Girls and young women are at risk of FGM every year.

**IMPERMISSIBILITY OF FGM IN THE ISLAMIC FAITH**

**3 MILLION**

**REASONS FOR FGM**

In Islam, various, misguided reasons are given for the continued practice of FGM including:

- **MISINTERPRETATION OF RELIGIOUS TEXTS**
- **CONSIDERED A RITE OF PASSAGE TO PREPARE A GIRL FOR MARRIAGE.**
- **THE NEED TO CONTROL A WOMAN’S SEXUAL DESIRES.**
- **ASSOCIATION WITH CULTURAL BELIEFS OF CHASTITY AND MODESTY.**

**IN THE QUR’AN**

- **30:30** …and there is no changing Allah’s creation. And that is the proper religion but many people do not know
- **2:195** …and make not your own hands contribute to your destruction
- **40:64** "Allah is the One who made the Earth a habitat for you, and the sky as a structure, and Allah designed you, and has perfected your design."

**THE MUBAAH OF FGM**

Although some individuals claim that FGM is mubaah (permissible), the practice of FGM does not meet certain requirements that are required for an act to be considered mubaah. Specifically, FGM conflicts with Qur’anic verses and authentic (sahih) Hadith and it poses harm to both the individual to whom it is performed upon. Additionally FGM violates an essential tenant of Islam:

**AL-ASLU FII JISMUL INSAAN AT-TAHRIM**

which is a principle in Islam that makes it unlawful to interfere with the human body in any way without explicit evidence supporting the benefit that such an act has.

**IN HADITH**

Some Hadith exist that supporters of FGM use to justify their support for FGM. However, a number of scholars and Islamic academic institutions have stated that all of the Hadith that claim the legality of FGM are not saihih (authentic). Furthermore, claims that FGM is mubaah (permissible) cannot be justified as FGM is in direct contradiction with Qur’anic verses and saihih Hadith which condemn any harm to the human body.

"Ahadith stating the legality of Female Genital Mutilation / Cutting are dhaeef (weak); none of them are saihih (authentic)."

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