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The Social Structure of the Pashtuns is based on the Pashtunwali Code, which is a Mixture of a Tribal Code of Honour and Local Interpretations of Shari´a. Hospitality, Protection of their Guests, Defence of Property, Family Honour and Protection of the Female Relatives are some of the Most Important Principles for Pashtuns. They rely on the Tribal Council Jirga for the Enforcement of Disputes and Local Decision-Making, as well as the Seclusion of Women from all Affairs Outside the Home. A Major Aspect of the Pashtunwali Code emphasizes Personal Authority and Freedom. Pashtun Culture is celebrated for its Traditional Music, Dancing, Poetry and Storytelling. Pashtuns are Historically the Dominant Ethnic Community in Afghanistan, and they have actively fought to keep their Predominance throughout Afghan History. And they are also the Second-Largest Ethnicity in Pakistan. Many Scholars believe that the Pashtun People are descended from Several Ancestral Groups.

Most Pashtuns Today are Sunni Muslims, although a Small Minority are Shi'a. As a Result, some Aspects of Pashtunwali seem to derive from Muslim Law, which was introduced long after the Code first developed. After the Partition of India in 1947, some Pashtuns called for the Creation of Pashtunistan, carved from the Pashtun-Dominated Areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan. Although this Idea remains Alive among Hardline Pashtun Nationalists, it seems unlikely to come to Fruition. Famous Pashtun People in History include the Ghaznavids, the Lodi family, who ruled the Fifth Iteration of the Delhi Sultanate, Former Afghan President Hamid Karzai, and 2014 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Malala Yousefzai...

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