

THE ABSENCE OF THE CULTURE HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE ARABIAN GULF

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WHAT IS A HUMAN RIGHTS CULTURE

- A human rights culture is a "lived awareness" of human rights principles in a nation's mind and heart, dragged into one's everyday life.
- It is a culture in which principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights are not only respected but implemented
- It's a culture in which citizens are governments are held accountable for abusing or violating Human Rights

History of Human Rights in the Gulf

- Religious History
- Social History
- Political History
- Cultural History



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The current official position of HR in Gulf States

- Human rights is relevant to them in positioning because today no government would dare say that it is against human rights.
- Gulf States insist that Human Rights need to be modified in order to gain alignment with social norms and religious beliefs



Reality of Human Rights Situation in the Gulf

- No enforcement of Human Rights
- No Culture of Human Rights
- Laws are not aligned with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- Continuous Violations of Basic Human Rights
- Impunity Provided to Human Rights Violators



CONTRIBUTORS TOWARDS DELAYING A CULTURE OF HUMAN RIGHTS

- TRIBAL MINDSET
- SLOW PACED POLITICAL EVOLUTION
- THE GROWTH OF RELIGIOUS EXTREMISM
- LIMITED PRESSURE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY
- ABSENCE OF ACCOUNTABILITY FOR GOVERNMENTS



RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RELIGION AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE GULF

- BAHRAIN CASE OBSERVATION
- THE OPPOSITION AND THE LOYALISTS BOTH UTILIZE RELIGION TO EITHER ABUSE OR CALL FOR RESPECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS
- LOYALISTS CLAIM UHRD IS UNISLAMIC
- OPPOSITION CALLS FOR RESPECTING UHRD



POSITIONING OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN BAHRAIN

LOYALIST

- LAWS ARE NOT ALIGNED WITH ISLAM
- IT'S A WESTERN PENETRATIONAL STRATEGY
- WE HAVE OUR OWN UNDERSTANDING OF HUMANS RIGHTS
- WE'VE ESTABLISHED THE ARAB HUMAN RIGHTS COURT

OPPOSITON

- CONTINOUS ABUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS SHOULD STOP IMMEDIATELY
- GOVERNMENT SHOULD IMPLEMENT ITS INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS
- HUMAN RIGHTS WILL NOT BE RESPECTED BEFORE A TRANSITION TOWARDS DEMOCRACY



CHANGES IN THE MIND SETS ON GULF NATIONALS TOWARDS HUMAN RIGHTS

- THE EFFECT OF THE ARAB SPRING
- GROWING DEMANDS FOR DEMOCRACY
- A GROWING FEELING OF THE ABSENCE OF LAW
- GROWING RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS
- GROWING TENDENCY TO CREATE A CLIMATE OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN LOCAL NORMS AND INTERNATIONAL LAWS



QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES?

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