

Syrian Refugee Crisis is a Feminist Issue

- **76.6% of Syrian Refugees are women or children (under 17 years old), 80% of refugees globally are women or children.**
 - 76.6% - <http://www.bustle.com/articles/124960-actual-statistics-on-syrian-refugees-gender-age-prove-that-ben-carson-is-totally-wrong>
 - 80% - Macklin, Audrey. "Refugee Women and the Imperative of Categories." *Human Rights Quarterly* 17.2 (1995): 213-77. Web.
 - p. 217 - fact about 80%.

- **Justifications for not admitting refugees frequently relies on racist and “Western Feminist” understandings of “the Arab world”**
 - Racism & “Neo-Orientalism” --justifying not helping women and children
 - “raised questions in Sweden about whether the Scandinavian country’s liberal political values had stifled a more honest discussion about how to **integrate migrants from the Islamic world who might not share those values**” - <http://time.com/4182186/sweden-feminists-sexual-assault-refugees/>

- **Gendered Violence towards women refugees**
 - At home, while fleeing, and as a refugee, there’s violence towards women. When there’s already limited food, water, medical resources, what happens to reproductive rights? How is sexual violence challenged?
 - <http://www.womenlobby.org/Asylum-is-not-gender-neutral-the-refugee-crisis-in-Europe-from-a-feminist>
 - <https://sluggerotoole.com/2016/03/07/between-a-rock-and-a-hard-place-syrias-women-refugees-iwd16/>
 - <http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/inpictures/2016/03/syrian-refugee-women-life-man-world-160303071927215.html>

 - Women’s Voices in refugee camps dismissed:
 - Wallace, Tina. "Refugee Women: Their Perspectives and Our Responses." *Gender & Development* 1.2 (1993): 17-23. Web.

- Other good resources:
 - CODEPINK is a women-led grassroots organization working to end U.S. wars and militarism, support peace and human rights initiatives, and redirect our tax dollars into healthcare, education, green jobs and other life-affirming programs. - <http://www.codepink.org/>