

That's not Hijab

Isn't it funny how people think that just because you're wearing the hijab, that you're oppressed?

Some people think that just because your hands and face are showing that you're oppressed. Really!

I used to work in an office environment where we had to wear a shirt and tie at work. THAT was oppression; and when you're working in a crowded office, with a broken AC and a bunch of sweaty people, that was BIG TIME oppression!

Muslim women wear hijab because they can.

NO, NO, NO – you force them to wear it!

Who me? I thought this was a free country?

The hijab forces a man to look at a woman as a person, not an object.

What if no one marry her?

Sisters, if a guy doesn't marry you because you cover, drop him like a bad habit because he isn't worth it.

Isn't it funny how society uses a double standard when it comes to women covering their hair?

What do you mean double standard?

Compare a nun to a hijabi. You will see that they cover practically the same body parts. Yet society labels a nun as the one who is practicing her religion, and one who is pious; and the hijabi as one who is oppressed.

Google the web, search for Virgin Mary, look at the images, the pictures of the Christians and Catholics think that the Virgin Mary looked like. Notice what she is wearing. Notice the body parts that she is covering. But no one views the Virgin Mary

as being oppressed.

Once again, the double standards; you see a Muslim woman doesn't look at herself as being oppressed, but rather liberated. She compels others to judge her for her intelligence, honesty, personality and kindness. But if you're half way dressed, and guys are looking at you, they're not looking at your kindness.

They're not looking at our kindness?

No! What are you thinking?

Now before all the Muslim hijabi's start hi-fiving each other, keep in mind that a Muslim woman, who wears hijab, is not superior over another muslim woman who doesn't wear the hijab. That's because only Allah (swt) knows why you wear hijab. There are some people who don't wear it for Allah (swt), they just wear it for their parents or for their culture or for some type of ritual. Since only Allah (swt) knows why you wear it, He's the only one who knows what your real intention is. May Allah reward the sisters, who wear it for the right reasons, but if there is a bunch of hijabi sisters sitting around, backbiting the one good girl who's not wearing the hijab, then they're just a bunch of sisters in hijab, sinning.

You know what I'm saying?

Do you know what I'm saying?

Do you know what's strange? When you see a brand new Muslim convert, wearing hijab properly, but then you see the Muslim girl, who's grown up all her life being Muslim, wearing hijab...wearing it improperly.

What's up with that?

This is a common side of many Islamic events. Unfortunately, a lot of hijab attempts, are not hijab. For one reason or another, no one says anything, maybe because it's a sensitive issue, but maybe because we're worrying about how they're going to react.

Relax, relax. OK, you're taking this all wrong. All I'm trying to say is... where are you going? No, no, no, no, that's too big! That's too big! No, no, no!

But ignoring it doesn't help the situation. I love my sisters in Islam. So much so, that I decided to take a chance and do this whole subject about hijab, even though I knew that it has a chance of back lashing, but that's OK. You see, sometimes my friends tell me some stuff that hurts my feelings. You have to see the truth, and sometimes the truth hurts. But when the smoke cleared and I got a chance to digest their words, I started thinking about the stuff that they were saying and it made sense; so I changed and Alhamdulillah, I became a better person, but if my friends didn't say anything to me, and I kept doing the wrong things that I was doing, then here wouldn't be my real friends. Anyways, I realised that they told me because they really care about me. But still, sometimes it's hard to approach someone when you know, er, when you don't know how they're going to react.

So, if you someone is going to say the truth, that a lot people are scared to talk about, why not a stranger from the internet?

Yeah. Who me?

Yeah you! 500,000 views, you talk about a bunch of controversial subjects and last season people liked it. Why not continue the trend? You're not trying to win a popularity contest are you?

No.

So you're going to do it?

Yeah. I'll do it. I'll do it. Let's talk about hijab. Here are the many hijab attempts that you may see at some Islamic conference:

Sisters if your hair is covered except for your bangs which can be conveniently styled

and groomed, that's not hijab.

Have you ever seen it, when sisters look like they're wrestling matching with their hijab? Like their hijab is trying to escape? You know, it's like the same type of brothers who have never worn a dress shirt before, and when they do, they're like tucking and un-tucking it, tucking and un-tucking it. Anyways, that's not hijab.

Have you ever seen the hijab, where all the hair is covered except for the ears, and the ears look like an earring fashion show, with every single earring she owns on her ears. That's not hijab!

This sister looks like she's wearing proper hijab, until you get to her arms and you realise she's wearing a short sleeved shirt. Now if you are a young girl and you want to go through the transition stage of wearing the hijab, I understand. But, if you have been wearing the hijab your whole life, and you're an older sister, and no one has the guts to tell you, I'm telling you. That's not hijab.

Some sisters are confused. They think that if they're covering their hair, that's hijab. Hijab is not limited to that. Hijab is covering and dressing modestly. That means that if you look like you've just painted on your clothes, and that's how tight your clothes are, that's not Hijab.

This is also known as the transparent hijab because it is completely see through! You see, if someone can see your hair, skip that, if they can see your hair, your highlights, they can see your hair clip, they can see everything, that's not hijab.

This is the hijab that goes up and down like a convertible car. Sometimes it's at the "full hijab", sometimes it's at the "I'm halfway there hijab", but unfortunately at most times it's at the "I'm laying at your shoulders and chilling, until we enter the masjid, or if someone recites a surah at a wedding".

You know what I'm talking about.

Have you ever been to those weddings that people look like they're dressed up for a fashion show and spotting a hijabi is like spotting a celebrity, and then when the time comes up for recitation of a surah, suddenly everyone does "phut". People think that they can suddenly get religious at the time of the surah reciting and only Allah is watching you at that time. Allah is watching you ALL the time, and then after recitation is over, "phut", everyone's back to normal. Pop out the dance floor, show the lights, all the religious people disappear and everyone's like...(dance moves) What's going on? What happened to the hijabs? What happened?

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So if you're wearing hijab half way, you're losing both ways. You have to deal with the society who's ignorant about it and you could lose out on the reward if you're not wearing it properly; but if you wear it for the sake of Allah (swt), you never lose.

Look, I'm not trying to attack the sisters who are hijab improperly, rather my point is, if you are going to wear hijab, do it right so you get reward for it Inshallah.

By the way, this goes to the brothers too.

Wait, wait wait, what do you mean brothers?

Oh yes, you have to cover from your navel to your knees.

Oh, I know, I know, I know this, I know this.

Apparently, a lot of brothers don't know this.

You know who I'm talking about.

Brothers, if you're wearing short shorts in a basketball court, don't do it. No one wants to see short shorts!

Who wears short shorts to a basketball court?

PLEASE don't do it!

It's nasty!

It's NASTY!

No one wants to see your short shorts!

You know what I'm saying?

No seriously, do you know what I'm saying?

This is Ali, reminding you just in case you've forgotten.