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Change the Date? - Or Rub Salt in their Wounds?



Mr Morrison stating another great idea! Which would have an amazing result!

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So now considering all sides of the argument we can candidly acknowledge that the Indigenous Australians deserve to have a completely separate day for celebration, rather than on Australia Day, and the stunningly smart strategists like Mr Morrison that believe we can ‘co-exist’ on the current Australia day need to rethink their clever ideas.

The aboriginal culture can’t celebrate a day that they mourn for. It’s like we all are rubbing salt into their open wounds.

The smart Mr Morrison doesn’t seem to understand that it hurts the Aboriginal people when they see everyone celebrating when they themselves, feel like crying. Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce said, “this is Australia Day, and if you don’t like it… do something else.” This is what a lot of non-indigenous Australians think.

Isn’t Australia day about celebrating how far we have come as a country? Aren’t we celebrating the people of Australia together? The whole point of Australia day is stupid if we can’t accept, acknowledge and listen to the different ethnic groups.

Australia’s prime minister, Scott Morrison, is a man of good ideas. His new suggestion that he specified on ABC News is that, “we don’t have to pull Australia Day down to actually recognise the achievements of Indigenous Australia, the oldest living culture in the world; the two can coexist.” This great suggestion will have a horrific outcome for the Indigenous Australians.

 As Aboriginal elder Jim Everett says, “today’s a day I could cry. It’s terrible.” How can we coexist as a nation if one half is mourning while the other is celebrating? I’m sure we all want a smart man like Mr Morrison leading our country.

Non-indigenous Australians say that the Indigenous people shouldn’t have an anniversary for a sad event and to just ‘get over it’ but we all can see that this is untrue because we already do hold special days for sad events such as Remembrance Day and Anzac Day. This proves that there should be a specific day that the Indigenous Australians can mourn that is separate from a day of celebration.

We can co-exist!

On Australia day everyone goes around wearing the Australian flag, partying and drinking. But is this the right thing we should be doing? Because personally I would love to celebrate a day on which I forcefully stole a country and savagely slaughtered the natives.

Would you want people celebrating the day your people lost their freedom? I believe that the indigenous Australians deserve to get their own mourning day and not just on an insignificant day but something that means something to them.