

A Veiled Threat

Her Majesty's Government is intending to **exempt anyone willing to dress up as a Muslim woman** from the proposed new universal requirement to carry a photo ID. This is in any case a wicked and stupid law, but the exemption is insane beyond belief.

Isn't it interesting that just as the British have invented this grotesque new form of appeasement of militant Islam, the Saudis, in a vanishingly rare display of sense, are **going in the opposite direction?**:

Saudi scholars, Imams and women say that unveiling in critical situations is appropriate, and called for establishing policewomen sections within existing male departments to help foil terrorists who disguise themselves in Abayas. Tareq Al-Hawass, a professor at Shariah College in Dammam, believes that Islam does not prohibit a woman from unveiling her face if the necessity arises and for the sake of proving her identity to a policeman at a checkpoint. ...there is no Islamic script or verse that shows veiling as obligatory in Islam...

What a pity the religious authorities never explained that to their **mass-murdering lackeys** who forced Saudi schoolgirls back to their deaths in a burning school because they were not fleeing modestly enough.

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Why is a universal requirement to carry a photo ID

"A wicked and stupid law" but the U.S. fingerprinting Brazilian visitors a good idea?

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I'm interested to know

why it's a good idea for Blair to have a referendum over Europe - despite his personal strong opinion - if it wasn't a good idea for him to have a referendum over the war.

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Excuse off-topic nature of the last question

but it sank without trace when I asked it five blog entries earlier.

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The murdering lackeys ...

... is actually the bigger of the two stories, if you ask me.

by a reader on Mon, 05/03/2004 - 07:40 | [reply](#)

why 1 of these things is not like the other

a reader @ 5:14,

You really see no difference between joining Europe and participating in some war?

Hint: one's a finite-time policy choice which even if you think it's a mistake, (evidently) fell entirely within the PM's purview. (And if you disagreed with him, you can vote him out next opportunity.) The other alters the constitution of the country for all time. (And voting Blair out would not change that.)

if you're an American, it's like the difference between amending the Constitution, and passing some law. The former has a higher threshold for success, and rightfully so.

-Blixia

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