



MUSLIMS FOR WHITE RIBBON

The White Ribbon Campaign is the largest grassroots effort in the world of men working to end violence against women.

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FACTS ABOUT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN¹

- On average, every six days a woman in Canada is killed by her intimate partner. In 2009, 67 women were murdered by a current or former spouse or boyfriend.
- On any given day in Canada, more than 3,000 women (along with their 2,500 children) are living in an emergency shelter to escape domestic violence.
- Each year, over 40,000 arrests result from domestic violence - that's about 12% of all violent crime in Canada. Since only 22% of all incidents are reported to the police, the real number is much higher.
- As of 2010, there were 582 known cases of missing or murdered Aboriginal women in Canada.
- In just one year in Canada, 427,000 women over the age of 15 reported they had been sexually assaulted. Since only about 10% of all sexual assaults are reported to the police, the actual number is much higher.
- Half of all women in Canada have experienced at least one incident of physical or sexual violence since the age of 16.
- 61% of all Canadians say they personally know at least one woman who has been sexually or physically assaulted.
- More than one in ten Canadian women say they have been stalked by someone in a way that made them fear for their life.
- The cost of violence against women in Canada for health care, criminal justice, social services and lost wages and productivity has been calculated at \$4.2 billion per year.

¹ *Compiled by the Canadian Women's Foundation from the following sources: <http://www.cwf.ca>*

QUOTATIONS FROM ISLAMIC SOURCES²

QUR'AN

وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتُ بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءُ بَعْضٍ يَأْمُرُونَ
بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَيُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ
وَيُؤْتُونَ الزَّكَاةَ وَيُطِيعُونَ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ أُولَئِكَ سَيَرْحَمُهُمُ
اللَّهُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ

“The Believers, men and women, are protectors one of another: they enjoin what is just, and forbid what is evil: they observe regular prayers, practise regular charity, and obey Allah and His Messenger. On them will Allah pour His mercy: for Allah is Exalted in power, Wise.” (Qur’an, 9:71).

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ أَنْ خَلَقَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا لِتَسْكُنُوا إِلَيْهَا
وَجَعَلَ بَيْنَكُمْ مَوَدَّةً وَرَحْمَةً إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِقَوْمٍ
يَتَفَكَّرُونَ

“And among His Signs is this, that He created for you mates from among yourselves, that ye may dwell in tranquillity with them, and He has put love and mercy between your (hearts): verily in that are Signs for those who reflect.” (Qur’an, 30:21).

² Qur’anic translation – Abdullah Yusuf Ali

SAYINGS AND SUNNAH OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PEACE BE ON HIM)

“The believers who show the most perfect faith are those who have the best character and the best of you are those who are best to their wives.” [Sunan al-Tirmidhi].

Anas ibn Malik, a Companion of the Prophet Muhammad, peace be on him said: “I have never seen anyone more kind to one’s family than the Prophet Muhammad.” (Sahih Muslim).

“A believing man must not hate a believing woman. If he dislikes one of her traits he will be pleased with another.” [Sahih Muslim].

"The strong man is not the one who wrestles, but the strong man is in fact the one who controls himself in a fit of rage." [Sahih Bukhari and Muslim].

In his last sermon Prophet Muhammad, peace be on him, cautioned the believing men to "be kind to women-you have rights over your wives, and they have rights over you." He also said, "Treat your women well, and be kind to them, for they are your partners and committed helpers."

CANADIAN MUSLIMS POSITION ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE³

“As Muslims, we base our ethics and behavior on the teachings of the Quran and the authenticated example of the Prophet Muhammad, peace be on him, who never hit a woman and taught the men that “the best amongst you is he who treats women the best”. The Quran unequivocally emphasizes the sanctity of all life, forbids all forms of coercion in matters of religion, and reminds us all that each of us is accountable for our actions directly to God, the only Judge.

There is no room within these teachings for any person, by virtue of gender or position within the family, to seize control over the life and bodily security of another. Domestic violence and, in the extreme, practices such as killing to “restore family honor” violate clear and non-negotiable Islamic principles, and so we categorically condemn all forms of domestic violence.”

ACTION⁴

Make a pledge to ***never commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women and girls.***

³ *Call to Action to Eradicate Domestic Violence statement issued by Canadian Muslim leaders – October 31, 2011*

⁴ Muslims for White Ribbon Campaign pledge

Samples Khutba

Friday Khutba Sample: Domestic Abuse: A betrayal of trust by Shaikh Joe Bradford

- [Printable pdf attached](#)

Friday Khutba on Domestic Violence in the Muslim Community by Hesham Hassaballa

- Read more: <http://blog.beliefnet.com/cityofbrass/2009/02/friday-khutbah-sermon-on-domes.html#ixzz2CjMhXR2D>

Friday Khutba on domestic violence by Shaykh Hamza Yusuf

- Listen: <http://blog.beliefnet.com/cityofbrass/2009/02/khutba-on-domestic-violence-by.html#ixzz2CjN12nY4>

Friday Khutba - "Domestic Violence in Muslim Family" by Sh. Yassir Fazaga

- Listen: <http://vimeo.com/4036848>