Absent Voices?
Unpacking the Debate over Belgium’s “Burqa Ban”

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those who present themselves in places accessible to the public with the face masked or concealed completely or partially, such that they are not identifiable."

(My translation)
Disregard for voices of opposition

League of Human Rights
Amnesty International
Human Rights Watch
Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
Centre for Equal Opportunity and Opposition to Racism
Researching Muslim Perspectives

Five positions

• Fundamental rights
• Stigmatization of the Muslim community
« Un faux débat »

1. Political engagement
2. A “minority within a minority”
3. More pressing issues
4. Risks
Absent Voices? Asking new questions