

FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION IS NOT LINKED TO ANY PARTICULAR RELIGION



FGM is a traditional practice which existed well before the arrival of monotheistic religions.

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After people converted to these religions, certain traditions were integrated into religious practices.

**OVERTIME, WE FUSED
TRADITION AND
RELIGION.**



NO RELIGION SAYS THAT FGM IS OBLIGATORY

Religion is one of the reasons most often raised in defence of FGM, but the practice is not obligatory in Islam or in other religions.

Not all Muslim communities carry out FGM (for example, Moroccan and Tunisian do not), while several non-Muslim communities, Christian or animist, do so.

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RELIGION CANNOT EXPLAIN THE EXISTENCE OF THE PRACTICE

Different arguments are used in favour of the practice in different countries, ethnic groups and time periods.
Religion is sometimes included, but cannot on its own explain the existence or durability of the practice.

PRACTISING A SPECIFIC RELIGION IS NOT IN ITSELF AN INDICATION THAT SOMEONE SUPPORTS FGM.