, beliefs, and opinions, realizing her potential as a moral, ethical, spiritual, and intellectual being and her equal participation in the construction of a resilient, adaptive and prosperous society. Q- 4:148; 33:33; 33:70; H- Bukhari Bk 3.4

### 8. Right to consent of marriage

Choose her marriage partner without coercion, share in a harmonious marriage where she and her partner share mutual love and respect as they build a healthy and joyous family unit. Q- 2:187; 4:19; 30:21; H-Muslim Bk 41.231; H-Bukhari Bk 67.36

### 9. Right to divorce

Possess the right to end an unfulfilling marriage on her own accord, and to be afforded dignity and respect throughout the reconciliation or termination of a marriage, all of which ensure the enduring sanctity of marriage and respect of Quranic limits not to violate women in times of divorce. Q- 2:229; 2:231; 4:128; 4:130;

### 10. Financial independence

Secure an adequate living standard by receiving equal pay, maintain her financial independence free from coercion from employers or marriage partners, that which affords her the right to accumulate and utilize her wealth. Receive family supports and public subsidies, rightfully enjoy and disburse as she sees fit wealth, gifts, monthly stipends and any other resources mandated by Allah for her care and welfare within different social contexts. Q-3:195; 7:85; H- al-Bukhari Bk 37.10

### 11. Right to inheritance

Inherit wealth in the form of money, property, land, and personal effects, that which ensures the respect of her biological identity and financial independence and to manage her inheritance as she pleases without pressures and coercion; to have legal recourse and personal security when her rights are violated. Q- 4:7; 4:11

### 12. Protection from honor and targeted killings

Live her life unthreatened by unlawful violence that causes bodily harm, to live and prosper in the peace afforded by humane and fair treatment; and to punish those who practice this heinous crime to implement effective deterrents. Q- 4:93; 5:32; H- an-Nasa'i Bk 30.61

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