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## Righting Human Wrongs: Match the Legal Protection Against the Human Rights Abuse

### HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSE

1. African Americans represent only 13% of the **United States** population but make up 41% of state prison populations. Because minorities are much more likely to have criminal records, they face legal discrimination to accessing housing, employment, education, etc.
2. After President Calderon launched the “war on drugs” in **Mexico**, security forces have tortured detainees to obtain information and force confessions.
3. In 2013, **Russian** parliament banned children from promoting “propaganda” of LGBT relationships. Violators were subject to fines, detention, and possible deportation.
4. In **India** children remain vulnerable to forced labor, malnutrition, and human trafficking within and outside of India.
5. After the Anti-Terrorism Proclamation and the Charities and Societies Proclamation (CSO Law) were passed in **Ethiopia** in 2009, foreign media outlets and blogs critical of the government were regularly blocked.
6. The armed conflict in **Syria** has killed more than 100,000 people and displaced more than 4.25 million citizens. On August 21, 2013, hundreds of civilians were killed by a chemical weapons attack near Damascus.
7. From 2012 to September 2013, over 22,800 Roma were evicted from informal settlements in **France**.
8. The **Chinese** government still controls women’s reproductive choices through coercive legal measures, including sanctions, fines, and forced abortions.

### LEGAL PROTECTION

- A. Inter-American Convention to Prevent and Punish Torture – Article 5: The existence of “a state of war . . . shall not be justification for . . . torture.”
- B. UN Convention on the Rights of the Child – Article 19, Section 1: Measures should be taken to protect a child from all forms of violence, injury, or abuse.
- C. European Convention on Human Rights – Article 1, Section 12: Legal rights “shall be secured without discrimination” on the grounds of sex or association with a national minority.
- D. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women – Article 11, Section 4: The right to “the function of reproduction.”
- E. International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights – Article 19, Section 2: The right to freedom of expression.
- F. International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination – Article 2, Section 2: Countries should develop and protect certain racial groups to guarantee full and equal enjoyment of rights and fundamental freedoms.
- G. Geneva Convention Relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War – Article 32: Parties are prohibited from taking any measures to cause physical suffering or extermination of protected persons in their hands.
- H. EU Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms – Article 14: Rights and freedoms “shall be secured without discrimination” on grounds such as national or social origin, or association with a national minority.



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Answer Key: (1) F (2) A (3) C (4) B (5) E (6) G (7) H (8) D



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