A NEGATIVE INSULAR AND XENOPHOBIC SOCIETY

PREAMBLE. Is it true that all of the following characteristics are based on fear of the unknown and ignorance: Racism, xenophobia, bigotry, nationalism versus colonialism, slavery, intolerance, bullying, intimidation, harassment, homophobic, and plain stupidity. What are the drivers that attracts individual to commit such actions in a modern and mature society.

BACKGROUND. In times of crisis there are individuals and organisations that will use a crisis to benefit or push their own agendas. This topic has been discussed many times on a number of social media outlets without a solution being found or a consensus amongst those discussing the matter. It is true that most if not all bring points of view to the debate which have merit. However even these well meant opinions often attract mischievous and inappropriate derisive comments designed to ridicule the person and thus the debate peters off into oblivion.

SUMMARY. There is no hurry as this topic will be open over a 14 day period in which I would like to see if at all possible, opinions, experiences, stories and comments that will assist in the compilation of a summary based on the threads. At the end of the discussion thread a summary will be compiled and members can provide their constructive criticism.

The USA and Canada members experiences will be most helpful as they have at least 75 years more in depth experience than that of Australians. YouTube videos, documents, stories, histories and actual event in the past and in the present are welcome. In providing the information, add your point of view whether racism is growing in this country and that of your own.

I have added a few articles below that may jog peoples memory. However I am not sure whether they would still be available:

- 1. <u>http://www.news.com.au/national-news/asian-tourists-racially-abused-on-sydney-bus/story-fncynjr2-1226610362077</u>
- 2. <u>http://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c_id=2&objectid=108747</u> 30#
- 3. <u>http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/breaking-news/abc-news-presenter-racially-abused-on-bus/story-e6frf7kf-1226573535603</u>
- 4. <u>http://www.jta.org/news/article/2013/02/21/3120176/fired-gay-day-school-principal-settles-with-school-out-of-court?utm_source=Newsletter+subscribers&utm_campaign=6923181b9b-JTA_Daily_Briefing_02_20_2013&utm_medium=email</u>

- 5. <u>http://www.pedestrian.tv/news/arts-and-culture/is-google-racist-or-are-</u> we/d8aab7e9-5554-48ed-8328-e8fd6073f72d.htm
- 6. <u>http://www.smh.com.au/nsw/no-merriness-here-mosque-puts-fatwa-on-</u> christmas-20121222-2bsk2.html
- 7. <u>http://www.jta.org/news/article/2012/12/04/3113596/with-hiring-of-jewish-executive-ford-continues-its-redemption</u>
- 8. <u>http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887323277504578191963741</u> 245422.html?KEYWORDS=the+most+persecuted+religion



The Voice from the Pavement - Peter Adamis is a (not for profit) Journalist/Commentator. He is a retired Australian military serviceman and an Industry organisational & Occupational (OHS) & Training Consultant whose interests are within the parameters of domestic and international political spectrum. He is an avid blogger and contributes to domestic and international community news media outlets as well as to local and Ethnic News. He holds a Bachelor of Adult Learning & Development (Monash), Grad Dip Occupational Health & Safety, (Monash), Dip. Training & Assessment, Dip Public Administration, and Dip Frontline Management. Contact via Email: abalinx@netspace.net.au or via Mobile: 0409965538