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## 1. Theological Foundations

In Islam, women rights are often grounded in interpretations and Quran and Hadith, which are considered divine revelation. These rights are articulated within the framework of sharia.

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While, Western feminism draws from a variety of philosophical, political, and social theories, including but not limited to liberal feminism. It is not necessarily tied to religious doctrine.

## 2. Women's rights in Islam.

Women's rights in Islam are often cited from various ~~or~~ verses of Quran and interpretation of Hadith. Here are some key aspects of women's rights in Islam.

### 2.1 Equality

Islam teaches that men and women are equal in their humanity and spiritual worth.

"Their Lord responded to them: 'I never fail to reward any worker among you for any work you do, be you male or female - You are equal to one another.'"

### 2.2. Right to education:-

Islam encourage seeking knowledge for both men and women. The Quran encourages education for all individuals, regardless of gender. The Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) himself emphasized the value of

education for women, stating,

"Seeking knowledge is obligatory for every muslim".

### 2.3: Economic Rights:-

Islamic teachings encourage women to engage in lawful economic activities, including employment, entrepreneurship, and trade. The Prophet Muhammad's first wife, Khadija bint Khwaylid, was a successful business woman and a prominent figure in early Islam history, setting an example for women's participation in the economy.

### 2.4 Marriage and Consent.

Islam grants several women rights within the marriage relationship, including the right to be treated with kindness, respect and fairness by their husbands. Quran instructs husbands to interact with their wives with kindness. Stating,

فَإِنْ كَرِهْتُمُوهُنَّ فَعَسَىٰ أَنْ تَكْرَهُنَّ وَأَكْرَهُنَّ وَكَيْفَ يَكْرَهُنَّ اللَّهُ خَيْرٌ مِمَّا يَكْرَهُنَّ ۗ (19)

"And live with them in kindness. For if you dislike them - Perhaps you dislike a thing and Allah makes ~~it~~ therein much good"

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## 2.5. Political Participation:

"The Quran encourages believers, both men and women, to enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong"  
(Quran 9:71)

The history of Islam includes examples of women who played significant political roles, such as the Prophet Muhammad's wife, Khadija, who was a prominent businesswoman and his daughter, Fatimah, who advocated for social justice and community welfare.

## 2.6 Modesty and dress code.

Islam promotes modesty in attire for both men and women.

"And say to the believing women that they should lower their gaze and guard their modesty"

(Quran 24:30-31)

## 2.7 Inheritance.

In Islam, women's inheritance rights are explicitly outlined in Quran.

لَوْ صِبْيَةٌ أُمَّتٌ أَوْ أُكْتُمٌ لِلَّذِينَ كَرِهْتُمُوهَا فَالَّذِينَ كَرِهْتُمُوهَا فَالَّذِينَ كَرِهْتُمُوهَا  
فَوْقَ اثْنَيْنِ فَلَهُنَّ ثُلُثُ مَا تَرَكَ. وَإِنْ كَانَتْ وَاحِدَةً فَلَهَا النِّصْفُ.

"Allah instructs you concerning your children:

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for the male, what is equal to the share of two females. But if there are (only) daughters, two or more, for them is "two-thirds of one's estate. And If there is only one, for her is half."

## 2.8. Protection from abuse and mistreatment.

The teachings of Prophet - Muhammad (P.B.U.H) emphasize the importance of treating women with respect and kindness.

He said,

"The most perfect believers are the best in conduct. And the best of you are those who are best to their wives."

## 2.9. Right to Divorce.

Islam address the right to divorce and legal protections for individuals, including women.

الطَّلَاقُ مَرَّتَانٍ فَأَمَّا أُولُو الْأَرْحَامِ فَلْيَسْرِعُوا بِهَا خَيْرًا.

"Divorce is twice. Then, either keep (her) in an acceptable manner or release (her) with good treatment."

### 3. "Western feminism"

#### 3.1. Gender Roles.

Western feminism advocates for equal gender rights in all aspects of life including legal rights, employment and social opportunities. It seeks to eliminate discrimination and create a level playing field for men and women. It emphasize equal treatment and opportunities for individuals regardless of gender.

#### 3.2. Dress Code and modesty.

In western feminism, the discourse around modesty and dress code centers on empowerment, choice and challenging oppressive norms rather than prescribing specific standards. It advocates for a society where individuals are free to express themselves authentically and are judged based on their character and actions rather than their appearance.

#### 3.3. legal rights.

Western feminism has been instrumental in advocating for various

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legal rights for women, striving to address systemic inequalities. They have campaigned for laws and policies aimed at ensuring equal pay for equal work. Western feminism has fought for reproductive rights, including access to abortion and reproductive healthcare services.

### 3.4. Equality.

Western feminism has worked to enact and enforce laws that prohibit discrimination based on gender, including in employment, education, housing, and public accommodations. These laws aim to ensure equal treatment and opportunities for women in all spheres of life.

### Conclusion:

While there may be overlaps between women's rights in Islam and western feminism, there are also distinctions in their approaches, contexts and priorities. It is important to recognize that both frameworks are diverse and dynamic, with various interpretations and movements within

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each. Moreover, individuals may navigate their identities and activism in ways that integrate elements from both islam and western feminism.