

#MyDressMyChoice, #NudityIsNotMyChoice goes viral in Kenya

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Twitter has been abuzz in Kenya with news about [a woman being attacked and stripped](#) at a bus stop earlier this month because she was "inappropriately dressed". Subsequently the [#MyDressMyChoice](#) hashtag has been trending in Nairobi and protesters filled the streets on Monday in support of the campaign...

“ *Every woman has the right to choose what she wears! Tweet your support for Kenyan women rallying for [#MyDressMyChoice](#) pic.twitter.com/37yfG82YKQ- marie claire SA (@marieclaire_sa) [November 19, 2014](#)* ”

“ *[#MyDressMyChoice](#) protesters in Nairobi have defended the rights of women to dress as they want. (1/2) pic.twitter.com/9cBsJqEdyl- BBC Africa (@BBCAfrica) [November 17, 2014](#)* ”

It wasn't long however before another hashtag started trending, [#NudityIsNotMyChoice](#), used by those who have a somewhat different opinion on the matter. They say that while the way you dress is your choice, it's not a free pass to dress inappropriately. According to a report on CNN, the anti-group also joined in the protest, chanting "don't be naked" and "wear clothes."

“ *[#MyDressMyChoice](#) protestors outside the Supreme Court. Behind them, the anti-choice group hurls insults pic.twitter.com/yZ2Cf9Rior- Anne Soy (@annesoy) [November 17, 2014](#)* ”

“ *Anti-miniskirt men chanting behind [#MyDressMyChoice](#) protestors outside the Supreme Court pic.twitter.com/yeqDN8M6xN- Anne Soy (@annesoy) [November 17, 2014](#)* ”

The initial incident was reportedly captured on video, but has since been removed from YouTube. According to Wambui Ngige who started the [#MyDressMyChoice](#) campaign, this is not the first or only incident where a woman has been stripped in public for allegedly wearing indecent clothing.

Voice your opinion via Twitter by using the [#MyDressMyChoice](#) or [#NudityIsNotMyChoice](#) hashtags.

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- Mashable: [Brutal mob assault in Kenya sparks #MyDressMyChoice...](#)
- Vice News: [Video: 'My Dress, My Choice' Protesters Demonstrate Against Nairobi Bus Station Sexual Assault...](#)
- Twitter: [#MyDressMyChoice](#) and [#NudityIsNotMyChoice](#)

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