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A movie named Persepolis, it declares an Iranian girl growth in the background of the Islamic revolution. The little girl has experienced the king’s overthrown, suffering from the Islamic revolution and the War in Iraq. With the growth of the main character, Marji, movie insight into Iran’s history, politics and culture. In the movie, some senses can certainly show the culture like the dress code in Iran, and combine the movie with articles talking about dress code just like Li Zhou’s article, The Sexism of school dress code, there is something worth to study. Like women got stricter requirements than men in the clothing. The essay following as a research will discuss about the gender discrimination in the field of dress code, perhaps it need to be eliminated all around world.

There is one sense from the movie which can give the idea of the dress code in Iran. Marji has study aboard in Vienna, Austria and this sense happened when she just come back to Iran, as she went to the customs, the staff reminded her to wear the headscarves in order to conform the requirement to enter. And the Marji wear the headscarves and enter the customs. From this sense, it can be known that Iran has a very strict law of the dress code for the people in public, especially for women. Compare that with the situation talked about in Iran Dress Code Law Raises Concern, the police and the government will force women to obey the dress code even use violence. For example, if a women don’t follow the clothing rules, she may be got into prison and even be in violence control. In that case, it’s not necessary to control the dress code like that strict even use the violence, and the standard for man and woman need to be same.

In order to know what people think about the dress code in Iran and the gender discrimination problems, there is an interview between me and my friend who is also study in the
US, and she got the experience traveling to Iran. So, part of her experience will help to realize and further know the dress code and gender discrimination in Iran.

Me: “I know you had an experience traveling to Iran, so what is the real situation that the women face in Iran, and it’s any differences in treated of dress code between the man and woman?

My Friend: “Yeah, I been traveled to Iran once, and when I just landed in the airport, customs has the reminding for me to based on the dress code, that means I need to wear the headscarves. Of course the standard for man and woman is different, man can wear T-shirt in the public and they don’t need to wear headscarves.”

Me: “Therefore, what do you think about that? Is it fair to treat man and woman in different ways? Do you think it’s kind of gender discrimination, and it’s correct thing?

My Friend: “I think there is certainly some differences treatment between men and women, maybe it’s the gender discrimination. So, for me, I hope there is no different treatment between two genders.

From the interview, it’s not hard to find in Iran, there are some different requirement and treatment between two genders, and people like my friend don’t want that thing happened. Women also has the power to be fashion, and need to be treated as same as the dress code to man.

The similar situation also happened in the middle-school in Versailles, Kentucky, there is sexism of school dress code happened. Girls had the forbidden to wear some clothing which they may think fashion, just because school don’t want boys be disturbed. And the special
requirement also applies in the LGBT student, for example the transgender student are required to wear the clothing from their original sex, instead of based on what they want to wear. So that is also a good example of the gender discrimination, because for boys there is even no rule for the dress code, but for women and like transgender student, it’s certainly some requirement which they need to obey. And if some student doesn’t follow the rules, she may be sent home. Compare this to what happening in Iran, it’s kind of similar, women are force to obey the dress code and have the unfair treatment.

In the situation that women are troubled by the dress code and the gender discrimination so much, many of them already protested to against the strict dressing requirement in Iran. For example, the article How Iranian Women Are Protesting Against the Country’s Strict Dress Code talks about some women start to post photos which are not wearing headscarves to the social media in order to announce woman’s right. Although they have the risk of arrest, but they are not giving up protect their rights. Another example of women fights for the fair treatment and their right is what the article in Iran, Ahmadinejad joins battle over women’s fashions said. It said many designers just as Ahmadinejad, they work for the women fashion. They design the Islamic dress for the women in Iran because that is legally in the Iran dress code and also can bring some fashion factors to the young women in Iran. Those designers do that things not only can give more young women in Iran some fashion clothing, but also fight for the women’s right, which means women also can wear what they want.

In conclusion, there are some gender discrimination in the situation that the dress code in Iran is really strict compare to other countries. Many women in Iran are trying to protect their rights by lots of ways, but that is not enough. There will need more and more people fight with them, and the gender discrimination can be reduced or even eliminated.
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