

Re: Don't ban the burka, Saturday, January 9, 2010, National Post

In an episode of the defunct N.Y. police station TV comedy Barney Miller, Wojo had arrested a male truck driver for wearing women's clothing (dress, hat, gloves, high-heels, purse, make-up). "I was just going for a walk," the man said. Captain Miller explained to the hapless cross-dresser that it was illegal to wear a disguise in public.

A few decades ago in Malaysia, all banks displayed signs on their doors announcing that motorcyclists wearing face-concealing helmets were prohibited from entering the building (d'uh).

The above sounds to me eminently logical; we should ban the burka for the obvious reason that it conceals the identity of the wearer, and that fact is unacceptable in Western culture (and in some others, too), except for our super-heros: Spiderman, Batman, the Lone Ranger, etc.

Ted Scott