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"Under the doctrine of state multiculturalism, we have encouraged different cultures to live separate lives, apart from each other and the mainstream,"

British Prime Minister David Cameron said during a panel discussion attended by German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

"We have failed to provide a vision of society to which they feel they want to belong."

He said the "hands-off tolerance" in Britain and other European nations has encouraged Muslims and other immigrant groups "to live separate lives, apart from each other and the mainstream."

He further said "Multiculturalism, was undertaken for the highest of motives. It was intended to create a more tolerant society, one in which everyone, regardless of colour, creed or culture, felt at home. Its effect has been precisely the opposite

Multiculturalism, entered into for the noblest of reasons, has suffered from the law of unintended consequences. By dissolving national identity it makes it impossible for groups to integrate because there is nothing to integrate into, and by failing to offer people pride in being British, it forces them to find sources of pride elsewhere."

This has been echoed by German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Nicolas Sarkozy

Multiculturalism asks for people to bring their 'culture' and that they never really need to become 'Australians'.

Multiculturalism implies that people can change this country to suit their values, which becomes unacceptable.

I always said that Multiculturalism would not and could not work and it has not worked.

I came to this country and I became an Australian, in all aspects. Sure I have my culture, but I don't live in a ghetto and I have integrated and I mix with all races of people and I speak the language I have friends from China, Italy, Greece, Egypt (but non Muslim), Germany and Iran (ex-Muslim). They were all born overseas but they became Australian and embraced the Australian way

Most unfortunately, the adherents of Islam, which is an all encompassing totalitarian, misogynist, religious and political ideology, which forbids its followers to integrate.

Hence we now have segregation.

Separate toilets, separate washrooms, separate gyms, separate swimming pools etc. This is not the Australian way.

We have a country founded on Christian/Judaic beliefs and Islam in particular would like to change that, in the form of Sharia law

We have a freedom that comes from believing that ALL people are equal

We are an open and friendly country and yet we have woman that want to walk around covered from head to toe. That will not allow their children to mix

We know it hasn't worked. It's only a matter of time before all out bloodshed occurs somewhere in Europe or Scandinavia.

We have the advantage of seeing what they future will bring and we have the chance to stop it.

The US, on the other hand, does not practice multiculturalism, yet is the biggest and most successful immigrant society in history -- more than 310 million people live there from every corner of the globe. It has a black President, Asian state governors (including two Punjabis) and a vastly more ethnically diverse cabinet and corporate leadership than Australia. You sign up to the US constitution and you're an American.

Here you become an Egyptian/Australian, an Italian/Australian, a Chinese/Australian,.... Why not just an AUSTRALIAN? What is even more annoying that the country of not necessarily the person's birth, but that of the parent, takes preference over this country. Victorian Liberal MP Kevin Andrews has expressed concern about religious enclaves and has criticised political leaders who fail to speak out against the rise of extreme Islam..

Ratepayers Victoria president Jack Davis said that councils pandering to Muslim groups by providing women-only swim and gym sessions was ridiculous.

"People should be able to keep their customs but they should integrate when becoming Australians," he said. "To demand things be provided exclusively by ratepayers is wrong."

More and more people are saying this, as was indicated by an article in the Herald Sun. More people answered than I have ever seen before and goodness know how many weren't published. In total there were 449 only 3 or 4 of those were in favour of Multiculturalism and Islam for its lack of integration