

# Should the Kirpan be banned?

**Yes**

- Knife crime is on the rise in the UK, no one should have an excuse to wear one
- The Kirpan has a violent history as Sikhs used to go to war with the Kirpan. We should not encourage or celebrate a weapon which was used in war.

**No**

- There have been no reported instances of Sikhs using the Kirpan to harm someone.
- Anything can be used as a weapon if someone has the intention to use it violently. If we ban the Kirpan we should ban screwdrivers and other items

# Was France right to ban the Burqa?

**Yes:**

- You can't really identify a person if their face is covered
- It stops people 'living together' and integrating if they cover their face
- Some people believe the Burqa oppresses women (shows women are not equal)

**No**

- Some Muslim women have refused to leave their homes
- Some Muslim women believe their faces should only be seen by their husbands
- Britain believes everyone should be free to practice their religion so they should be able to wear it

## What do the Amish believe about Education

**"be not conformed to this world" (Romans 12:2)**  
 The Amish keep themselves separate from others, following the Biblical quote.

**Goals of Education**  
 The goal is teach children the worth of hard work, ethical living, and how to be a valuable member of the Amish community.  
 Amish education does not seek to create artists, scientists, musicians or actors. It also promotes separateness from the world but still develops the abilities needed to do business with the outside world. Amish view education as the responsibility of the parents, community and the church.

## Why do Jehovah Witnesses refuse blood transplants?

Jehovah's Witnesses are members of a Christian-based religious movement.  
**"That ye abstain...from blood..."**

- They believe this quote means they should not take any form of blood.
- They believe blood is sacred (special) and should not be used
- They believe God made them with that blood and therefore they should not take anyone else's.
- Only God has the right to give and take life

This has been a problem as a doctor's duty is to save lives. Some cases have been taken to court and parents have been forced to allow blood transfusions for their children.

## Who are Mormon missionaries?

- While the Bible is written about the people in the land of Israel the Book of Mormon contains the history and God's dealings with the people who lived in the **Americas** between 600 BC and 400 AD.
- The prophets recorded God's dealings with His people, which were compiled by a prophet named Mormon onto gold plates. Joseph Smith then translated these gold plates.
- God was once a human man who evolved to become God and he is also married. Human beings can also become a God or Goddess
- They believe when all the apostles died the 'line of priesthood' died with them – this meant there was no one to carry on the teachings of Jesus – that is until Joseph Smith was told he could carry on the church – this is called **restoration. Latter just means later day saints as there is a long time between the disciples and Joseph Smith.**
- THEY GO DOOR TO DOOR TO CONVERT/ SAVE OTHERS



## Key concepts

<b>Kirpan</b>	<b>The Sikh sword</b>
<b>Burqa</b>	A piece of clothing covering a woman's face and body
<b>Conformed</b>	Follow rules, standard or laws
<b>Missionary</b>	Spreading the word of God and Jesus – like on a mission!
<b>Apostle</b>	A follower of Jesus

## Rastafarianism and smoking marijuana

**Key Beliefs:**  
 Rastafarians follow strict dietary laws (no pork) and abstain from alcohol.  
 Rastafarians believe reincarnation follows death and that life is eternal  
 Rastafarians are forbidden to cut their hair; instead, they grow it and twist it into **dreadlocks**  
 Rastafarians eat clean and natural produce, such as **fruit and vegetables**  
**They believe they can smoke Marijuana because of the quote "Use every herb from the land"**