

Who Is It That's Oppressed Again?

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Kenya, 1st August 2014 (Ref.[1])

Men of Moi's Bridge in Western Kenya are being forced to undergo circumcision. They are being stripped in the street and cut against their wishes because it is what their wives, or potential wives, want. The women had complained that these men were not circumcised. They are of the opinion that circumcised men are cleaner and perform better in bed. Women who witnessed the public genital mutilation of the men with no anesthesia expressed their enthusiastic approval to local journalists. The local women are determined that all the men of the region shall be mutilated, simply because it is their wish. They see it as "transforming boys into men, so that they are worthy to compete for our favours". Fifty men from Moi's Bridge are camping out at the police station petitioning for protection from the circumcision mobs in the weeks to come.

Apart from tradition, one is bound to ask why it is that these women are so intent on circumcision. It may help to recall that the true motivation for circumcision has always been to frustrate the masturbator. And who is it that profits from this? Whose power resides in men needing them for sexual favour? The true motivation for male circumcision in all cultures is, I suspect, that the uncircumcised man has a more ready means to sate his sexual desire without the involvement of a woman. *This* is what women object to. They object to having their power over men weakened by the man's own right hand. And so, snip off the foreskin! Male genital mutilation is an age-old female power tactic, and a spectacularly vile one.

No feminist organisations speaking out against this, then? Odd that, don't the feminists keep telling us that feminism is for men too?

Eastern Cape, South Africa (16 July 2014) - Refs.[2-4]

Anyone who cares knew that this would happen (again) this year. At least 35 young men have died since the beginning of the winter initiation season in Eastern Cape, South Africa, due to circumcision malpractice, and over 180 have been admitted to hospital, Ref.[2]. No one should be surprised because this issue in Eastern Cape has been well publicised by Dr Dingeman Rijken, Ref.[3]. He identified 825 deaths of boys as a result of circumcision between 1995 and 2013. The rate is increasing: there have been 528 boys deaths in this area in the last 8 years due to botched circumcisions, Ref.[4]. And for every death there are 5 or so boys who are seriously, and permanently, mutilated - often with total loss of the penis. Hundreds of pictures of these atrocities can be found on Rijken's site, Ref.[3]. Every feminist who campaigns against female genital mutilation but will not even listen when the issue of male genital mutilation is raised should be forced to look at these pictures.

Bangalore, India (Ref.[5])

Some day soon I must do a post on India. I expect you think it is women who are oppressed there? Those lurid stories of nasty, violent gang rapes and so on. Am I saying these things do not really happen? Of course not. In a country of one and a quarter billion people you can be sure that they do. The question, though, is whether such incidents are typical. I will not attempt to address that here - but will, soon. Here I just bring this one story to your attention, from Ref.[5].....

About 800 young men spent last weekend wondering what had hit them. They were picked up and rapped by police for allegedly loitering in public places and displaying 'suspicious behaviour' with the potential to commit sexual offences. Some of them will have to visit court and even pay a fine. This drive has upset civil and human rights activists, who are wondering how police could round up youths at random, based on the mere suspicion that they are capable of committing a crime that may never take place. Asked what the criterion was, police officers from the field quipped: "They are vagabonds. We know it when we look at them." The way the drive was conducted gives an impression that Bangalore police, having failed to conduct a proper investigation in the rape case of a 6-year-old, is on an overdrive to cover up their follies and show that action is being taken.

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