

Comment by Michael C H Jones

Unfortunately my lot - the White Anglo-Saxon Protestant (WASP) - have a lot to answer for.

We pushed the aborigines aside - it wasn't an invasion but bringing civilization. We excluded the Chinese with the White Australia Policy - they were simply too good at digging up our gold and perhaps like the late Billy Liu marrying our women? We subjugated the Muslim peoples of the world unless Catholic Europe beat us there - what a mess in Spanish Latin America, francophile Africa and the Dutch East Indies. The English did a brilliant job with the democratisation of the Indian Sub-Continent, and there would be no problem with Afghanistan today if they had simply let us stay during the first visit around 1840.

But to the Jews. What is it with Australian politicians and some of the Christian fundamentalists in the USA concerning Israel. It is simply the fact that most if not all of their forebears looked the other way when up to 6 million Jews were exterminated by Hitler's government during the Second World War - most Germans looked the other way also. As for me my lot were condemning the Nazis from at least the days of the Spanish Civil War. What was happening to the Jews in Germany was well known among the educated WASP classes from the early 1930s, and certainly what was and did happen to up to another 6 million gypsies, coloured, infirm, communists/socialists etc.

What has always annoyed me about the modern day Jewish organisations is three things. Firstly in all their PR very seldom do they talk about 10-12 million people being exterminated. Compassion is only for your own. Secondly the way in which the sons and daughters, and now grandchildren, have made a dollar out of the deaths of their forebears - the Holocaust has become a self-promotion racket in many families. Thirdly any criticism of Israel is met with a deluge of anti-Semitism charges - even against their own.

When in 2002 I made a speech in Wuhan China wherein I stated that the past needs to be put to rest; namely that in the mid 19th century my relatives chased the relatives of those in the audience up the Yangtze River to Chengdu and beyond, and that in the mid 1940s their relatives chased mine back down the Yangtze into the East China Sea whether Taiwan or Hong Kong - and therefore we were about even. They got the message and accepted it in a way that the Israelis and the American Jews, and to some extent the Australian Jewish Lobby cannot. History is shit but you have to move on and other peoples/cultures have also had hard times - note the Armenians. And we Wasps are finding it hard to stretch the budget whilst some of us have always been sceptical about 'Sorry Statements'.

The key difficulty with the Jews is their insistence on being Exclusive whether the Chosen People or the Exceptional People. Apartheid in Israel is simply a logical development except that the Arabs/Palestinians like the indigenous South African are breeding faster and now represent up to 50% of the population. Ultimately it will have to be a Secular State otherwise the Muslims will keep rebelling both inside and outside Israel's borders where-ever they are. It is broader than just Jewish Fundamentalism because the Iranian "problem" revolves around a similar set of circumstances namely political power based on religious doctrine that cannot meet the 21st century global economic, social and technological challenges.

But blame it all on us Wasps even those with ancestors who have opposed anti-Semitism for centuries.