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Dear Madam

Permit me to confine my comments and observations only to the concept of multiculturalism. I feel the principles applicable in this regard extend to every other area of participation.

Multiculturalism, social inclusion and globalization

To be very frank I don't believe multiculturalism will not work in Australia where the migrant community involved is Islamic. This is because of their very strong rabid allegiance and uncritical belief in the perceived superiority of their religion and culture. I feel competent to say this because of my first hand experience in Malaysia as an Indian born and bred in Malaysia. Like so many other non-Malay compatriots we always feel constrained and compelled to flee Malaysia because of the dominant Malay community's unabashed practice of privilege to the detriment of the minor Malaysian communities. Similarly my reading indicates the same is true and prevalent in all Muslim countries of Asia non-Muslim communities are subjected to open discrimination. To name a few such countries we only need to turn to Indonesia, Pakistan, and Iran.

This tendency is being increasingly seen and felt in Australia where Muslims stridently reject non-Muslim activities and general fraternization. Even converts to Islam exhibit the same tendencies.

I regret to say I am equally inclined to extend the above scenario to all other activities including the contribution of diaspora communities where the community involved is Islamic.

I believe it is self-evident that Muslims intentionally make no attempt to assimilate or mix socially with other Australian communities, unlike other Asian migrants. This is definitely not from shyness or timidity but from aversion to "being polluted" by non-Muslim practices and customs.

This state of affairs will only persist and grow to uncontrollable proportions in the long term unless something is done now, without delay.

Suitable steps to control these tendencies should include at the very least the following measures, to be stressed by relevant government authorities. At source ie. upon application for migration or application for citizenship Muslims be firmly told that Australia will not tolerate discriminatory practices such as:

1. exclusive racial or religious ghettos;
2. separate schooling;
3. special exemptions for use of swimming pools or other community facilities;
4. And certainly no burkas please (Muslim dress is otherwise perfectly ok).

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