

Patriarchies: Rising Tension

Patriarchies in societies have been around for a long time. It was not until a little over a hundred years ago that women started fighting against patriarchies. A lot has changed in the standard American patriarchy in even the past seventy years. All over the world people are now fighting against patriarchies so that they could have equal rights, and in Iran they are fighting for the right to wear or not wear hijabs. But not all places use patriarchies. The Mosuo use a matriarchy instead.

Patriarchies have been around for an extremely long time. In the majority of societies around the world women were basically the same as objects. You could even trade your wife to pay off a debt. Since then things have been changing a lot. Women fought against patriarchies so that they could have equal rights, equal job opportunities, and in Iran they are fighting for the right to wear or not wear hijabs. In America the last one hundred-ish years the patriarchy has really changed and women now have equal rights and have the same job opportunities as men.

In Iran women are fighting for whether or not they should have to, or should never, wear hijabs. There are a lot of people being killed for this and it has started up support around the world. In America this seems strange for there to be blood shed because someone does or does not want to wear something. Except there was the whole mask thing, which was not even close to as bad as this but it was still strange. But for Islamic people the hijab has a lot of meaning so this is extremely important to them and their culture.

The Mosuo have a matriarchy instead of a patriarchy. The women take care of the house, the food, and get jobs. The men sit around, fish, and take care of their sister's kids. The grandmother holds the most power over a household and it acts as her reward for the hard work she has done when she was younger. The Mosuo do not have a typical marriage system, instead they have a walk in marriage.