

Women's rights in Taliban controlled Afghanistan

The Taliban is an Islamic fundamentalist and Afghan militant group which had control of Afghanistan from 1996 to 2001, before being ousted during the war on terror, but regained control of Afghanistan 2021 following the gradual withdrawal of (mostly) NATO troops.

The Taliban is heavily criticised for its encroachment of women's rights. The Taliban has recently passed "The Law on the Promotion of Virtue and the Prevention of Vice", which makes it mandatory for all women to entirely veil themselves in public, including their faces. Women are also banned from speaking in public. It is also illegal for women to even look at men who are not either relatives or their spouse. Women are also banned from travelling without a male accompanying them. Women and girls cannot attend secondary school, are banned from doing sports, and cannot visit parks. Women are also largely banned from working for the state, with a few exceptions.



It is notable that the Security Council has already tried to rectify many of these issues via resolution 2681, which can be found at <https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/n23/121/49/pdf/n2312149.pdf>, although it was largely ignored by the Taliban. To avoid this, punitive actions and sanctions which are to be taken if the Taliban defies the resolution passed today should be specified in the resolution.

This resolution is effectively a summary of several articles. For more detailed information, read:

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/ewelinaochab/2024/08/26/talibans-law-promoting-virtue-and-eliminating-vice-or-as-we-call-itgender-apartheid/>

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/location/asia-and-the-pacific/south-asia/afghanistan/report-afghanistan/>