

Women's Segregation

Since the beginning of the times women have been downgraded in relation to men.

Even though nowadays we don't see it as much it still is happening a lot mostly in some specific cultures and sometimes even in ours.

So today we are going to tell you about some cultures that still have women's segregation.

Iran - this is a country with very restrictive laws regarding religion, society, culture and women.

Women are still being oppressed and subordinated. The ideal Iranian woman is inferior to all men, and they are raised and educated to be housewives and mothers.

In terms of clothing they are forced to cover everything - their face and hair with hijabs to cover, baggy unattractive clothes to avoid tempting men with their bodies.

They are overwatched by police officials to guaranty that they aren't breaking the laws.

Unmarried women can't socialize with other men, that aren't related to them.

Women can't do anything by themselves without the permission of their husband. Also a woman's testimony is worth a half of man's testimony.

Afghanistan - In this country, crimes such as physical and sexual violence, rape and domestic violence towards women are very common, they are also forced to marry while they are underage.

The burqa is a dress that women have to wear which completely covers their whole body head-to-toe, it has a grid so they can see through it. It must not be tight, colourful or decorated because according to Talibans, it is "sexually attractive". They can't also wear clothes and jewellery that produce sound, and they can be punished for showing their ankles.

Women are forbidden by law to work outside their home. Only a few female doctors, or nurses, are allowed to work in hospitals to strictly tend to female patients. They are not allowed to do any activity without being accompanied by a man.

Women are not allowed to shake hands or talk to any male, they can't play sports, being photographed or filmed, laughing loudly or wear high heeled shoes, wear makeup or perfume.

INDIA - In India women were forced to submit to a male-dominated society. They were isolated to being homemakers and second-class citizens to men. They didn't have the same opportunities as men had in terms of education, healthcare, physical and financial resources, political and cultural aspects of their society.

A woman couldn't choose who she wanted to marry, it was unthinkable, for a woman to choose anything in her life. Being housewives and marriage is their only true destiny in life.

Women were expected to cook for their husbands and they were only allowed to eat after their husbands finished eating and they could only eat the leftovers from the husband's meal.

CHINA - Back in time (around the forties) women were treated like slaves and prostitutes and had no rights to their physical bodies.

In imperial China, women would bind their feet as a wicked symbol of beauty, but it also completely immobilized them, and because of that, they weren't able to do many activities, jobs and were isolated to strictly household responsibilities.

A good wife was a woman that could cook, take care of her husband and give him sons. Women were important only because of their reproductive role. Sons were more desirable than daughters. Female infants used to have an extremely high birth rate compared to male infants. And a woman that was unable to produce a son, was ostracized from her family.

A rich man could have a wife and multiple concubines. Young women would often have arranged marriages, they didn't have a choice.

They were taught to be quiet and discrete and not to speak their mind. Chinese women were expected to be faithful, polite and moderately dressed.