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For my research topic I picked gender roles in marriage in islam. My goal is to see who leads the marriage in islam and what makes that person lead the marriage. Also why is it the male or female that leads the marriage. Does it make a difference if the male or females leads the relationship or marriage, and if you could change roles would you change the roles or keep it the same meaning, if the male leads the marriage do you like it or would you want to change it. In Islam men are required to lower there gaze when they see a women and arent allowed to pray together in the mosque. The women pray by themselves and the men pray upstairs by themselves.

#### Evidence

When it comes to our society's understanding of Muslim Marriages we more often than not confuse the term Leadership with Dictatorship. Men are the protectors and maintainers of women, because Allah has given the one more (strength) than the other, and because they support them from their means. God has placed the bulk of the responsibility of the household on the shoulders of the men and husbands in a relationship. This is because men have more physical strength than the other and have the ability to support women. However, this does not mean that Allah has made the men dictators over women and given them free reign on how to treat women. It does NOT mean that men can mistreat their wives and not give them their due rights. Allah has mentioned in the Quran on numerous occasions that women are to be treated nicely "And live with them in kindness." So we must understand that Allah has given men the role of Leadership in marriage, not a dictatorship. A leader is a person who not only heads the management of the affairs of whatever they are dealing with but inspires their team, motivates them and takes opinions from them.

### Interviews

Interview 1: Yasmine and her Souhail

Souhail said the his wife runs the marriage and that she is the one that makes the decisions in the house. They both decide on things but she is the one that does everything in the house so its her rules.

Interview 2: Simo and houda

Simo said once you get married in life the women runs the marriage and births your children so anything she says goes.

Interview 3: Dalia and ayoub

Ayoub said that he leads the marriage and dalia agreed saying that the man should lead the marriage because in islam the man must provide for eveything and take care of her.

#### Conclusion

In conclusion I feel like females play a bigger role in marriage than men in Islam. They not only complete half your religion but also teach you more about your deen and push you more into the religion. You give them a house and they turn it into a home. You give them groceries they turn it into a meal for you. They love you no matter what and do the best to their abilities to please you in any way shape or form. They bear our children cherish them and nurture them so yes i do believe a women leads the marriage and should lead the marriage because of all the sacrifices they make.