

IMMIGRATION

The Lesson of the Australians

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"I am tired of this nation worrying about whether we are offending some individual or their culture. Our culture has been developed over two centuries of struggles, trials and victories by millions of men and women who have sought freedom... Most Australians believe in God. This is not some Christian, right wing, political push, but a fact, because Christian men and women, on Christian principles, founded this nation, and this is clearly documented. It is certainly appropriate to display it on the walls of our schools. If God offends you, then I suggest you consider another part of the world as your new home, because God is part of our culture. This is OUR COUNTRY, OUR LAND, and OUR LIFESTYLE, and we will allow you every opportunity to enjoy all this. But once you are done complaining, whining, and griping about Our Flag, Our Pledge, Our Christian beliefs, or Our Way of Life, I highly encourage you take advantage of one other great Australian freedom, 'THE RIGHT TO LEAVE'

Who is speaking in such a way to the muslim immigrants? The worst of racists, of xenophobes, on the "fundamentalists"? These, in fact, would be the labels ready for anybody who dared to pronounce such a speech in Italy, where 45% of the Italians was accused of being xenophobe since in a poll they answered that they do not welcome the presence of foreigners.

But the speaker was Mr. John Howard, former Prime Minister of the Australian Government; he loves his country, he does not betray his homeland and his citizens, and he does not hesitate to pronounce some indisputable truths. Australia is an immense country, a whole Continent, with a surface of 7.682.300 square kilometers, and a ratio of just 2 inhabitants per square kilometer (the less populated country of the world). Its history is very short, compared to ours, since the European

colonization started at the end of the XVIII century. Notwithstanding this immense space, the natives aborigines, which at the beginnings were about 300.000 people, are now less than 40.000, and are on the verge of extinction. Looking at them, John Howard saw as in a mirror the near future of the whites, and he decided that not the smallest infringement could be allowed against our own civilization.

In Europe and in Italy we all know or perceive that this is the truth; that if we do not put a stop to the arrival of foreigners, - immediately and in an absolute and drastic way - and to the tolerance towards the customs of those who are already living here, we will soon become a People on the verge of extinction. A cultural and mental extinction long before the physical one. But we also know that, contrary to the Australian governors, our leaders - politicians, clergy, trade unions, intellectuals - are pursuing our destruction with an obstinate will. Nobody has any illusion left about this: it is self-evident. The measures taken to limit immigration are so hesitating and inadequate that they are just like blowing smoke.

If we compare the main data of Australia - size, density, history - with those of Italy, and if we compare the worries of its Prime Minister to the obsessive preaching in favor of "acceptance" of our governors, we have to laugh. Few days ago, newspapers were celebrating - with an odd exultance- the fact that in our very small territory (25 times smaller than Australia) with the help of the immigrants we reached a population of 60 millions - in front of a little more than 21 millions in Australia. Not to mention two millennia of cultural wealth, compared to which the two centuries of Australia are nothing.

Our politicians and administrators - both left and right wing - are proud of this wealth, and put it on display for tourism, one day is the music, the other day is painting. But at the same time they are working hard to destroy it. They know all too well that the conquerors - especially the Muslims who are forced to do so by their religion - always erase the memories of those who are defeated. What is pushing them (together with all the other politicians) is the project of extending their power to the whole world, passing over the heads of million peoples. The project of globalization is perverse and doomed to fail, as it is clear from the cracks which are now opening in the building of the European Union, that was the first step on this path. Nevertheless, we know that they will not stop, since no man in power ever stopped before reaching the final catastrophe.

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