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Acas issues guidance on religious discrimination at work

Posted: Tue, 22 May 2018

The arbitration service Acas has outlined its interpretation of equalities legislation regarding religion and belief discrimination. [Read More »](#)

NSS: proportion and context matter on religious clothing at work

Posted: Tue, 15 May 2018

The NSS has said the government "must consider proportion and context" as it prepares to issue guidance on religious clothing at work. [Read More »](#)

European Court of Justice: Employers can require staff to wear religiously neutral clothing

Posted: Tue, 14 Mar 2017

The European Court of Justice (ECJ) has advised that employers can ask their staff to "dress neutrally" provided rules are consistent and apply to all religious symbols equally. [Read More »](#)

Don't force the hijab on young girls, says Muslim women's rights campaigner

Posted: Fri, 27 Jan 2017

Shaista Gohir of the Muslim Women's Network has criticised Muslim parents who make their young daughters wear hijabs. [Read More »](#)

Don't wear red clothes or short skirts, ultra-orthodox rabbi tells Jewish women

Posted: Thu, 22 Sep 2016

In a letter sent to 5000 homes, an ultra-orthodox rabbi warned women in Stamford Hill not to wear "eye-catching" clothes, telling them to dress modestly, avoiding bright colours and short skirts.

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Mayors defiant after French burkini ban suspended by Council of State

Posted: Tue, 30 Aug 2016

The majority of French mayors who have imposed 'burkini' bans are refusing to revoke them, despite a ruling from France's highest administrative court against the ban in the town of Villeneuve-Loubet. [Read More »](#)

Headscarves and other religious, philosophical and political symbols can be banned at work, says European Court of Justice

Posted: Tue, 31 May 2016

A general workplace ban on visible political, philosophical and religious symbols in the workplace, including headscarves, is not discriminatory against Muslim women, a European Court of Justice judge has said. [Read More »](#)

Swiss canton to vote on banning face coverings

Posted: Fri, 20 Sep 2013

The people of the Swiss canton of Ticino, which lies in the South on the Italian border, are to vote in a referendum on Sunday on whether to ban face coverings. [Read More »](#)

France considers banning religious symbols in universities

Posted: Tue, 06 Aug 2013

A French Government-funded research institute is recommending that the wearing of religious symbols should be banned in the country's universities to ease "escalating religious tensions in all areas of university life." [Read More »](#)

'Reasonable accommodation' debate rages in Canada over football turban ban

Posted: Thu, 13 Jun 2013

A provincial Canadian football federation has been suspended by the Canadian Soccer Association (CSA) over its refusal to allow Sikh children wearing turbans to play in official matches. [Read More »](#)

NSS welcomes European Court decision to refuse appeal to Christian activists

Posted: Tue, 28 May 2013

The National Secular Society has welcomed a decision by the European Court of Human Rights not to refer the cases of three British Christians to the Grand Chamber. [Read More »](#)

Belgian city scraps headscarf ban

Posted: Tue, 28 May 2013

A Belgian city which introduced a ban on its civil servants wearing headscarves in 2007, has now voted to reverse the decision. [Read More »](#)

Islamic veils still a source of conflict in France

Posted: Tue, 26 Mar 2013

The recent case of a Muslim woman in France who won a court ruling that she had been unfairly dismissed from her job in a private nursery school after she refused to remove a headscarf appears to have sparked a backlash. [Read More »](#)

France's top court rules that woman was unfairly dismissed after she refused to remove headscarf at work

Posted: Thu, 21 Mar 2013

France's top court ruled on Tuesday that a Muslim woman who was sacked for wearing the Islamic headscarf at work was unfairly dismissed on the basis of her religion. [Read More »](#)

Surveys reveal attitudes to religious symbols at work

Posted: Tue, 26 Feb 2013

YouGov has been conducting surveys on public attitudes to the wearing of religious clothing and symbols in the workplace. The polls were taken in the light of the four cases recently heard in the European Court of Human Rights. [Read More »](#)

Pickles wrong to assign a 'Christian ethos' to Britain

Posted: Thu, 13 Sep 2012

Communities Secretary Eric Pickles has surpassed himself in an opinion piece for the Telegraph headed A Christian ethos strengthens our nation: Religion shaped the modern British state, and this Government is proud to 'do God'. [Read More »](#)

NSS intervene in landmark cases at European Court of Human Rights

Posted: Sun, 02 Sep 2012

Four controversial British religious discrimination cases are due to be heard at the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) on Tuesday 4 September 2012. The outcome will have a huge impact on how future equality cases involving religion are determined. [Read More »](#)

Row erupts over proposed 'charter for secularism' in Quebec

Posted: Thu, 16 Aug 2012

A proposal to adopt a 'secular charter' from one party leader has sparked controversy in Quebec ahead of the forthcoming elections on 4 September. The proposed charter would ban civil servants from wearing or exposing overt religious symbols — with the notable exception of the crucifix. [Read More »](#)

Woman who was sacked for wearing a headscarf loses religious discrimination claim on a technicality

Posted: Wed, 08 Aug 2012

A Muslim woman in London who claimed she had been sacked from her job in a luggage shop because she wore a headscarf has won her claim of unfair dismissal but lost a claim of direct religious discrimination. [Read More »](#)

Polish Airline bans display of religious symbols by cabin crews

Posted: Fri, 17 Feb 2012

Conservative MPs in Poland have complained to the national airline LOT that banning staff wearing the Roman Catholic cross on flights is "discriminatory" and "unconstitutional". [Read More »](#)

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