



Dr. Raisi's reflections on women and family issues

The model that the Islamic Republic of Iran has created for women who play roles and are effective in science, politics, culture, the economy, and sports, while maintaining chastity and hijab, has provoked the anger of Westerners. Today, in the war of wills, Iranian women have challenged the Western lifestyle with their Islamic lifestyle. (Ayatollah Raisi, 1401)

Ayatollah Raisi, Iran's President, advocates for freedom, justice, equality, and brotherhood worldwide. He stands for justice for all, not just in Iran but globally. Justice should reign everywhere, treating all equally regardless of gender, age, or race. In God's eyes, only piety matters, not worldly status. Here is a snippet of his views on women, family, women's rights, and addressing the systematic oppression of women in the West.

A worldwide battle against the family

Islamism, in its various forms, such as burning the Holy Quran, banning the hijab in schools, and engaging in other shameful actions, is not in line with modern human progress.

Behind these hatreds lies a broader scheme, simplifying it as solely about freedom of speech is deceptive. The West, grappling with an identity and operational dilemma, views the world as a forest and perceives itself as a lovely garden. Certain formidable yet threatening forces believe that generating a crisis and identifying foes is the answer. These cultural apartheid measures are aimed at Muslims and particularly immigrants, who have been impacted by colonial policies.

As believers and libertarians, we advocate for the inclusion of respect for divine religions in the glob-

al agenda. The United Nations should establish a mechanism to uphold this respect.

Alongside the conflict targeting Islam, there is a parallel assault on the institution of the family. The family, as the oldest, most enduring, fundamental, and innate human structure, faces significant challenges in the contemporary world.

Crimes against humanity now involve not just land occupation and innocent killings, but also intrusion on the fundamental human institution of the family. Protecting family and marital privacy, which symbolizes the union of a man and a woman, stands as a universal truth that should become a shared global priority. Education, human progress, and excellence reach their peak within the realm of family values. Fabricated narratives about marriage and gender aim to erase timeless ideals like mother, father, and the natural family, potentially constituting crimes against humanity and acting as catalysts for the destruction of the human race. It is our duty to resist such ideologies. Currently, a global movement advocating for the family is crucial to empower all family members to lead fulfilling lives together. We call on all world leaders and religious figures to fulfill their historical duty by championing the true essence of the family and opposing false narratives. We expect the United Nations to recognize the esteemed and authentic essence of the family, making it a priority on their agenda.

Governments place a strong emphasis on women and family affairs.

The topic of “women and family” presents not just issues but also opportunities for effectively addressing many societal problems. Empowering women, increasing their social participation at managerial levels, and ensuring the full realization of women’s rights within the Iranian-Islamic ecosystem are foundational policies emphasized by the government.

The Islamic Republic’s approach to women is neither the Western instrumental view of women nor a perspective that denies women a social role and status. Instead, it is a third perspective, where women can be companions in society alongside men and play a crucial role within the family structure.

Religiosity, conscious influence, responsibility, and participation in political, social, cultural, and sports spheres are key features that the Islamic Revolution



has brought to light through Iranian women.

Reducing women’s unemployment rate, achieving a 100% increase in women’s sports growth and medal achievements, passing bills to prevent women’s victimization and enhance security against misconduct, and focusing on empowering women leading households to improve their health and quality of life are key initiatives in the government’s women-focused efforts.

Defense of Women’s Rights

Today, numerous assert support for women’s rights, yet in reality, they aim to exploit women. Conversely, our system and Islamic culture sincerely esteem women and are dedicated to actualizing this worth and status. We do not endorse the Western perspective on women and girls as it is utilitarian. Likewise, we oppose the idea of isolating women from society and depriving them of active roles.

The insights from the wise leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Khamenei, highlight Islam’s belief that our daughters can be both valuable wives and mothers, as well as play important roles in the community.