

Bogans v do-gooders

THE WORLD is a different place now; have a look at how most of the siblings of these immigrants view Australia and its values and morals. Look at the problems with Asian gangs, the trouble the Lebanese gangs cause police, the disgusting speeches by muslim sheikhs. We simply are reacting to today's world, not the past. Wake up and realise that once upon a time Australia was built on immigration; now it is its undoing. PS I am a bogan, and it seems I have less of a one track mind than you.

Leigh of WA

WELL u want them here so much open your door and let them stay with u! And when they don't get their way and u are sick of cleaning up after them I will be happy to tell u I told u so. U just keep sitting behind your desk keyboard warrior. No it's not illegal to claim asylum but u are missing the point like most bleeding hearts are. They came here illegally via boat. Yes it will impact our lives. We as taxpayers are paying for it, we have to work harder to cover the costs!

Better to be a bogan then a boat person

SO WHAT Im a bogan. Your a hairy pitted hippy. Dont you love a journo with a free soapbox.

T.J.G.S. of Do-Gooder Land

THANK you for voicing what the majority of Aust-

ralians believe. I am sure that you will get plenty of texts attacking you and your ideas — they do not speak for me or for most people in this country. People deserve to be treated as human beings — these people seeking safety are not illegal and are not criminals.

Sick of the hate of Darwin

INTERESTING that a lot of the people expressing indignation at this article seem to have trouble with spelling and grammar. I suspect they may also not know the meaning of the word xenophobia. Australia, as a first world country is a signatory to the UN Convention on Refugees (1951) and we have a legal obligation to process such people regardless of how they arrive. Great to see such an article in the NT News. Well done.

Ron of Rapid Ck

BEAUTIFULLY stated — and backed with 90 per cent of the IQ points situated in Australia. The increasing xenophobia, racial intolerance, fascism and misrepresentation of refugees in this country is beginning to show the same undertones as certain other hideous tracts of human history. More good people need to make far more noise against the bogan roar. Otherwise, they will be inevitably louder even in a minority.

Pete of Darwin



Asylum-seekers at a camp on Christmas Island this month

BOGAN, redneck, racist, so be it, if by welcoming immigrants who settle in Australia via the proper channels, assimilate & positively contribute or by opposing those who jump the cue & expect special treatment or by wanting to ensure those who enter have been adequately scrutinised to ensure they are fit & proper, then I gladly wear these titles, even if branded so by some unrealistic warm & fuzzy dogooder. And to the spelling & gramma police, GET STUFFFED!

Clem Wheatley of Upper Lockyer QLD (formally of the NT)

YOU mean we should except all comers regardless of their race, creed & colour. OK I can buy that, then what of those that are

accepted and refuse to assimilate, don't work and turn to crime. Can we then deport them. Would seem only fair wouldn't it? Being granted residency shouldn't be a get out of jail free card. Do the right thing or piss off we surley have that right.

Lumpy @Dongara

EINSTEIN also said "nationalism is the infantile disease of humanity" — which I agree with. The most patriotic anglo-saxons brag about having relations who arrived with the first fleet — we are all boat people in one form or another. It is good to see an article written with true humanity.

Frillneck

GOOD one Kylie. I agree. The problem with bogans

against asylum seekers is they think they are better than those who haven't been blessed to live in a democratic society. Everyone has the right to live without persecution and suppression. So bogans, go live how the half are before you put your ignorant two bob in. Then when you cry out that you are hard done by pray for mercy from those with the power and resources to give it.

Mary of Tiwi

BOAT people are not actually breaking the law. In fact, Australia's law says people have the right to come here and claim asylum from the treatment they received in their own country.

Lenny of the Lake



Thank you for voicing what the majority of Australians believe



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