

# Report: End 'demonization' of female genital mutilation

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...Your paper says that banning most minor forms is culturally insensitive supremacist and discriminatory toward women, how so?

**DR. ALLAN JACOBS:** It's culturally insensitive in that if these things are important to people then we're telling them that they're wrong, that they're a criminal. . . if the culture is strange, if the culture is more exotic, if the culture is perhaps one that a lot of people don't like, than even the most minor procedures such as the vulvar nick, are criminal and that sounds discriminatory.

A focus on stopping those who perform it, rather than coming up with alternative means of cutting girls' genitals, would be a real solution.