

Afganhistan's women's rights under Taliban- hardship and conflict continue.



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The Taliban are fundamentally Pashtun, an Islamic extremist group that returned to power in Afghanistan in 2021 after pursuing a twenty-year uprising. The Taliban have sanctioned a grim interpretation of the Islamic law despite the agreements to respect the rights of ethnic minority groups and women in Afghanistan. However, while transitioning from a revolutionist group to a functional government, the Taliban have had immense trouble supplying ample food supply and economic opportunities to the people in Afghanistan.

Upon seizing power in Afghanistan, the Taliban incorporated a system of illiberality. This radical Islamic group stripped all women in Afghanistan of their rights. Women were banished from the workforce, they were prohibited from leaving the house unless accompanied by a male, and had ordered for women’s windows to be painted over with black paint. Pakistan has been personally associated with the Taliban since it has arisen in the mid-1990's and still firmly believes that “they have very extremist views and blow Islamic teachings out of proportion, and by doing that they are infringing on the human rights of women”



The delegate of Afghanistan mentions that “Afghanistan is an islamic nation, the Taliban is following the nation’s interpretation of the Sharia law, and so any and all reforms and policies that the nation implements are done with the wellbeing of the nation at hand in order to preserve Afghanistan’s cultural heritage, religious heritage and to protect the rights of Afghanistan’s citizens in the way that the nation deems right.”

However, under the Taliban, women have been denied basic human rights and have been discriminated against simply for being women. For example, in 1996, a woman in Kabul had her thumb cut off for wearing nail varnish.

When asked if China could help stop unfair treatment of women in Afghanistan, China responded “Afghanistan is not only a very powerful country, but also an exceptionally unpredictable one with a very rogue terrorist government.” This oppressive environment that these women are living in has resulted in a conspicuous decline in the quality of life for the Afghan women.

The condition of women’s rights under the Taliban has deteriorated overtime. Decades of hard-fought progress concerning equality has been annihilated by a complexity of repressive decrees that aim towards the rights of Afghan women in general.

Despite these challenges the Afghan women face every day, they still exhibit bravery and courage within their communities.