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David Cameron prompts backlash by announcing plans to teach Muslim women English

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David Cameron has provoked a backlash over plans to "help"

more Muslim women to speak fluent English - while at the same warning they could be deported if their language skills do not improve.

The Prime Minister announced the £20 million fund for language classes to teach the 190,000 Muslim women in England who are thought to speak little or no English

"We will now say if you don't improve your fluency, that could affect your ability to stay in the UK," he wrote in the Times.

"All too often, because of what I would call 'passive tolerance', people subscribe to the flawed idea of separate development.

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"It is time to change our approach. We will never truly build One Nation unless we are more assertive about our liberal values, more clear about the expectations we place on those who come to live here and build our country together and more creative and generous in the work we do to break down barriers."

Classes will be held in homes, schools and community centres with travel and childcare costs provided to encourage the maximum participation.

Mr Cameron said all public services - including, nurseries, schools, health visitors and job centres - are needed to play a party in tacking "prejudice and bigotry" and building integration.

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Green Party leader, Natalie Bennett attacked Mr Cameron, writing on **Twitter**: “David Cameron - whose govt slashed funding for English lessons for migrants in 2011 - is now complaining migrants aren't learning English.”

And other people were quick to point out the problems with the Prime Minister's approach:



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Haras Rafiq of the Quilliam Foundation, which has been advising the Government, said there also needed to be a wider campaign to make Islamism unacceptable in Muslim communities.

“I see it a bit like racism in football,” he said. “Twenty years ago it was acceptable. But then everyone got together – football clubs, politicians, fans – in a concerted campaign to change perceptions and make it unacceptable.”

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That is rich. Over 300,000 Brits emigrated out of England last year alone. They too have a reputation of not integrating and/or learning the local language of their country of choice. They also have the reputation of being trouble makers and drunkards so how hypocritical of all you people making comments below.

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This is illegal per Dicey: "That "rule of law," then, which forms a fundamental principle of the constitution, has three meanings ... It means, in the first place, the absolute supremacy or predominance of regular law as opposed to the influence of arbitrary power, and excludes the existence of arbitrariness, of prerogative, or even of wide discretionary authority on the part of the government...It means, again, equality before the law, or the equal subjection of all classes to the ordinary law" ECHR: Art 14 No discrimination based on religion or gender, has to be pursuing a legitimate aim and has to justify why there is a difference in treatment. What could be the aim of singling out Muslim women?

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this is a joke, I owe £15k in student loans studying for my degrees so I can become a teacher. it will cost me another £10,600 to get my teaching qualification on top which I

cannot afford. I am now out of work and I hear how education is being squeezed for adult learners and how students are owing more and more and yet david Cameron has promised 20 million to teach immigrant women English. I am not racist but this is a joke!!

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Instead of focusing your attention on the poor immigrants why dont you turn your attention to your government that gives plenty of incentives and tax cuts to the lobbyists and big businesses but cannot find money for the working class? Wasnt it a couple of years ago that Cameron and his cronies were in the European courts fighting for the bankers bonuses? Arent they teaching you critical thinking at school?

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They should start with them ruddy Geordies!

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It makes sense to learn English if you live in Britain, but surely the idea is to encourage not insist its English or radicalisation. Many people can't speak English dosen't make them radical. If Cameron was aiming to bring communities together by singling them out, what was he hoping to achieve. Nothing wrong with encouaging integration, and language lessons, but if you going to fund them why cut the budgets of the places that teach them.

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sw2014

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What an idiot we have for a PM. My mother who even went to school in the UK from age 14 to 16, now approaching the grand old age of 60, can't say anything more than yes, no, thank you, please, tomorrow, today and bye. That's not because she hates the language or has plain refused to learn it, it's a function of who she has been over the last several decades. Because she chose to be a stay at home mother/house wife who had no

dealings with anyone from outside of her home bar the odd relative she has not had a requirement to speak semi-fluent English. And besides, why on earth would she converse in English with people who also did not speak English well? 45 years later it's now a problem! Another gimmick by the idiot Tories to hide their current ineptitude.

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ifonly

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if you are a muslim then you are to blame for your mother not speaking more english by keeping her in doors, as she is a woman you treat her like all other women, "second class human's " NO ONE man or woman CHOOSES to stay inside, but then you are a typical MALE CHAUVINIST PIG, one of many.

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Stop posting pish.

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Islam is the only religion that rewards murder. The more infidels a Muslim kills the greater will be his reward in Paradise.

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Total garbage, but you knew that.

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You ought to look at some verses from the bible before peering over their book. You'll find a lot worse.

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Doesn't go far enough, people who move here from abroad should have a decent command of English, or be automatically turned back. It is the language of the country and letting

people in who cannot speak it makes no sense.

On a side note, we should really have more stringent immigration rules anyway. Places like the US, Canada, Australia make it tougher to just come into the country. They want people who actually want to be there, who will contribute, and who will be proud to be a resident, and maybe one day citizen, of the place that they have moved to. Something like that would be much better and makes much more sense.

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Trying to look tough ahead of his referendum. We can't deport criminals so how will he manage to deport Moooslims

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One of our near neighbours is a cooped-up Deobandi wife. Doesn't speak any english. Doesn't really have to. Doesn't seem to leave the house more than is 100% necessary.

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