

Chapter IV

Conclusion

The writer concludes that ultimately, the Kurdish independence movement has inspired social and cultural shifts that subsequently led up to the shifting role of women in Northern Syria. **The research has found that creation of institutions implementing ideas held as important tenets of the overall Kurdish independence movement, and also actively teaching said ideas to the society of Northern Syria, is the cause of a shifting role of women.**

The overall social structure in many areas that constitutes 'Kurdistan', including Northern Syria, still practices a predominantly patriarchal model. As have been explained in the subchapter 1.2, women in Kurdish societies played a more significant role in terms of decision making and military involvement historically. This historic fact backs up the writer's view that Kurdish culture overall does not exhibit gender roles that are too rigidly enforced. The introduction of newer concepts such as Jineology by the Kurdish independence movement however, represents a more robust force which aided in the loosening of patriarchy-modelled gender roles in society.

The idea of Jineology is then taught in the grassroots level through institutions that are operated by the Kurdish independence movement. Certain concepts have been derived off Jineology, such as including a more sizeable contribution from

women in affairs of communal decision-making and military affairs. These concepts have been implemented by the Kurdish independence movement through laws which necessitate at least 40% of votes in decision making processes be from women, and the creation of the YPJ as a women's-only paramilitary wing.

In conclusion, these social changes and introduction of new organisations and institutions have shifted the roles of women in society. Women in Northern Syrian society which have historically been barred from matters of communal decision-making processes and military involvement have had a platform to partake in said acts thanks to the Kurdish independence movement.

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