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Submission for consideration into Multiculturalism and Immigration to Australia.

Since the statements from Angela Merkel, David Cameron and Nicholas Sarkozy concerning the failure of 'multiculturalism' in their nations, it's time for Australian politicians to take pause and consider why this has happened in the last few years. Please note that this has never happened before Europe (and Australia) opened their borders to migrants from Islamic nations and too quickly allowed entrance to people who had opposing, hostile values. France now has over 700 areas in which police and fire brigade officers, as well as ambulances dare not go. 'Youths' (i.e. young Muslims) torch cars and run riot when police attempt arrests. England too has similar 'no go' suburbs, where 'indigenous English' citizens enter at great peril, enduring spitting and stone throwing if they should attempt this.

After some initial resistance on the part of our forebears, our nation has embraced migrants from all over the world,; it is often said that (apart from the Indigenous people) Australia is a nation of migrants. This country has absorbed Chinese, Italians, Greeks, Vietnamese and other nationalities who have all made huge contributions to building a strong and successful nation. These migrants sought a better life and worked hard to produce this for themselves and their children. They did not bring with them an ideology hostile to the host country, nor did they hold its values in contempt. The second generation, although often finding it difficult to straddle two 'worlds' had children who thought of themselves as *Australian*. I have no doubt that many migrants from Islamic countries also seek a better life, and don't wish to impose the totalitarian system of sharia law onto their host countries, but these folk seem unable or unwilling to rein in their violent co-religionists. There are currently 22 Muslim men serving long prison sentences for attempting to carry out acts of jihad terror in the land that took them in.

Unfortunately, a significant group of Muslim migrants have chosen not to integrate, nor adopt the values of Australia, a liberal democracy in which

*church and state are separate,

*the judiciary is independant of the government,

*the rule of law is largely acknowledged (the 11,000 peopel in prison in NSW is a very small fraction of the community)

*respect for the individual's rights to religious and political beliefs is taken for granted,

*men and women are complete equals before the law,

*freedom of speech forms the basis for open and frank discussion of points of

contention,

and civil society generally means things like orderly queues, obedience to traffic lights etc, and the millions of cooperative acts that go together to make people in a society hum along happily enough with each other.

It is imperative that our leaders *lead*, that they act compassionately to take in migrants and refugees from those fleeing Islamic persecution such as the Copts of Egypt, the Zoroastrians and the Jews and Christians from the always threatened and dwindling communities in Islamic nations. If our leaders don't shape the policies of immigration and multiculturalism, the ugly elements of racism and irrational xenophobia will emerge. Our leaders need to insist that new arrivals to our shores adopt the values of our secular and pluralistic nation. We have a society that is the envy of the world, let's keep it that way.

Diversity is great and Australia should welcome everyone who seeks to uphold the values we share.

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