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The NSS has called on the Equality and Human Rights Commission to back a secular education system in response to a new strategic plan. [Read More »](#)

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Mixed-sex schools in England should not generally separate pupils by sex or faith, the government has said. [Read More »](#)

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The NSS has welcomed a ruling in the Court of Appeal that an Islamic school's policy of gender segregation was unlawful. [Read More »](#)

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The chief inspector of the schools inspectorate Ofsted has spoken out against gender segregation in mixed-sex schools. [Read More »](#)

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The schools inspectorate Ofsted is to appeal against a ruling on gender segregation in a landmark case at the Court of Appeal next week. [Read More »](#)

Survey finds deeply regressive views of women among large majorities of Muslim men

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A large-scale survey of views in Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco and Palestine has reported extensive anti-women views and widespread tolerance of domestic violence. [Read More »](#)

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

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

“Complete segregation” of genders within Islamic school is not discriminatory, says High Court

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Ofsted is set to appeal a High Court ruling that gender segregation by an Islamic state school is not discriminatory. [Read More »](#)

Strike over Polish abortion ban forces U-turn

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Massive demonstrations in Poland have resulted in a government U-turn over a law which would have criminalised abortion on all grounds except to save the life of the mother. [Read More »](#)

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

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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](#)

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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 »](#)

[1200 cases of FGM reported in three months – but data “likely” to underestimate](#)

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New data has shown a surge in reported cases of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in England, with over 1200 reports made in the first three months of 2016. [Read More »](#)

[Gender equality bills in Pakistan and Nigeria face religious backlash](#)

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Plans to protect women and promote gender equality in Pakistan and Nigeria have generated a huge religious backlash – with Muslim and Christian senators saying the Nigerian law was an attack on religion. [Read More »](#)

[Call for Muslim women to be better informed about legal rights relating to marriage and divorce](#)

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A report from the Muslim Women's Network (MWNUK) has called for greater efforts to promote women's legal rights, warning that some Muslim men are using marriage and divorce as a "psychological tool against women". [Read More »](#)

[NSS calls for investigation of Orthodox Jewish schools after driving ban on mothers](#)

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The NSS has called on the DfE to investigate two independent Orthodox Jewish schools following demands that pupils be barred if dropped off by mothers after a driving 'driving ban' was imposed on women. [Read More »](#)

[Religious lobbying threatens European Parliament vote on gender equality](#)

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On Tuesday 10 March the European Parliament will vote on a report about gender equality in the EU. NGOs are concerned that religious groups may defeat the report, and are appealing for support. [Read More »](#)

[There should be no embarrassment over challenging Muslim treatment of women, says Justice Minister](#)

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Justice Minister Simon Hughes has said Britain should not be "culturally embarrassed" about challenging Muslims over the wearing of the veil or the segregation of women. [Read More »](#)

[Equality and Human Rights Commission: gender segregation at campus events “unlawful”](#)

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The National Secular Society has welcomed new legal guidance from the Equality and Human Rights Commission clarifying that gender segregation of university and campus events is unlawful. [Read More »](#)

[EU rejects anti-stem cell and anti-choice citizen initiative](#)

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The European Commission announced this week that it was to take no further action on the 'One of Us' citizen initiative. [Read More »](#)

[Religious-right lobby succeeds in sabotaging progressive EP report on women’s reproductive rights](#)

Posted: Wed, 11 Dec 2013

After an extensive and well-organised lobbying effort from the religious right, the European Parliament has, on Human Rights day, rejected a progressive Report on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR). [Read More »](#)

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