Women in the Mauritanian society lag behind men in terms of education and employment.The patriarchal mindset of society prevents women from enjoying equal rights and freedoms as men.Households in Mauritania are usually large and consists of the husband and his wife or wives and numerous children.Men are regarded as the breadwinners for their family and enjoy a higher status in the family than women.Most marriages are arranged in Mauritania.Marriages between cousins also happen in the community.Inter-religious marriages are not allowed by society.His brothers and their families might also live together in the same compound or in the same locality.Polygamy is a common practice.

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