

Hi

We migrated to Australia 6 years ago and have settled in well and taken up citizenships.....
We were previously from a Muslim dominated country.

We were able to integrate smoothly, as we are well educated, professionals and understand the Christian culture and Australian lifestyle.

However, some observations about this inquiry....

What is meant by, "the Government's social inclusion agenda"?

Is this different to assimilation?

Does this suggest that this inquiry is more about 'accommodating the needs of migrants', rather than requiring migrants to actually assimilate into our existing Australian 'culture'?

I see a great deal of difference between 'immigration' and 'multiculturalism'.

A country can welcome people from across the world and invite them to become Australians and while some of their ways will certainly permeate society, we want the future to stay basically Australian, underpinned by Christian heritage.

Multiculturalism invites people to bring their 'culture' / 'worldview' with them, suggests all cultures are equal, and that people never really need to become 'Australians'.

Many people thought 'Multiculturalism' originally meant that we accept people from other countries because they want to come here and 'be Australian'. Sadly, that perception is not true for all migrants as we have seen facts and experience in Europe, particularly in Denmark, Germany, UK etc where they are now forced to review migrant applications for a particular group of people - of ME countries. A recent incident in Sydney where a Hindu temple was shot at is an example of what can happen. Whilst most migrants are willing to blend and accept rules of Australia, but one group will continue to defy this.

Multiculturalism today is generally accepted, especially by the so-called 'left' of politics, as meaning that all cultures are equal and we should adjust to accommodate all cultures and all values which ultimately means losing the Australian 'identity' and blending it into... Into what? That is the problem, what does it become? Australia has to impose strict terms, accept our way or go your way to another country that will accept them. The majority should not have to tolerate a minority group who demand changes to suit their needs based on their beliefs

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