The Right to Choose:

Women’s Political Activity in Islamic States

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Three Types of Political Activity (least to most active)

1) Political discourse and community-affiliated activities, such as meetings

2) Political protest and demonstration

3) Holding public office
Are Muslim women relatively inactive (compared to Western expectations) in politics due to oppression by their male-dominated society or by personal choice?
Muslim women are elected when...

- They run for office at the municipal level
- They run with a lesser or non-religiously affiliated party
- There is a quota system in place
I believe in women's rights. So did Muhammad

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