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Gender Apartheid

Definition: A system of legally sanctioned segregation and/or oppression based on gender. Women are confined to inferior status and denied personal freedoms and civil and political rights.

Women in Arab League countries “suffer from unequal citizenship and legal entitlements, often evident in voting rights and legal codes [and] from inequality of opportunity, evident in employment status, wages and gender-based occupational segregation.” Their “political and economic participation remains the lowest in the world.”

–UN Human Development Report, 2002, p. 22



Fifteen girls burned to death in Saudi Arabia when police refused to allow them to evacuate because their clothes violated the Kingdom’s “decency” laws (no headscarves/black robes).