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I have chosen to address the 8th aspect on the list, comparing Canadian and Iranian dress code in the workplace and in private locations. Although I had planed to compare Russia and Canada, I learned that the gap between many Eastern European cultures and Western society is narrowing quicker than I expected.

In the workplace, Iranians dress formally. A suit and dress pants are acceptable for men, but ties are generally not worn since they are seen as a sign of Western imperialism. In addition, many men have beards to show support for Islam. Women typically abide by Islamic law, donning dark, conservatively colored headscarves that cover their hair as well as long coats covered by *hejabs*, or black veils that extend the full length of the body. However, in a private environment such as a home, both women and men sport casual dress attire more attuned to that of Western cultures.

Canadian workplace attire varies from informal to casual; however, shorts and jeans are typically not worn. Furthermore, women avoid tight and formfitting clothing while conducting business. Formality is generally less important than in Iran.

The reasoning behind this is due to the contrasting cultures. Iran, generally regarded as a theocracy, abides by the Islamic religion. Attire and behavior is expected to follow the teachings of Islam with little room for interpretation. Canada—regarded by many as a symbol of freedom—is a more diverse society allowing for the flexibility seen in Western countries.