

Iranian Noose Tightens

No, not the non-existent 'Western pressure on Iran' to abandon its headlong rush to commit genocide. We are referring to the new **national uniform for men** that has just been provisionally approved by the Iranian Parliament. Iranian women are, of course, already subject to a draconian dress code. Among other things, the new dress code for men would prohibit Western clothing such as suits.

Neckties are already illegal under Iran's existing dress code. Nooses, ironically, are **not**. Even for **teenage girls**.

We invite comments making the usual facile comparisons between Iran's national uniform and some European countries' ban on headscarves in state schools. Or between the United States' death penalty for aggravated murder, and Iran's death penalty for sassy teenagers.

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It's true that teenage sass isn't as bad as aggravated murder, however it's a much more widespread problem, so that justifies harsh measures to get it under control. I propose the US follow Iran's progressive lead on this issue.

-- Elliot Temple

My Blog

by [Elliot Temple](#) on Mon, 05/15/2006 - 20:05 | [reply](#)

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Are you implying (by using the word **even**) that hanging an innocent teenage girl is worse than hanging, say, an innocent thirty year old man? If so, why would children's rights be more important than those of adults?

Henry Sturman

by [Henry Sturman](#) on Mon, 05/15/2006 - 21:42 | [reply](#)

Re: Nooses, ironically, are not.

*Are you implying (by using the word **even**) that hanging an innocent teenage girl is worse than hanging, say, an innocent thirty year old man?*

No, the word 'even' was part of the jocular irony comparing neckties with nooses: usually the dress code would be most severe for young women, but in regard to wearing nooses they are equal-opportunity executioners.

However, hanging a child for trifling reasons *is* morally even worse than doing that to an adult. Both are equally murderous. But the former, in addition, violated the greater duty of care that the perpetrators (the legal system as well as everyone concerned in the execution) had towards a child defendant/victim.

by **Editor** on Mon, 05/15/2006 - 22:25 | [reply](#)

Nazi Dress Code

It appears that the dress code is not merely for Muslims:

See <http://www.canada.com/components/print.aspx?id=11fbf4a8-282a-4d18-954f-546709b1240f&k=32073>

Perhaps this will cause more of an outcry because it is designed to affect Christians as well as Jews.

by **Michael Bacon** on Fri, 05/19/2006 - 14:10 | [reply](#)

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<http://www.canada.com/nationalpost/news/story.html?id=6626a0fa-99de-4f1e-aebe-bb91af82abb3>

<http://www.940news.com/locale.php?news=2511>

http://www.heraldsun.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,5478,19196947^1702,00.html

I *love* you guys.

by Jamie's Magic Torch on Sat, 05/20/2006 - 14:33 | [reply](#)

Love?

Because of my earlier comment, I assume I'm included in "you guys." If you mean you *love* me because ideological "blinders" incline me to assume the worst regarding the theocratic Iranian regime, and that this leads me (as it may have done in the dress code case) to condemn Iran based on incorrect specific evidence (although by all initial appearances the story was legitimate), then I

think in general you are right. This is certainly my bias. On the

other hand, if you somehow mean this as an ironic defense of the Iranian regime, whose crimes and behavior toward its own citizens and threats against others is well documented, unchallenged and often trumpeted by the Iranians themselves, then I think you've clearly lost the magic touch.

by **Michael Bacon** on Sun, 05/21/2006 - 15:18 | [reply](#)

Lurve

I love you because if I don't, who will?

I have no magic touch, not now or ever. The magic was in Jamie all along. But he believed I was a Magic Torch, and hey presto!

I'd very much like to bring some light to your lives, but I've found it to be pointless until those blinders are gone.

You've got to keep digging until you're not standing on anything. And then you need the strength of mind to realise you're not falling, but floating.

by Jamie's Magic Torch on Tue, 05/23/2006 - 20:01 | [reply](#)