

## Sonia Kruger stands by her call for Muslim ban

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IT'S a debate. So Sonia Kruger must expect people to disagree with her on banning Muslim immigration. But none of us should expect or tolerate our government helping activists to bully the Channel 9 presenter into silence.

Why are our taxes being used to sponsor these apologists for radical Islam?

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Why have we allowed government-funded bodies to be hijacked by them, with the Human Rights Commission even calling on the public to attack Kruger? Kruger has been vilified for speaking what's on the mind of many Australians.

Yes, she went too far in calling for a ban on all Muslim immigration, but she was not wrong to repeat my point that Western nations that let in many Muslims risk more Islamist attacks.



Sonia Kruger has been vilified for speaking what's on the mind of many Australians. Picture: Channel 9

Doesn't wounded France show just that? It has the highest concentration of Muslims in the European Union — nearly 10 per cent of its population — and is now its bloodiest battlefield, with repeated massacres in Paris and Nice.

Or take Brussels. No European capital has a bigger Muslim population, and it has now suffered serious Islamist attacks, including the suicide bombing of its airport.

Australia, too, has imported terror. Our last three terrorist attacks were all by Muslims we'd taken in as refugees. Of the 21 men jailed here for terrorism, all are Muslim and 12 came from overseas. Another seven were born here to families we'd let in from Lebanon.

How could anyone deny the links between immigration and Islamist terrorism? Yet Kruger is now vilified for pointing out this obvious truth.

It is wicked enough that commentators have demonstrated their allegedly superior morality by smearing Kruger as a “racist”, “bigot”, “stupid” and even a bad mother. More sinister is how activists have used the power of the state — and your taxes — to demonise her. Kruger has been particularly abused on the ABC, the government-funded broadcaster meant by law to be impartial.

ABC programs brought on a cast of Muslim apologists and Leftist moralisers to damn and belittle her, suggesting Kruger was just a racist dumbbo who needed education.

The ABC’s PM even broadcast the most childish sneers of one Muslim activist: “Asking Kruger’s comments regarding Muslim immigration, however, would be like asking Peppa Pig on her response regarding the South China Sea dispute.”

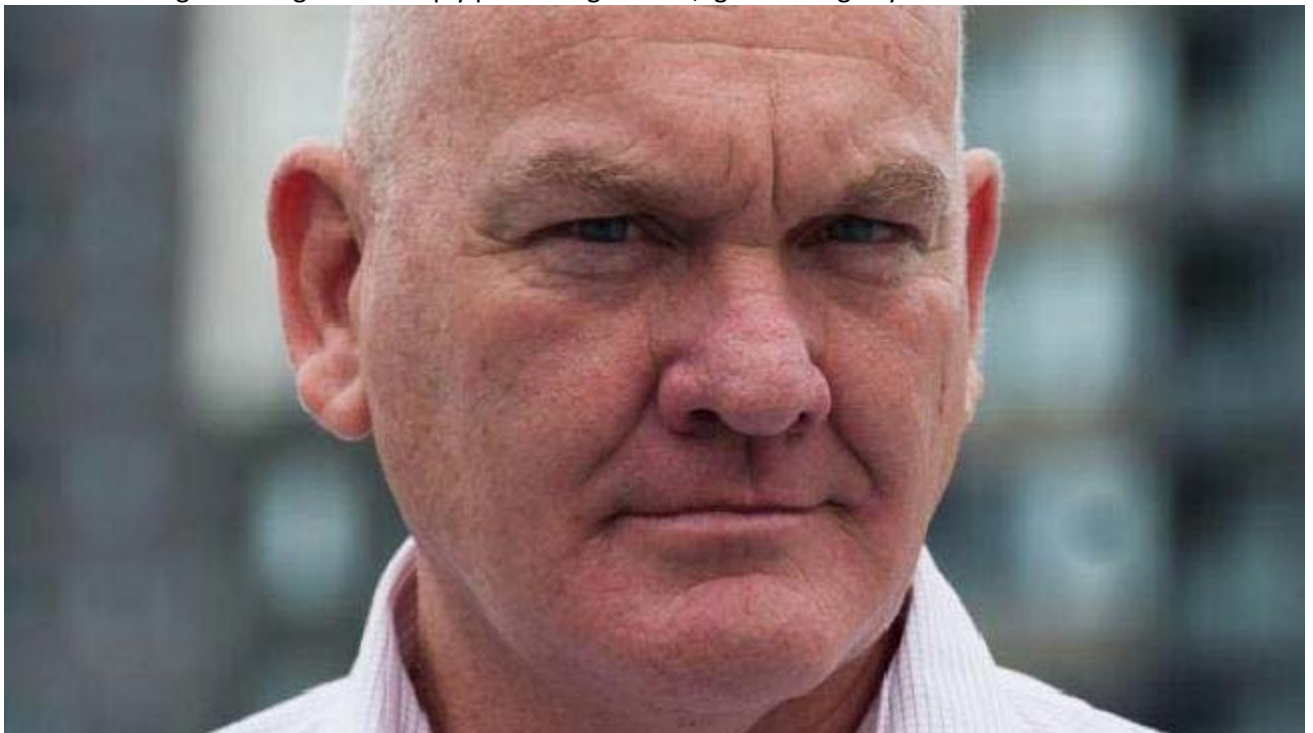
Seriously? Why was that prerecorded insult by a fringe activist deemed worthy of the ABC’s airtime?

Another ABC report trawled through the Twitter sewer to collate a long list of abuse of Kruger from Leftists, including attacks on her as an allegedly poor mother who “should be teaching your children to avoid division and small-mindedness”.

Why was that smear published by the national broadcaster?

Remember: this is the country’s biggest media outlet, given \$1 billion a year of your money, being used to bash a woman who dared to question the wisdom of importing more believers of a faith so seemingly hostile to our freedoms.

And note how the ABC has bashed her: by rounding up the usual suspects of the Left to join a massive pile-on in which Kruger is not disproved but abused. On it went, with ABC host Jonathan Green tweeting that Kruger was simply promoting “arrant, ignorant bigotry”.



ABC journalist Jonathan Green has tweeted that Kruger was simply promoting ‘arrant, ignorant bigotry’. On his own ABC radio show, Green described the approved way to refer to the Nice jihadist

who mowed down 84 people — not as another Islamist terrorist but as “someone not quite functioning in an appropriate manner”. How typical of a broadcaster that tears to shreds Sonia Kruger or Pauline Hanson for linking Islam to terrorism, but happily gives a platform to government-funded academics such as Sydney University’s Peter Chen to instead link that terrorism to the imagined sins of the West.

s The Drum this week, Chen suggested the terrorism in Nice was actually a response to the West killing Muslims, leaving them “pissed off”.

Chen even drew an astonishing parallel between the West attacking Taliban terrorists in self-defence to Islamists deliberately mowing down children in the name of God.

“I think we can call this ‘radical Islamic terrorism’ if we can call civilian casualties of drone strikes ‘radical Christian terrorism’,” he sneered, “because the US is a Christian country, all its political elites, you know, they swear on the Bible, they’re extremely pious.”

Remember: your taxes actually pay Chen and paid the ABC to beam this seeming apology for Islamist terrorism into homes around the country. Including Muslim homes.

But the ABC was not the only taxpayer-funded body to use your money to monster Kruger.

So did the SBS, which published a diatribe accusing her of saying “whatever racist nonsense you like”.

And that’s still not all. Yet another government-funded body, the Human Rights Commission, also misused its state-given powers to smash Kruger into submission.



Federal Race Discrimination Commissioner Dr Tim Soutphommasane. Picture: Richard Jupe

Its race discrimination commissioner is Tim Soutphommasane, a former Labor staffer whose personal opinions should be of no more account than those of any other citizen. Sadly, as a taxpayer-funded official — a Race Discrimination Commissioner appointed by the Gillard government — Soutphommasane does now have an authority over us. But note: Soutphommasane is actually paid to lecture us on matters of race, yet now uses his platform to attack people who criticise Islam, not a race but a religion.

Moreover, as a self-appointed commentator now on Islam, Soutphommasane's apparent double standards are astonishing. He said nothing last month about Sheik Shady Al-Suleiman, head of the national imams council, who has called on God to help "destroy the enemies of Islam", declared the punishment for adulterers "is stoning to death", damned Christmas parties as "worship of Satan" and accused gays of "spreading all these diseases" through "evil actions that bring evil outcomes to our society".

Yet Soutphommasane has now used his position to abuse Kruger as someone doing "nothing but breed hate" by "stereotyping" Muslims. He even urged people to attack her: "Let's speak out against it."

Pardon?

Why are taxpayers paying a government official to whip up hatred of Kruger?

Why is the Turnbull government tolerating this state-funded attack?

Why is it allowing our institutions to be hijacked by ideologues trying to stifle a debate that anxious Australians clearly want?



Andrew Bolt asks why the Turnbull Government is tolerating this state-funded attack on Sonia Kruger.

Given this state-backed campaign, it is no surprise that Kruger yesterday had to read out a statement of self-criticism of the kind communist China has demanded from its "class enemies": "I acknowledge my views yesterday may have been extreme."

But what Kruger said has resonated with many Australians. They want a frank debate about a faith that to many seems a threat. Instead, they've witnessed this appalling bullying of one worried woman — a bullying funded by their own government.

It is shameful. It is anti-democratic.

And it will backfire.

Unless our political and media class allows a genuine discussion about a genuine threat that has Australians genuinely worried there will come a terrible backlash.

Beware the fire next time.

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