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THE TALIBAN’S RULES

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1. Public whipping
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3. Amputation of limbs
4. Public hanging
5. Imprisonment
6. Public shooting
7. Public execution
8. Dangling of bodies from cranes
9. Public beatings

RULES REGARDING FEMALES

1. FEMALES MAY NOT WORK OUTSIDE THE HOME, INCLUDING TEACHERS, ENGINEERS AND DOCTORS
2. FEMALES MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY ACTIVITY OUTSIDE THE HOME UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY A CLOSE MALE RELATIVE SUCH AS A FATHER, BROTHER OR HUSBAND
3. FEMALES MAY NOT DEAL WITH MALE SHOPKEEPERS
4. FEMALES MAY NOT BE TREATED BY MALE DOCTORS
5. FEMALES MAY NOT STUDY AT SCHOOLS, UNIVERSITIES OR ANY OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION
6. FEMALES MUST WEAR A LONG VEIL (BURQA) WHICH COVERS THEM FROM HEAD TO TOE
7. FEMALES WHO DO NOT WEAR THE BURQA WILL BE WHIPPED, BEaten AND/OR VERBALLY ABUSED PUBLICLY
8. FEMALES WHOSE ANKLES ARE VISIBLE WILL BE WHIPPED IN PUBLIC
9. FEMALES FOUND GUILTY OF ADULTERY WILL BE PUBLICLY STONED TO DEATH
10. FEMALES MAY NOT USE COSMETICS
11. FEMALES MAY NOT TALK TO OR SHAKE HANDS WITH MALES THAT ARE NOT IN THEIR FAMILY
12. FEMALES MAY NOT LAUGH LOUDLY- NO STRANGER SHOULD HEAR A WOMAN’S VOICE
13. FEMALES MAY NOT WEAR HIGH HEEL SHOES. MEN MUST NEVER HEAR A WOMAN’S FOOTSTEPS
14. FEMALES MAY NOT TAKE TAXIS WITHOUT A MALE MEMBER OF HER FAMILY
15. FEMALES MAY NOT APPEAR ON RADIO, TELEVISION OR PUBLIC GATHERINGS OF ANY KIND
16. FEMALES MAY NOT PLAY SPORTS OR ENTER A SPORTS CENTER OR CLUB
17. FEMALES MAY NOT RIDE BICYCLES OR MOTORCYCLES
18. FEMALES MAY NOT WEAR BRIGHTLY COLORED CLOTHES THAT CAN BE CONSIDERED “SEXUALLY ATTRACTING COLORS”
19. FEMALES MAY NOT GATHER FOR FESTIVE OCCASIONS SUCH AS EID (RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY) OR FOR ANY RECREATIONAL PURPOSE
20. FEMALES MAY NOT WASH CLOTHES NEXT TO RIVERS OR IN A PUBLIC PLACE
21. MODIFICATION OF ALL PLACE NAMES INCLUDING THE WORD “FEMALES.” FOR EXAMPLE, “FEMALE GARDEN” HAS BEEN RENAMED “SPRING GARDEN”
22. FEMALES MAY NOT APPEAR ON THE BALCONIES OF THEIR APARTMENTS OR HOUSES
23. ALL HOME WINDOWS MUST BE PAINTED SO FEMALES CANNOT BE SEEN FROM OUTSIDE THEIR HOMES
24. MALE TAILORS MAY NOT TAKE A FEMALE’S MEASUREMENTS OR SEw A FEMALE’S CLOTHES
25. FEMALES AND MEN MAY NOT TRAVEL ON THE SAME BUS
26. FEMALES MAY NOT WEAR FLARED OR WIDE-LEG PANTS EVEN UNDER A BURQA
27. FEMALES MAY NOT BE FILMED OR PHOTOGRAPHED
28. FEMALES’ PICTURES MAY NOT APPEAR IN NEWSPAPERS AND BOOKS, OR HUNG ON WALLS OF HOUSES OR SHOPS

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RULES REGARDING ALL AFGHANS- MALE AND FEMALE

1. NO ONE CAN LISTEN TO MUSIC
2. NO ONE CAN WATCH MOVIES, TELEVISION OR VIDEOS
3. NO ONE CAN CELEBRATE THE TRADITIONAL NEW YEAR BECAUSE IT IS DEEMED “UN-ISLAMIC”
4. NO ONE CAN CELEBRATE LABOR DAY BECAUSE IT IS DEEMED A “COMMUNIST” HOLIDAY
5. NO CITIZEN OF AFGHANISTAN MAY HAVE A NON-ISLAMIC NAME
6. ALL AFGHAN YOUTH MUST HAVE SHORT HAIR OR BE SUBJECT TO FORCED HAIRCUTS
7. ALL MEN MUST WEAR ISLAMIC CLOTHES AND A CAP
8. MEN MAY NOT SHAVE OR TRIM THEIR BEARDS
9. ALL AFGHANS MUST ATTEND PRAYERS IN MOSQUES 5 TIMES DAILY
10. NO ONE MAY KEEP PIGEONS OR ANY OTHER BIRD AS A PET. ANY VIOLATER WILL BE IMPRISONED AND THE BIRDS SHALL BE KILLED
11. NO ONE MAY FLY KITES
12. IN ANY SPORTING EVENTS, ONLOOKERS MAY NOT CLAP
13. ANYONE WHO CARRIES OBJECTIONABLE LITERATURE WILL BE EXECUTED
14. ANYONE WHO CONVERTS FROM ISLAM TO ANY OTHER RELIGION WILL BE EXECUTED
15. ALL BOY STUDENTS MUST WEAR TURBANS
16. NON-MUSLIM MINORITIES MUST STITCH A YELLOW CLOTH ONTO THEIR DRESS TO BE DIFFERENTIATED FROM THE MAJORITY
17. NO ONE MAY USE THE INTERNET, INCLUDING FOREIGNERS
18. NO ONE MAY DANCE AT WEDDINGS
19. NO ONE MAY GAMBLE
20. NO ONE MAY ENGAGE IN A CULTURAL CELEBRATION
21. NO BURYING OF ANYONE WHO WAS KILLED BY THE TALIBAN. BODIES MUST REMAIN IN THE STREETS AS EXAMPLES TO OTHER “WRONGDOERS”

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