

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE IN SAUDI ARABIA

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SAUDI ARABIA



Saudi Arabia is a state in which the absolute monarchy of an Islamic character exists.

The sovereign hold almost absolute powers.

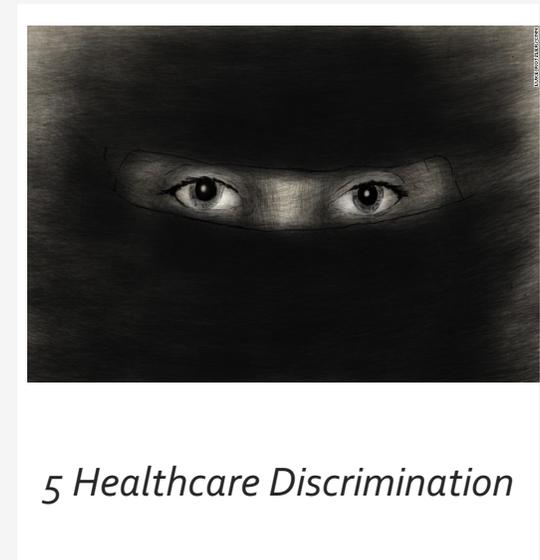
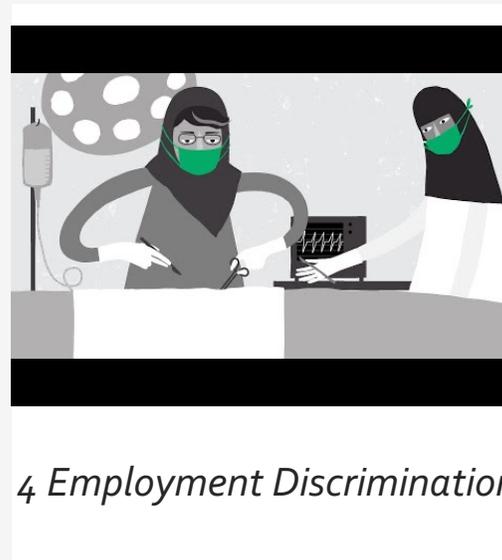
The line of succession is restricted to male royalty only.

WOMAN AND THEIR RIGHTS

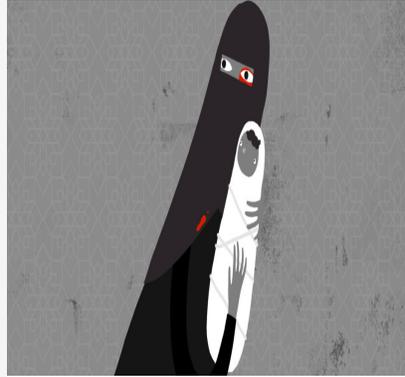
- ❖ In the World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Report 2016, Saudi Arabia was ranked 131st out of 135 countries with respect to gender equality.
- ❖ In 2015, women made up 13% of the country's native workforce.



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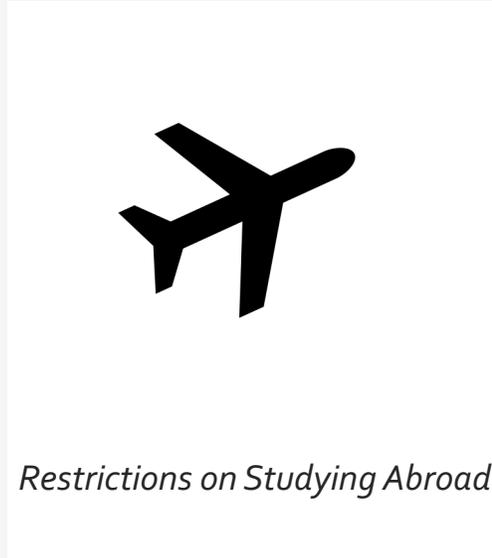
Inequality in Divorce, Child Custody, Inheritance



Challenges to Transferring Guardianship



Restrictions on Leaving Prison and Shelters



Restrictions on Studying Abroad



Political Repression

THE BEGINNING OF EVERYTHING...

In 2005 there was the first national municipal elections in the kingdom's history that began in Saudi Arabia. A limited scrutiny that once again excludes women as both electricians and candidates.



2006

In 2006 the Shura Council appointed six women as advisors, a number that has now risen to

These women advisers do not have a right to vote, however.



2009

At the time, the government promised they would be able to participate in the second round of elections, scheduled for 2009, but postponed that vote until 2011.

In June 2009 the government promised the United Nations Human Rights Council that it would abolish the guardianship system but has yet to do so.



2011

- ❖ The King's latest announcement promised that women could vote in the next municipal elections, scheduled for 2015.
- ❖ In April 2011 a group of Saudi women launched the Baladi campaign to protest their exclusion from the elections.
- ❖ Finally, King Abdullah announced that Women in Saudi Arabia will be given the right to vote and to stand for election within four years. So the right to vote in council elections will not take effect until 2015.





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