

Sisters in Law

Representation



Men

- Men in power are shown to be narcissistic and entitled, above the women and choose to not take them seriously. This is shown by the male lawyer who laughs and ignores the female lawyers who make valid and justified choices.
- Men are also shown to be incredibly controlling and abusive, especially when they're following traditional culture, believing it to be the norm, and correct. This is shown by the Muslim husband, refusing to divorce his wife so that he can continue to trap, abuse and rape her.

Women

- Women are represented as powerless in this society. This is shown when the female lawyer tries to fight against the male, and is only treated with laughs and crossed arms. This is also shown as the Muslim woman struggles to escape her husband via a divorce.
- Women are also represented as strong willed. This is shown by both of the female lawyers, who no matter how beaten down they may be, they keep trying to fight for their case, and the examples in the documentary show them getting the justice they, and the people involved deserve.

Children

- Children are shown to be, like in most cases, utterly innocent in these scenarios. This is shown multiple times where the child plays the victim of abuse. They rarely lie and usually help the lawyers identify the true story, such. They will only lie out of fear of the perpetrator e.g. Manka's "auntie"

Muslim people

- Muslim men are shown to hold tight to their traditions, even the negative ones, such as acting as a controlling figure towards their wives.
- Muslim women are shown to be unwillingly submissive at the start, however after the court case they're shown to be stronger and more courageous than originally thought to be.