

# Role of Afghan Women



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# Overview of Afghanistan

- Economy based on subsistence agriculture.
- Government consisted of ethno-tribes.
- Country's identity is composed of: nationalism, Islam, and modernization.

# Women's Roles Before the Taliban

- Women were protected under the law
- Women were given rights pertaining to basic human rights, marriage, divorce, and property rights.
- According to the Quran, women are seen as equal to men.

# Examples



<http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/oda/white/2006/ODA2006/html/column/cl02001.htm>

<http://www.afghanwomenconnect.org/training-workshop-for-female-doctors-2/>

# Civil Wars

- Late 1970s: prime minister versus Mujahdeen:
- 1979: Russian Invasion by the Soviet Union.



# Beginning of the Taliban

- Battle between Soviet Union and Mujahdeen:
- Religious schools for refugees.

# Beginning of the Taliban Continued

- Taliban returns to Afghanistan.
- Afghanistan is destroyed by civil wars:

# Taliban's Rules

- Women were required to “bring up the next generation of Muslims.”

# Women's Roles During the Taliban



[http://majikthise.typepad.com/majikthise\\_/2006/10/burqas\\_photosho.html](http://majikthise.typepad.com/majikthise_/2006/10/burqas_photosho.html)

[http://atlashrugs2000.typepad.com/atlas\\_shrugs/2010/06/chuckie-johnson-the-blogger-taliban.html](http://atlashrugs2000.typepad.com/atlas_shrugs/2010/06/chuckie-johnson-the-blogger-taliban.html)



# Fall of the Taliban

- Taliban linked with al-Qaeda.



<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/aug/05/al-qaida-anniversary-attacks-reduced>

<http://publicintelligence.net/us-afghan-patrolling-poppy-fields-2012/>

# Effect on Afghanistan Due to the United States

- 2003: Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRTs).
- President George W. Bush's plan for democracy in Afghanistan.

# The New Beginning...



# Women's Roles After the Taliban



<http://www.vipis.org/?REF=10>

<http://www.feminist.org/afghan/aboutcampaign.asp>

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