

# Resist Victimhood Culture

Remember: Kingdom trumps culture.<sup>1</sup> Everything must be evaluated in comparison with Kingdom standards, and that includes the society we live in and the cultural shifts taking place there.

One shift in our society has been the move from ‘dignity culture’ to ‘victim culture’. This has been a slow transition that we did not resist, in the same way as our failure to stop our move to a litigious society.

Dignity culture is the moral system of the West that the older generations grew up in. Hallmarks of this culture are: the dignity of the person, the moral equality of each person, self-help and agency (the capacity of individuals to act independently and to make their own free choices)<sup>2</sup>. This culture which has advanced democratic Western societies to the powerful states they reached by the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> century is being replaced by victim culture before our very eyes.

As an aside, the other prominent culture is the ‘honour culture’ which is associated with the Japanese, the Latin Americas, the Italians and with Müşlîm communities. In this moral culture a person’s reputation (especially those of the men) is paramount. Where once honour culture dominated our society in times past,<sup>3</sup> the rule of law in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries in the West transitioned our society to dignity culture.

Just like honour culture, those living in the morality of victim culture (called victimhood) are highly sensitive to slight (an insult caused by a failure to show someone proper respect or attention)<sup>4</sup>. Information on the rise of victim culture can be found in “The Rise of Victimhood Culture”<sup>5</sup>.

Where once we would live by the motto: “Sticks and stones may break my bones but names will never hurt me”, victimhood is about being sensitive to anything negative and responding to it as a victim so that our feelings are hurt. Victims are touchy and always on the lookout for offence. Rather than letting things ‘go through to the keeper’, they rely on a third party or the government to deal with any issue. This is because they need to be more than upset: it needs to be recognised by some official party.

In this emerging moral culture, social status is determined by victimhood rather than by merit and accomplishment. To do this, they emphasise their oppression as a claim for social standing. They also see everyday experiences as harmful. They see racism everywhere and look for other forms of victimization, to the point where they invent new ones.

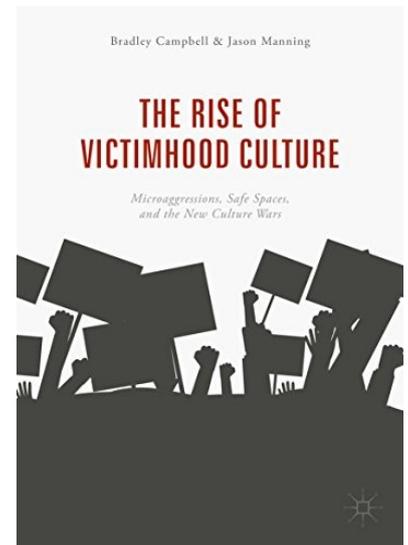
Although origination in the Left-wing, victim culture has been taken on by the whole of society. It’s a cancer that drains the productivity of the nation and increases pressure on the government through the law to solve a never-ending increase in personal problems.

As Kingdom citizens we must resist succumbing to this deadly culture. The church may not, but we must! There is no place for victim culture in the Kingdom.

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2 – [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Agency\\_\(sociology\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Agency_(sociology))

3 – Ritual suicide, fighting duels and honour killings are features of an honour culture

4 – i.e. being treated with disdain

5 – Bradley Campbell & Jason Manning (2018) “The Rise of Victimhood Culture: Microaggressions, Safe Spaces, and the New Culture Wars”

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