Strengthening Multiculturalism Submission 18

To All Concerned.

My submission concerns general principles, not specifics. These are:

No culture, religion, ethnicity or any other factor should be used as an excuse to break the law.

No group, however defined, should be given preferential treatment over others for reasons of culture, religion or background - i.e., we should all be treated equally by governments and within society

No one should annoy the rest of us with demands we change to accommodate their particular religious, cultural or social beliefs, but instead should accept that while we are all different, there are limits to our expression of those differences.

The terms 'race' and 'culture' should be clearly defined to ensure matters relating to behaviour (culture) are treated separately from those of 'race' (genetic inheritance and physical appearance) and to stop the all to common accusations of racism made about criticisms/comments regarding culture and behaviour.

Yours truly,

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