

# MEEF M1

## Civilisation britannique. John Mullen

### Homework assignment November 2022

Compare and contrast the following documents. Show how they illuminate the different ways that questions of immigration, multiculturalism and racism have been approached over the years.

Use the internet, libraries and books to research these questions.

Hand in your work by the 1st December, by email to john.mullen [at] univ-rouen.fr . Your work should be in word format, or odt, or rtf.

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[Axe: rencontres avec d'autres cultures](#)

HC Deb 09 March 1965 vol 708 cc248-55248  
[§The Prime Minister \(Mr. Harold Wilson\)](#)

With permission, Mr. Speaker, I wish to make a statement.

On 25th February I said in answer to the hon. Member for Surbiton (Mr. Fisher) that the Government were urgently reviewing various aspects of immigration.

The Government believe that the problems this country is facing in connection with immigration require an attack on three broad fronts.

First, it is accepted in all parts of the House that once immigrants are here they should be treated for all purposes as citizens of the United Kingdom, without discrimination. The Government are not satisfied with progress in integrating Commonwealth immigrants into the community, particularly in some of our big towns and cities. This affects a number of Government Departments and I have invited the Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Economic Affairs, my hon. Friend the Member for West Bromwich (Mr. Foley), to make himself [249](#) especially responsible, in a personal capacity, for co-ordinating Government action in the field and for promoting through the Departments concerned the efforts of the local authorities and of voluntary bodies.

Secondly, we all agree that we cannot have first and second-class citizens in this country. We must, therefore, take vigorous measures to prevent racial discrimination. The Government intend to introduce in the very near future a Bill to deal with racial discrimination in public places and with the evil of incitement to racial hatred.

Thirdly, the House will recall the statement made by my right hon. and learned Friend the Home Secretary on 4th February about evasion of the [Commonwealth Immigrants Act](#) by people coming from certain Commonwealth countries. My right hon. and learned Friend then indicated that the degree of evasion of existing controls was almost fatally eroding the Act. This situation arises from the use of false passports, impersonation, false statements about the purpose of travel to this country, and so on.

Since the Act is not working as was intended, a fresh examination of the whole problem of control is necessary. The Government therefore propose shortly to send a high-level mission, which will include experts in the field of immigration, to consider with certain Commonwealth Governments the problems that have arisen. The function of the mission will be to establish the facts, to examine what can be done to stamp out evasion at source, and to discuss whether new methods are needed to regulate the flow of migrants to the United Kingdom.



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### **Foreword from Jeremy Corbyn and Dawn Butler**

Labour is the party of equality. We are built on the values of social justice, internationalism and human rights. Each are rooted in the fundamental truth that whatever your background, wherever you are from, whatever your faith or religious belief, you should have the means and opportunity to fulfil your potential.

We should celebrate our diversity.

And in so doing we must acknowledge that the rich variety of cultures, faiths and colours that make up this country could not have come together and thrived as they have unless we had fought, together, against discrimination and prejudice.

The Conservatives in government have used difference to divide communities.

Black and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities have paid a high price for the Tories' agenda of austerity and their politics of hate.

Nowhere is this clearer than the hostile environment policies that led to the scandalous treatment of the Windrush generation.

The fact that hate crime has more than doubled in the last five years must serve as a wake-up call for our country.

Their plans, according to which people would have to show ID to vote, may effectively disenfranchise the 11 million people who do not have a passport or driver's licence – disproportionately BAME people and students.

Our Labour movement is built on the contributions of people of all faiths and ethnic backgrounds. Society is all the richer for faith in action, and the contribution of faith groups in filling the gaps in austerity Britain, with religious spaces used as food banks and homeless shelters across the country. I am grateful to the thousands of people who have contributed to the development of this people-powered manifesto

This is just the beginning. Together we can create a society that truly puts wealth and power back in the hands of the many.

We have already committed to:

Eliminate racial inequality from our economy and extend pay gap reporting to ethnic minority groups and tackle pay discrimination on the basis of race.

An equality audit all our policies before, during and after implementation.

End the politics of hate and commission an independent review into the threat of far-right extremism and how to tackle it.

Enhance the powers and functions of the Equality and Human Rights Commission, making it truly independent, to ensure it can support people to effectively challenge any discrimination they may face.

Appoint a Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief to work across government to promote Freedom of Religious Belief in the UK and abroad.

Develop a comprehensive Gypsy, Roma and Traveller community equality strategy to tackle persistent inequalities, in particular within housing, education and criminal justice.

Ensure the views of communities with or without faith are respected and protected across our society.

Foreword to Labour Party *"Race and Faith Manifesto"* 2019.