

AFTER 2018 LAW, TO WHAT EXTENT ARE SAUDI WOMEN AND GIRLS FREE TO
CHOOSE NOT TO WEAR THE HIJAB

An Abstract
of the Thesis

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This study sought to explore to what extent are Saudi women and girls are free to choose not to wear the Hijab. It is based on the point of view of 125 Saudi women living in different parts of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. It drew from the 2018 legal law that grants Saudi women freedom with the public dress code in the country. This study situates the dress code (not wearing the Hijab) within the granted freedom provided by the 2018 law. The study will be structured thematically based on the research questions: how is the agency of Saudi women and girls impacted in their decision not to wear the Hijab; to which extent Saudi women and girls are free to choose not to wear the Hijab; does the decision of not wearing the Hijab is entirely left for women in Saudi Arabia. For exploring the research questions, the study conducted qualitative and quantitative research methods to collect and analyze both primary and secondary data. The questionnaire was administered with closed and open-ended questions that allowed the participants to express their thoughts. The statistical data was obtained through “google forms,” and then the quantitative & qualitative data were confronted and analyzed using Excel. In addition the quantitative data was analyzed by Excel, SPSS, and ANOVA while, the meaning categorization was used to analyze all data.

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