

## Multiculturalism and Fashionable Intolerance

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Yes, you read that right. Multiculturalism—a haphazard blend of wishful thinking and wilful naivete—has run its course. It's been replaced by “multiculturalismism”—an ideology which brooks no dissent and pardons no departures. In Canada, it's no longer the schisms between isms that plague us. It's the ism that tolerates no others—Islamism.

Henry Ford is famously remembered for his statement that a customer can have a car in any colour “as long as it's black.” For years, we've been told that Canada tolerates and encourages a wide variety of beliefs and creeds, lifestyles, and identities. Of course we've long known that this pseudo-tolerance has been a shamelessly transparent guise for introducing lifestyles incompatible with historical Canadian values and traditions. Case in point: the endless campaign against “bullying” in schools, which has only provided cover for the real bullies—those who are aggressively imposing a false view of sexuality and sexual identity. As aggressively hostile as are the purveyors of filth to our young people, they have nothing over the imams and agents of Islamism.

While the world reels in the wake of Islamist terror in Brussels, Paris, Pakistan, and countless other “hotspots” in the world, Canadian politicians and bureaucrats are still dreaming of a world where being friendly is enough. We've grown used to the tame sort of political correctness pandered to by human rights tribunals and extolled for its virtues by our state-funded broadcaster, CBC. Sure, a couple of our friends have spent years in jail for peacefully protesting abortion. Others have been fined for statements they've made or for failing to bake a cake on command. Still, in this country, we've not yet seen the head-loppings, throat-slashings, cage-burnings, and crowd-bombings that have now become routine in countries dominated by Islamism.

Unlike its counterparts in the pantheon of ideologies grasping for adherents, Islamism seeks not to persuade but to compel. The assumptions of democracy are foreign to those raised and driven by Islamism's creed of dominance by force and propagation by slaughter. What will it take before Canada's politicians finally realize that the decisions they make today will either secure or unravel the future for our children and grandchildren?

The US has been accused over the years of wanting to be the “policeman for the world.” In fact, she has vacillated between isolationism (“turning a blind eye”)—as in Sudan—and overbearing intrusion, such as the tragic intervention in Libya, which left that country more hostile and dangerous than it was before. Canada may be dabbling in a similar folly, wanting to be the uncomplaining host and final refuge for every oppressed or discontented person in the world but applying those ideals only to selected groups—such as the Syrian refugees. As has recently been disclosed<sup>1</sup>, most of the Syrian “refugees” so far brought into Canada have NOT come from the squalid refugee camps but from apartments in neighbouring countries where they have been living and where many of them had jobs. Meanwhile, Christian refugees, whose lives are in real and imminent danger from Islamist terrorists are not being given the same opportunity to start a new life in Canada.

On April 3, the Kingston Whig-Standard ran this article on the persecution of Syrian Christians<sup>2</sup>, even in the refugee camps. . .

“Christian refugees don’t go into UNHCR-run camps for a number of reasons,” stated Kiri Kankhwende, senior press officer for the United Kingdom-based Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW), in an email. . . The strict Muslim environment dominating camps tends to scare off Christians refugees”, said the spokesperson for CSW, which is a nongovernmental organization (NGO) advocating for religious freedom and human rights. In addition, she said that the “lack of security and policing” in the camps is yet another major concern for Christian refugees, “especially since evidence has emerged of extremists infiltrating refugee camps.”

We recognize that no one country can take upon itself—as well-meaning as its intentions may be—the responsibility for the social, political, and material well-being of all the peoples of the world. Even if a single country had the financial wherewithal to wage war on a score of fronts, there is not the moral legitimacy to do so. It may be equally true that no one country can endlessly absorb every hungry, displaced, and endangered person fleeing poverty or persecution. Each of us, in our personal lives, must decide whom we can help and how we can help. So must it also be with nations.

A basic tenet of our shared democratic values in the West is that all peoples have a pre-existing right to govern themselves or to choose by popular assent who will govern them and how they are to be governed. Achieving this in the real world is never easy, never perfect, and never permanent. Still, it is a worthwhile goal and one that may be approximated if never attained. Dictatorships, on the other hand, seek to impose upon the masses the ideologies or the petty interest of those who have grasped power. They want no discussion.

Canada would do well to broaden its view of the refugee crisis around the world, refocus on helping to protect the vulnerable in their own homelands (where possible) and to insist on religious freedom in the refugee camps from which we are receiving migrants. If people far across the seas are not prepared even to accept minorities, such as Christians and Yazidis into the camps, how can we expect them to show tolerance for members of other faiths once they are established in Canada? Canadians want to help those truly in need; we don’t want to import violent Islamism to our shores.

The Christian Heritage Party recognizes that true religious freedom and respect for the dignity of all peoples has only ever existed in countries whose laws are based on God’s laws. “Love your neighbour as yourself,” and, “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you,” are commandments from the God of the Bible. To restore those values and common sense solutions to government, visit [chp.ca](http://chp.ca) to see how you can help.

## **Footnotes**

<sup>1</sup> [www.hilltimes.com/2016/04/04/very-few-syrian-refugees-came-to-canada-from-refugee-camps-cbsa-official-bolduc/55732](http://www.hilltimes.com/2016/04/04/very-few-syrian-refugees-came-to-canada-from-refugee-camps-cbsa-official-bolduc/55732)

<sup>2</sup> [www.thewhig.com/2016/04/03/syrian-christian-refugees-persecuted](http://www.thewhig.com/2016/04/03/syrian-christian-refugees-persecuted)

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