

Dear Maria Vamvakinou,

Submission for the inquiry into Multiculturalism in Australia.

I am a Y Generation Australian resident, as is my father and his father's before. I however have somewhat of a different experience to them in growing up in this country, once assimilation had brought a country together in a most particular way and now multiculturalism that has led to Australia asking the question what is our true identity.

Growing up in the south western Sydney, as a younger boy, I was completely at ease within the community, able to get along with all people from all cultures and backgrounds, able for us all to have get to gethers, play in the local parks and streets and feel safe and happy. These are just childhood memories, but what I'm trying to do is reflect that against my 10yr old brother's life today and the many challenges he faces at his young and innocent age.

An example I'm referring to is that of his 10yr birthday, where he did not want to have a party because he feared that all his friends he has would not get along because of their race and culture. Also facing constant taunts at school and outside of school at local parks and facilities because he is now considered a minority within our community here. This is indeed sad at this age as I did not face this type of discrepancy.

I feel the Sydney community is somewhat becoming a segregated city of races and cultures, where a predominant race or culture is claiming parts of the city as their utopia. This segregation only conflicts with Australia's identity and because we do not display or promote what Australia should be striving for together, there is no message and the simple fact is due to this tolerant ideology called multiculturalism, it has led our society to be tolerant of the intolerant and a safe haven for the people whom bite the hand that feeds them.

The idea of multiculturalism has become somewhat restrained, saying that all cultures and religions are equal. This is entirely not true and is not the case, all we need to tell us this is all the information out there on the social reference point of the events in Europe taking place, such as the French president, the German Chancellor and the British Prime Minister stating that multiculturalism in their countries is an utter failure, all the evidence is there to point out why and how cultures have clashed and are unable to live in a harmonious society.

This tolerance has also led to some very disturbing realities that are happening before our eyes. Our liberties and free speech are at threat by the likes of such ideologies as Islamic, Sharia law, where numerous Islamic organisations are trying to pass anti-slander law against Islam, where in the event anyone speaks out against Islam and reveals it true, pure message as quoted in the Jihad and the Surrah, you can be charged for the use of free speech against its ideologies.

In my understanding, if we are not allowed to use our free speech to proclaim the truth and message of Islam and criticise it, this is to be an offence, would this be the same if I were to speak about Christianity or Buddhism in the same manner?, this act is to silence and destroy democracy, if we have no free speech, we have no free world., we need to prevent such acts to preserve our liberties our forefathers so rightly fought for.

I quote a line of significant to the free democratic world during the time of the Roman Emperor, "when in Rome, do what the Romans do."

we need an identity in this country for all people, not just a minority, an identity that speaks of freedom of speech, human rights and our liberties and to be proud of our democracy. we must strive for the true democracy that Australia is and we need to address the issues of segregation and cultural differences, and denounce multiculturalism as it will clearly fail if we continue to turn a blind eye on the pressing issues before us separating the Australian people.

i urge the Australian government to stand for the people and take charge and address such issues, before we are playing catch up and democracy itself becomes threatened.

i thank you for taking the time to hear my submission.

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Regards,