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Kennedy: 'Blair is a war criminal'. Picture: Complimentary

Outrage as author likens UK to Nazi era

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A LEADING Scottish writer has been widely condemned for comparing the treatment of Muslims in Tony Blair's Britain to the treatment of Jews in Hitler's Germany.

AL Kennedy told a German newspaper that Blair is a "deranged war criminal" and that Muslims were being marked out as criminals.



The author said the situation reminded her of the Nazi era and added - in reference to the imminent handover of power at 10 Downing Street - that she had little hope "Brown is any better".

The outburst caused a storm of protest last night, with one Jewish writer rejecting Kennedy's comments as "absurd, repulsive and dangerous". Muslim groups also distanced themselves from the remarks.

Kennedy, whose work is published in German, gave a wide-ranging interview to Berliner Zeitung, an influential and respected newspaper, which was published last week.

Kennedy, who is also a part-time lecturer in creative writing at St Andrews University, discussed subjects ranging from her teaching style and motivation as a writer, before moving on to politics.

She told the paper: "When I look at the UK, it reminds me of the Nazi era. Blair is a deranged war criminal, and I have little hope that Brown is any better.

"And again, we are stigmatising one individual religious group, this time it is the Muslims. A section of our society is being marked out as criminals. That makes me angry."

Last night, Lord Janner, former president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews and international campaigner to secure compensation for Holocaust victims, said: "It's a lot of rubbish. And I say that as the joint president of the Coexistence Trust, which brings Jewish and Muslim politicians and leaders together and which I founded with Prince Hassan of Jordan. There are problems to be addressed, but there's no comparison between the situation of Muslims in Britain and Jews in Nazi Germany. It's offensive, idiotic rubbish."

Ralph Giordano, a German Jewish writer and Holocaust survivor, said: "These remarks are absurd, repulsive and dangerous... I would like to ask anyone who compares the situation in Britain to the Nazi regime: Where is their Hitler? Where is their SS? Where are the concentration camps? Where are the gas chambers? Where is the constant terror and fear of being taken away?"

"She has made light of what happened. I feel that I have been personally attacked by her."

Denis MacShane, the former Europe minister - who in 2006 chaired a committee to examine anti-Semitism in the UK - said: "These comments are childish, silly and over the top. There are more Muslims in senior positions in public life in Britain than in any other major European country. And it's rather foolish to compare the situation in Britain to the Nazis. Many Germans lived and suffered under the Nazis. She does her own argument no good at all."

Dr Mona Siddiqui, an expert in Islamic studies at Glasgow University, said: "It's a bit extreme, to say the least, to compare the two. There is no systematic effort to stigmatise and then destroy an entire people. Even where people are being stopped and searched it's not a whole group being targeted."

Osama Saeed, the Scottish spokesman for the British Association of Muslims, said: "Tony Blair is not Adolf Hitler, although some have argued that they are comparable because they both fought wars of aggression. But as far as the treatment of minorities is concerned, you can't say that we are at the stage of concentration camps, or anything like that. But one of the key lessons of the Holocaust is that demonising minorities can lead to terrible places, even if it's not official policy."

Kennedy said: "Did I say these things? I think I probably did but in the context of a much longer conversation. And I am not in any way comparing the situation to the Shoah. Of course there are no gas chambers or concentration camps. What we have right now, is not the way the Jews were being treated in 1940 or 1941, but maybe where they were around 1936."

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Comments

1. **K.Y.**, Edinburgh / 1:44am 15 Apr 2007

Surely better to ignore him as a misguided lunatic than to care too much?

2. **Richardinho** / 1:50am 15 Apr 2007

more 'fake fury'. I swear the Scotsman is turning into the Daily Sport!

3. **Comment Removed**

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4. **Guga**, Rockall / 1:57am 15 Apr 2007

I see all the unionists are springing to Blair's defence (#1, #2 and #3).

I don't reckon that anyone can argue with the man's description of Blair.

5. **Comment Removed**

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6. **Leon**, Hong Kong / 2:03am 15 Apr 2007

Points of note. Blair is a war criminal but not Hitler. His crimes need to be in the correct perspective.

AL Kennedy is a woman.

7. **Comment Removed**

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8. **Angus Lindsay**, Hong Kong / 2:38am 15 Apr 2007

#7 and before - Guga ... just who is deranged on here? No, don't get me started on the chump above you #6.

The posts #3 and #5 make sense, and for you to try to rubbish them is symptomatic of most of the rest of the garbage you post.

A L Kennedy is a soor greetin-faced crab with a political agenda which would never have seen the light of day but for her success as a writer.

9. Skirvy, Auld Reek / 2:46am 15 Apr 2007

Well I think she has blown it out of proportion. Its not like he's ethnic cleansing (Horrible term).

Yes he went into a war illegally

Yes 400,000 roughly have paid the price of his and the village idiots war.

He's not quite lining them up in the streets infont of firing squads is he?

He has committed war crimes though.

Like backing Israel and letting them use SCOTLANDS airports to transport ILLEGAL cluster bombs to drop on civillian areas.

Waging war against a country without backing of the UN.

Torturing prisoners, letting America use Britains airports to transport SUSPECTS to CIA toture camps.

Handing over prisoners to the yanks to torture in there camp in Cuba, without trial or probably even a lawyer.

So the last 2 are against the Geneva convention.

So yes Blair is a war criminal and should be tried in the Hague for war crimes, but that only happens to petty dictators or war criminals not the big boys in USA, China, Russia, UK, France or any of there allies.

10. Yane, Back o Beyond / 2:46am 15 Apr 2007

Could you please read the final paragraph of the article before ya all go beserk...

11. Not Brian Taylor / 3:16am 15 Apr 2007

#10 Yane is absolutely right. This appears to be some sh1t-stirring assisted by various rent-a-gobs such as McShane. Not that I particularly agree with Ms Kennedy, but I very much doubt the quotes come with the knowledge of having read the article.

Ask yourself this: has the journo here read the article in the original German? If not, this is waste of time and ink.

12. Leon, Hong Kong / 4:28am 15 Apr 2007

If you think that that Hitler went to the polls declaring that he was going to persecute the Jews , Gays, Communists and trade unionists you are very much mistaken. Did he tell the German people that he was intent on exterminating a whole religious group of people? Of course he didn't.

But she us right. The ground was laid to move on to these extremes by demonising these groups in society - just as the way that Muslims are demonised in the gutter press (Hootsmon included)and by the relentless demonisation of Muslims that takes place by the knuckledraggers in these posts.

For Hitler to reach his goal he had to ensure that that Jews were an identifiable seperate group of people by classifying them according particular, (nonsense) chracteristics. We are a short way away from doing that in the UK.

The attack of the woman and child in the west of Glasgow is the responsibility of everybody who atcks Muslims by identifying them all as terrorists, unwanted immigarnts that bligt (y)our society. That is her point and she is not far off the mark.

13. Wee Peter / 4:53am 15 Apr 2007

#6 point 1 I agree

point 2 - would you put money on that :-)

14. Richardinho / 4:56am 15 Apr 2007

Just a point-but i don't recall this level of outrage when gordon brown was compared to Stalin?

yes, it's a comparison probably out of proportion-but so what? blair is like a fascist in many ways. it's not the end of the world because someone makes this comparison.

15. Leon, Hong Kong / 4:57am 15 Apr 2007

No13
Typical! Bring all your prejudices to the party. You are in their right place here with all the rest of the neanderthals.

16. Dr Blockbuster aka Vince, heading for the London Book Fair / 5:01am 15 Apr 2007

Hmmm.... I have read more outlandish stories than this

BUT NOT MANY !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Trying to make a comparison to the 1930's? .. ie the Weimar Republic ... well ... there's NO COMPARISON!

17. Gandalf the Great, Slayer of Orcs / 5:01am 15 Apr 2007

I see Guga has surfaced from his mothers basement to spout his left wing mediocrity again.

Only a cretin could defend this ridiculously over-the top propoganda...step forward Guga, the worlds best example of why birth control is necessary.

18. Long Black Veil / 5:02am 15 Apr 2007

To Leon and all the other numpties who are comparing Blair, Bush and other western leaders to Hitler:

It's very depressing to see how little history you Euros/Brits learn in school. Hitler didn't persecute Jews for their religion, but rather for their race as non-Aryans, along with gypsies. Funny that your history books should have been sterilized of that fact. There's one major distinction right there. When Muslims get themselves in trouble in the West it has nothing to do with racial bigotry, but rather the more extreme expressions of their political-religious beliefs which are dangerous and incompatible with western civilization. The Jews murdered in Eastern Europe by the Germans had neither political designs or religious practices that were a threat to anyone. Their fatal flaw was that it never occurred to them that they should defend themselves against their persecutors, but it would not have done them much good if they had tried. The fact is that Muslims are not innocent victims, as they support terrorist regimes even when they live in the West--certainly not all of them, but many of them. Jews murdered in Germany and Poland were often the best-educated, most productive citizens of the countries in which they were slaughtered. The Nazis, by the way, not only persecuted groups on racial grounds, but on political grounds as well: communists, homosexuals, etc. But they also wiped out almost the entire Polish intellectual class and this is something that, for some bizarre reason, is frequently forgotten in the "euphoria" of European Union.

19. Tatties ower the side, Johannesburg / 5:23am 15 Apr 2007

This is just another example of Murdo Mcleod making up a story.

The lady spouts a lot of rubbish to a German magazine then gets quoted out of context. Nobody gives a rats ass but Murdo has to go and contact a few quotable people to show them the story to get them to provide "bon mots" for his article. Now where is the "outrage"?

20. Dragonhead, China / 5:27am 15 Apr 2007

#18 Long Black Veil A much more sensible post than anything produced by #7Guga, the terrorist puppet! All he can do, is dogmatically trot out the usual BORING tripe, which #17 Gandalf the Great, Slayer of Orcas, so rightly points out. Yet to see him post anything which 'condemns' the action of

terrorists!! There are good Muslims and bad Muslims? Then where is the MAJORITY voice of MUSLIMS, Condemning the terrorist atrocities?!! There are those who are doing it and those who are letting them do it. (Including those who do not condemn their outrages, in the name of ALLAH!) They support the terrorists by their very silence!
Before ANYONE gets on their high horse, I AM NOT ISLAMAPHOBIC!! Just ANTI- a group of individuals with the death and destruction of all that is not to their liking, and to those who passively and actively support them. IF THE CAP FITS, WEAR IT!

21. Skirvy, Auld Reek / 5:28am 15 Apr 2007

Bush, Blair can be compared to Hitler. Hitler killed lots of people so has Bush and Blair. There's a comparison.

So no matter if they have killed one or 100 million doesn't make a difference except for the numbers they are all killers and warcriminals.

So long black veil that wasn't a very clever comment to make.

Murders is murder doesn't matter how it's done or how many it is.

I hate being a westerner. Because we always think we are right, our ideology of what's good and bad is what should be the norm everywhere else. And especially the fact that because we are supposed to be a 'Democratic Country' that means our leaders can't be warcriminals.

Remember Britain and America are the cause of all the wars in the world, they may look like civilised 'democratic countries' but they supply weapons, bombs ect... for there wars all over the world which they wash their hands off.

What country supplied Saddam with chemical weapons to gas his own people? O yes Britain and America, they were meant for Iran but the nutcase used them on the Kurds.

Who supplied Osama Bin Laden with weapons to fight the Soviet Union in the 1980's? O yes America and Britain.

The West has been sh*t stirring for years. They are war criminals and are the biggest threat to humanity anywhere in the world, so don't give anyone, 'O it's funny what you Brits learn in History' p*sh. Practice what you preach, tells you an awful lot about the west.

22. Dragonhead, China / 5:29am 15 Apr 2007

The article is pure publicity!! There definitely is no such thing as BAD PUBLICITY! It titillates the jaded palate, which means it will sell well!!

23. Gandalf the Great, Slayer of Orcs / 5:36am 15 Apr 2007

Good point Dragonhead...where are all the so-called "moderate muslims" condemning the medieval practice of beheadings and suicide bombings?

Their silence is deafening, as is their complicity in the horrors they are committing on each other.

Muslims killing muslims...let them get on with it.

24. Dragonhead, China / 5:45am 15 Apr 2007

#21 Skirvy, Auld Reekie, 'I hate being a westerner' then in your own words, p*sh off and join them. Another left wing terrorist puppet! Who is pulling your strings 'wee man' with a foul mouth? Blair and Bush are war criminals when the courts say so, and not before. You call them murders! Fine. Say that openly and leave yourself open to the courts yourself puppet! FACT. The WEST you so obviously live in, but DETEST, allows 'FIFTH COLUMNISTS', like you Freedom of speech! TRY getting that in ANY MUSLIM NATION ON THE PLANET PUPPET!!!!

25. Dragonhead, China / 5:55am 15 Apr 2007

#23 Gandalf the Great, That is my point exactly. There are, to all appearances NO MODERATES!! The deafening silence is a SEAL OF APPROVAL and passive support, at the very least. How many of the so-called Muslim nations are heard condemning the atrocities? More deafening silence. WHY? At the least passive support, but still support. Anyone who still thinks it is a US/UK problem and Iraq is totally deluded! Time will tell who is right and who is wrong. My Chinese wife says it all 'YOU DON'T HAVE TO ARGUE WITH PEOPLE, WHEN YOU ARE RIGHT'. To an emasculated, divided UK, BRACE YOURSELVES, for a complete change of lifestyle. Scurvy (oops slipped out) knaves will be the least of your worries!

26. **Jim A** / 6:03am 15 Apr 2007

#12 Leon, Hi, you said "If you think that that Hitler went to the polls declaring that he was going to persecute the Jews , Gays, Communists and trade unionists you are very much mistaken. Did he tell the German people that he was intent on exterminating a whole religious group of people? Of course he didn't.

Not true I'm afraid mate, if you can get a hold of a book called Hitlers Willing Executioners by Daniel Golhagen give it a read. I just finished it today, Hitler declared his intentions towards the Jews as far back as 1926. Also while in jail where he wrote Mien Kampf he clearly states his intentions towards the Jews. Hitler never hid his antisemitism even in his public speeches right up until he was elected into office.

27. **Comment Removed**

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28. **donald**, weegieland / 6:30am 15 Apr 2007

Hitler always expected England to come to his aid - with good reason. He finally said he would take Britain's Empire from them and create a United Europe.

How many millions were killed or displaced during the years of the British Empire? We still have not recovered from the jackboot in the Highlands. Even the Hessian troops were disgusted at the British Army's repressive measures there.

29. **FJM**, UK / 7:17am 15 Apr 2007

What profoundly moronic comments by Kennedy. Where is the comparable evidence to support this assertion? "What we have right now, is not the way the Jews were being treated in 1940 or 1941, but maybe where they were around 1936".

Does she really understand how Jews were treated in late 30's Nazi Germany? I hope not! - Pogroms, systematic destruction of places of worship, destruction of Jewish businesses, no prosecution of those identified as responsible, exclusion of Jews from professions (medical, academic, military etc), no rights of inheritance, removal of contractual obligations (i.e. insurance claims) based on Jewish ethnicity, prohibition of non-Jews marrying Jews, offensive state sponsored propaganda, etc etc.

These types of comments from the moronic left should not be allowed to pass. I am not Jewish myself, but would find these comments/comparisons deeply offensive if I were. She should not confuse/mix her political prejudices with the sad realities of European history.

30. **Encephalon** / 7:32am 15 Apr 2007

Who or what is Al Kennedy-who cares what she/he thinks?

31. **Boy Wonder** / 8:56am 15 Apr 2007

A LEADING Scottish writer??? I don't think so. The Scotsman (as usual) likes to use lines like that to make out people are better known than they actually are.

Alison Louise Kennedy (from Dundee, but lives in Glasgow) is a Scottish writer of novels, short stories and non-fiction.

She's something akin to Rankin, but not with his contacts in the Scotsman obviously!

This is simply a case of yet another author pontificating on society and its ills as she sees it. It's not necessarily right, just her view!

The problem is she (like Rankin) has a number of books published that have sold moderately well and therefore thinks that makes her (like Rankin) an expert on everything! Irvine Welsh does it too. So does Alexander McCall Smith. And because writers deal with the printed word and were (for the most part) probably former journos, they know how to get themselves into the papers and noticed.

It's all just self-aggrandisement. Best to ignore them and boycott their books and future writing.

32. **William of Liberton** / 9:01am 15 Apr 2007

"Blair is a deranged war criminal..."

Nobody can disagree with that.

33. **jennie**, inverness / 9:08am 15 Apr 2007

Calm down dears.... She said that she "was reminded of", not that the situation was identical. I too am reminded of early 1930s Germany when I see the UK response to immigrants and asylum seekers - who are subject to dawn raids, held in camps, and treated in a way that is constantly shocking and constantly reminiscent of another era.

Coincidentally, I was reading Primo Levi's "If This Is A Man" last night, and there was a sentence in his Preface that leaped off the page - "Many people - many nations- can find themselves holding, more or less wittingly, that 'every stranger is an enemy'." If that doesn't describe the current government attitude to immigrants and asylum seekers, what does?

For those of you who don't know the book - and by the tenor of the above remarks, that's quite a few - Levi was one of the few survivors of Auschwitz. Read the book. Read also Judith Kerr's remarkable, highly readable "When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit", a fictionalised but autobiographical book about her family's escape from Germany in 1933. You may then be more fully reminded of what Kennedy is talking about.

34. **Porry**, Lower Saxony / 9:09am 15 Apr 2007

Nobody can take Al Kennedy seriously. She is a disgrace to St. Andrews and all of Scotland. #18, Long Black Veil, is absolutely right but for one remark: What does the past have to do with the European Union?

35. **Reivernot**, Carlisle / 9:11am 15 Apr 2007

There is a huge sense in which we are all subjected to a New Labour fascism. However the treatment of muslims cannot yet be described as a holocaust.

36. **Wini**, England / 9:14am 15 Apr 2007

4. Guga

We can and do.

37. **AM2**, Glasgow / 9:23am 15 Apr 2007

#32 William said:

""Blair is a deranged war criminal..." Nobody can disagree with that."

Oh dear.

Many people harbour doubts that the exact wording of UNSC resolutions 1441 and 678 did in fact provide a legal basis for the Iraq war.

Many people either regarded at the time or have subsequently come to regard the launching of the Iraq war as a ghastly misjudgement.

But very few people extrapolate from those kinds of concerns to call Blair a "deranged war criminal". That type of language is generally restricted to the militant Left, those who believe every conspiracy theory they read on the internet - and a disturbing number of Scottish nationalists.

38. Wini, England / 9:26am 15 Apr 2007

Does MURDO MACLEOD comment under the names of 'bill england' and 'Toast' we wonder. Same hysterical slanders.

Some awkward questions for you Murdo alias Toast the toad (bill) as follows;

What lies has Blair told?

What crimes has Blair committed?

Why is he responsible for the killings and not the killers - the terrorists

Why do comments above refer to 'a woman'. Murdo looks like a young - too young - man.

39. Cadgers, Perth / 9:31am 15 Apr 2007

Hitler did not persecute the Jews because they were Jews he did so because they had the money and he wanted it. He thought he was never wrong, no matter what anyone said. He surrounded himself by yes men or those happy to be along for the ride.

Now, who does this describe in modern times?

40. AM2, Glasgow / 9:33am 15 Apr 2007

#38 Wini

Murdo is the journalist. Al is the woman in the picture.

41. Kenny A, Scotland / 9:37am 15 Apr 2007

This Kennedy woman is a total moron, who has disgraced the memory of those killed by the Nazi's with a ridicolus comparrison with a non existant situation.

As for being a leading author I have never heard of the creature, and certainly will not be rushing out to buy her works.

#38 Wini

Read the papers and find out answers to questions you asked. And I doubt the photo is any form of Murdo.

42. Wini, England / 9:39am 15 Apr 2007

OK I admit it... it is not difficult to confuse me!

43. XL, Rotterdam / 9:41am 15 Apr 2007

Read the interview here: <http://www.berlinonline.de/berliner-zeitung/archiv/.bin/d...>

[\http://www.berlinonline.de/berliner-zeitung/archiv/.bin/dump.fcgi/2007/0411/feuilleton/0008/index.htm

44. Wini, England / 9:42am 15 Apr 2007

41. Kenny A

I have, and there are not any. Just a lot of hysterical slanders by Thatcher Tories.

Do you have the answers?

45. **AM2**, Glasgow / 9:45am 15 Apr 2007

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AL_Kennedy [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AL_Kennedy] (Col.Blimp?)

I took "AL Kennedy" to be a caps lock slip. Seems it's Alison Louise.

46. **Media 1**, cape town and stockbridge / 9:54am 15 Apr 2007

hahaha! What a laugh this article is..Quite a paradox as well. Since the holocaust did not happen to the extent that we are told that it did, we can only assume that the Muslim people in Britain are not treated as badly as she says they are. FABRICATION springs to mind..

Mind you, I bet the Muslims in the UK have more freedoms, rights and a better standard of life than British people are offered in some of these archaic backwater muslim states. Or not?

47. **Mark j**, expat returned / 9:56am 15 Apr 2007

3, 5 you are right but human inhumanity to man..

Not 6 million but 9-11 million. Everyone quotes the number of JEWS. Yes They were the main target or the holocaust. 3-5 million more were exterminated.

To only quote the amount of one segment of this entire atrocity isnt accurate nor respectful to the memories of others who were victims of this particular time of tyranny.

Jews were not the only group. Gypsies, communists and other politicians, jehovah witnesses and homosexuals were targetted as well as their friends and relations.

Even victims had their caste system politics, jehovah witnesses, then gypsies the most reviled were the homosexuals. Once liberated they were the only group who's total number is hidden because so many grabbed another symbol a star of david, red or black triangle were preferable over a pink triangle. Homosexuals were not liberated by British, American and Russians - they were further persecuted, placed in mental asylums, and many committed suicide.

April 30th the UK, finally has anti discrimination laws pertaining to sexuality.

'.. a man's a man for a that.. '-Burns

when will we be brothers in our humanity?

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48. **Kenny A**, Scotland / 10:02am 15 Apr 2007

Wini

Blair is a politician so lies drip from him on a regular basis, part of the job I suppose. Very unusual thing an honest politician.

Cash for honours is a crime I believe under the 1925 regulations.

Responsible for killings, pretty obvious really he sent the military in to Iraq and Afganistan. You do not need to be the person wielding the knife to be responsible for ordering killings.

I will watch out with interest as to what happens to him after he steps down from his present position where he enjoys a measure of protection that ordinary people do not get.

Not all the answers, I am not omnipotent or particularly clever but I can spot a crook, and Blair is one I am afraid.

49. Comment Removed

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50. jennifer / 10:15am 15 Apr 2007

Vitriolic talk gives no-one or subject any credit.

A.L.Kennedy is too young to be reminded of anything in world war 2. I don't believe [at the time] she was even a gleam in her parents eye. However she can as anyone can [with objectivity] see connections, as there are in all matters of strife.

I know, this is all very pompous, but never claimed to be perfect.

51. Eric D, Glasgow / 10:22am 15 Apr 2007

What a complete half-wit!. In the old days, they used to take this sort out into town square and horse whipped them.

If she feels so strongly about their predicament she should emigrate to Saudi Arabia or some other and see how well they are treated in their own countries - she wouldn't even be able to write her piece. Muslims are not being marked out as criminals, but a good number of them are under suspicion- 2000 in fact are being hunted down by the security forces, hell bent in creating mayhem and destruction. Two years ago it was Muslims that killed 52 and injured 800 in a wanton act of destruction. Not one Muslim group stood up and denounced them. The following poll revealed over half supported the action. It's about time people stopped apologising for them. The Muslims need to take a good look at themselves and ask themselves

whether they want to be part of the problem or part of the solution.

52. Host, Liverpool / 10:42am 15 Apr 2007

Most comments here scare me a lot. Many insinuate that when Muslims are silent, then they are "accessories" to terror. But when most Britons and "Yankees" are silent about the war and deaths in Iraq and treatment of prisoners at Abu Graib and Guantanamo Bay, they are said to be civilised people. We don't need being reminded that the UN Secretary General Kofi Anan declared the war in Iraq illegal; that the UN Human Rights Commission and most international human rights organisations declared Guantanamo Bay as illegal and exposed the human rights being infringed upon there. These do not matter to us westerners and we can never be "accessories" to crimes and human rights violations. Somebody said in earlier posting that we westerners are always right, others must be wrong. It is easy to see the lice and ticks on somebody's head, but how difficult it is to discern the lice on your own head. The people who lived with Hitler never saw anything wrong in what he was doing just like we westerners are blinded towards the atrocities of our leaders now. And who says another monumental genocide (no matter the reason for it) against the Muslims among us is far fetched? It will happen in our life time if we continue to adopt this "we are right, they are wrong" mentality.

Tara.

53. Kenny A, Scotland / 10:46am 15 Apr 2007

#49

Though art truly a numpty, not seen anyone in a gutter for many a year, and where on earth is paddyjames located, seems to have escaped my atlas.

#51 Spot on, saying that know a few Muslims who are decent and have mixed views on the present situation. It can be a shock to hear a person you have known for years to become twisted and radicalised.

Th whole world is going down the tubes by the look of it.

#49 Still a numpty

54. shacks, australia / 10:50am 15 Apr 2007

as far as i am concerened this person should be sent to Zimbabwe and live among the people that oppose the dick (sic) that runs the show

55. Paddyjames13, paddyjames / 11:02am 15 Apr 2007

This woman lives in a country which has the murder capital of Europe. Small children are attacked for wearing England shirts, and gangs of drunks (ie most of the population) rape people and their babies for being foreign. The US is such a poisonous country because it was founded by Ulster Scots and most of the problems in Ireland were caused by Scots. In England Scots are either literally lying in gutters drunk, living off handouts from the English (like they do when they are in Scotland) or are the patrician rulers whining about how oppressed (and not drunk) they are.

Blair is Scottish and the fact that he supposedly hates the Scots is proof enough; they hate each other more than they even hate foreigners. Most of the serial killers and paedophiles in England were also Scots. If there is an unpleasant tendency in humanity to scapegoat, let us at least choose a deserving target. The Scots.

56. Grumbleguts, UK / 11:05am 15 Apr 2007

#12 - Leon Hong Kong -

yours is one of the only sensible posts so far.

The UK situation regarding Muslims mirrors early 1930's Germany in so many ways - I know of what I speak.

The ignorance of facts of Hitler's rise of so many posters on this board, and their total failure to grasp what this writer is saying, disheartens me beyond measure.

They are exactly the sort of people who were easily recruited by the Nazis to subscribe to, and take part in, the holocaust.

This writer AL Kelly is reading the warning signs.

I believe a holocaust could happen again - here - within the next ten years.

I am already making preparations to move on.

(and I am not a Muslim)

57. Paddyjames13, Ireland / 11:06am 15 Apr 2007

Kenny A, what have I said that isn't true? Scots effectively rule England but spend much time whining about having the country taken from them. You do understand your failed colonialism bankrupted your 'nation' so you went to England to bail you out?

58. jennifer / 11:12am 15 Apr 2007

Paddyjames#55 Peace and love to you to.

59. Borderman, Borders / 11:14am 15 Apr 2007

Dragonhead, Gandalf the Great, you really are a couple of comic-book warriors.

In reference to Guga "Yet to see him post anything which 'condemns' the action of terrorists!!"

That about sums up your position. Unless we foam at the mouth with indignation in every post, we must be for the terrorists. Our silence gives us away. You'd make a couple of good witch-finders. As I mentioned in another thread yesterday, your rhetoric is similar to the extremists you say you despise. Just as the rantings of extremist Mullahs gives validation to brainwashable young muslims, your own position encourages the feeble-minded to believe it's right to attack Muslim women in the streets.

When us "year of the sheep" moderates get round to hunting down the extremists, just be sure your warrior costumes don't get mistaken for the real thing.

60. Chikderic, Inverness / 11:16am 15 Apr 2007

If there is any ethnic cleansing in Britain it is of the white working class from so many areas of English cities and, if we continue to elect the present crop of main stream politicians, and from

Scottish cities. Just read the Koran and the history of Islam to find out what is the fate of 'non-believers' when certain sects of Moslems get the whip hand. If Kennedy is so fond of Moslems, then she can emigrate to the prest Moslem state : Saudi Arabia. Then I'll be interested to find out what she'll then be free to write.

61. Chikderic, Inverness / 11:18am 15 Apr 2007

#60 'prest' should be 'purest'. By the way. as late as 1925 the Wahhabi sect, stull in power, was still raiding caravns of pilgrims to Mecca to get slaves!

62. Comment Removed

This comment has been removed by a moderator.

63. Kenny A, Scotland / 11:46am 15 Apr 2007

#57 Paddyjames

Take it you are refering to the Darien carry on in Panama.

Very small minority of Scots involved in that and you are correct they ran to England to get their money back, against the wishes of the majority, riots in several cities about the whole thing. Also England effectivly blocked the venture and the Spanish in the region were not welcoming Scots with open arms either.

The truth of the situation is that while there are a great many drunk scots about they are a minority, albeit a large one.

Steriotyping people is usualy inaccurate, eg all highlanders are 6'7 with ginger hair. Cant say I know many of them.

While I cannot disagree about the existance of whining Scots, they are again a minority. If Scotland is as bleak a place as you make out why are so many people moving here for a better quality of life.

Why not look at the opposit of what you have been on about, rather than the drunks which you belive inhabit the place, look at the Hard working, church going, God fearing types. Again a steriotype but just as real as the ones you are talking about.

Got to agree the colonisation effort was a disaster though so not totally in disagreement.

64. Leon, Hong Kong / 11:48am 15 Apr 2007

Number 26

Hitler never said, either in Mein Kamph, or in any of his speeches that the NSP would set up concentration camps, exterminate Jews, or imprison Gays or Gypsies. He blamed the Jews for the worst excesses of the economic madnes that blighted inter war Germany, linking them directly with the greatest evil of all, Bolshevism.

Thats the point. His anti sematism was never in doubt he just created a hysteria that he acted on when he had power.

That hysteria is being created now, against Muslims as witness the nonsense that is spouted in these posts. (number 61)

Every time you make a post of this nature you play into the hands of facists and racists like post 61. Every time you jump on the bandwagon you give reason to the people who attcked that women and her child.

65. Kenny A, Scotland / 11:48am 15 Apr 2007

#60

Dont think she will be writing much mate.

66. Hungry Joe / 11:49am 15 Apr 2007

Chikderik, try substituting "jews" or "blacks" for "Muslims" in your post #60 and see if you are still comfortable with it. Then you may start to understand why the lesson of the Holocaust is for us all to be forever vigilant against something like that ever happening here. It starts off small and then grows like a cancer in society. One correspondent states that this woman should be horsewhipped for expressing her views. Need I say more?

67. Itchy / 11:50am 15 Apr 2007

#12 "But she us right. The ground was laid to move on to these extremes by demonising these groups in society - just as the way that Muslims are demonised in the gutter press (Hootsmon included)and by the relentless demonisation of Muslims that takes place by the knuckledraggers in these posts."

Muslims demonised? They are pandered to by everyone in authority. They are the ones who want theocratic sharia law and they are the ones who treat their women horribly. They were the ones who threatened London and Denmark with bombing and cheered the 7/7 bombers over a series of cartoons which they had not even seen themselves.

68. Itchy / 11:53am 15 Apr 2007

56.

The ignorance of facts of Hitler's rise of so many posters on this board, and their total failure to grasp what this writer is saying, disheartens me beyond measure.

They are exactly the sort of people who were easily recruited by the Nazis to subscribe to, and take part in, the holocaust.

This writer AL Kelly is reading the warning signs.

I believe a holocaust could happen again - here - within the next ten years.

I am already making preparations to move on.
(and I am not a Muslim)"

If there is another holocaust then it will be Muslims who carry it out. Mahmoud Ahmedinijad of Iran is a good candidate to start it off as he has already denied the Holocaust and has threatened to wipe Israel off the map

69. Host, Liverpool / 11:54am 15 Apr 2007

Kenny A (61) is a one of the modern day Nazis, if am wrong let him say so.

70. Paddyjames13, Ireland / 12:01pm 15 Apr 2007

All the George Galloway, self-hating guilty white liberals types know the truth, West is best, our civilisation is superior to their tribal one. When a BNP demagogue can open a brothel and lap dancing bar selling pork ribs, employing local muslim girls, which ratepayers of Lahore pay to support, then there will be parity.

The professed aim of the islamo-fascists is the destruction of human rights; everytime any of them are caught they demand their human rights. Even they don't take the cant they spout seriously. It's a shame that 'liberals' do.

Even under the Nazis the jewish population didn't murder innocents, especially not for such trivial reasons as objecting to female or gay freedom of expression. During the Cold War privileged show offs used to venerate Stalin and the Soviet system. Now they pretend clan-based savagery, with a smattering of 'Islam' allows a value set which is almost Nazism (without the nudism). If indigenous white working class men spouted what Mohameddands do, liberals would hate them. Add a brown skin and a specious religion and they love it!

71. Devatipan / 12:03pm 15 Apr 2007

Al Kenney is an idiot.

72. Borderman, Borders / 12:09pm 15 Apr 2007

#46 "What a laugh this article is."

I thought so too. But don't worry. Next week it will be balanced with report headlined "Media 1 denies the holocaust. Agrees with Ahmadinejad."

73. **El Sabio**, South Africa / 12:15pm 15 Apr 2007

We have now entered the 21st century crusade.

What I would like to know is who is Richard the Lion Hearted - Blair or Bush? Also, who is Saladin - Ahmedinajad or Al Sadr?

74. **Jonboy** / 12:19pm 15 Apr 2007

To even suggest Blair could be compared with Adolph Hitler is just about the most insulting comment I have ever read.

Insulting to Hitler - that is.....

75. **Kenny A**, Scotland / 12:20pm 15 Apr 2007

~69 Host

Not a nazi
Not a racist

Not a member of any particular organisation so I can tell you, you are wrong, also read your earlier post #52, in greater detail and feel you have the wrong end of the stick on a number of matters.

Feel you are not looking at things particularly objectively, you mentioned genocide but omitted Jihad, which is in practice the same thing, look at Sudan for example.

Over to you.

76. **Kenny A**, Scotland / 12:23pm 15 Apr 2007

#59

Year of the Golden Pig, I think.

77. **Paddyjames13**, Ireland / 12:30pm 15 Apr 2007

#63 Kenny A. OK, I shouldn't match the trite statements of others with my own ones. However all 'nations' do have a fantasy of what they think it means to be part of their 'race' and they are usually very wrong. For that reason they ought to be challenged. You cannot deny that Scotland has the highest murder rate in the developed world. It also has the highest level of drug addiction. Aren't these issues the first thing anyone in Scotland should be addressing, not UK/US foreign policy?

Regarding why would anyone go there, it's one of the most beautiful places in the world, many people are incredibly welcoming, the standard of education is very high and the welfare provision is good.

Sadly lots of people will be leaving England as they want to go to a 'whiter' country, just like some go to Spain, New Zealand and Australia. It's for the Scots to build on their many positives and to remedy the aberrations listed. Why worry about England and the rest of the world?

78. **Sedov**, scotland / 12:32pm 15 Apr 2007

Whilst I agree with Al's general point about the State demonising Muslims for its own reasons, it is important to be more accurate in your analysis otherwise you stand accused of being over the top and the effect of your statement is lessened. For example we have not (yet) a police state in Britain or a fascist state as the ultra-lefts often claim. To change for the better we must have a clear understanding of the class nature of the British state. (sermon over)

79. Neil, 9% Growth Party / 12:41pm 15 Apr 2007

He is hardly the first to describe Blair as a war criminal. Hardly anybody denies that that is legally true.

80. Rabhairt, Cannons Creek ,Australia / 12:46pm 15 Apr 2007

I am dissapointed that the Scotsman even bothered to report this, please all thinking people , don't react to this cheap way of gaining publicity.

81. Crewedaddy, Relocating / 12:50pm 15 Apr 2007

Foolish, insulting and sensationalist. Now wait until some sectarian hothead seizes upon this and builds it out of proportion. This is nothing like depression era Germany: there has been no equivalent of Kristallnacht in Britain, not even in Oldham, and to liken Blair or even Bush to Hitler is just downright ridiculous. How can it "remind" her of an era she never experienced first hand? She's never experienced the fear of not knowing when she was going to be beaten up or killed, wondering whether those footsteps outside her door were coming to take her children or to put a bullet through her head just for existing. And if she had, she would be embarrassed by her comparison. Muslims can still walk our streets and set up in business and there is no attempt at a mass exodus or any Oskar Schindlers about smuggling folk out. Muslims still want to come to these shores for heavens' sake!

While there has been some demonisation of Muslims in the media this has come about solely because of terrorist atrocities committed in the name of Islam and without any consideration of the sanctity of life or capacity to reason; nothing else. The perpetrators of these acts should be subject of her ire, I wonder how she'd fare against them when their only goal is glorious oblivion? The media's is an almost understandable knee-jerk reaction and not representative at all. It feeds prejudice in the same way she's doing. Most right thinking people realise these acts are as relevant to Islam as a whole as the atrocities committed in the name of Protestantism or Roman Catholicism in Northern Ireland were to Christianity.

Were this woman to appear on a forum she would be denigrated as a flamer and kicked off. Using emotive language such as "deranged" is pointless, has she ever met anyone who was deranged, I wonder? She's a lecturer in creative writing at St Andrews and it looks like this is one of her exercises. Deny these self-serving idiots air time and we'd all get along just nicely. More or less. No, I'm not an apologist for the war, I just can't abide ill-informed chattering class hand-wringing intellectuals. As has probably been pointed out elsewhere, she too would almost certainly have been a victim of Nazism with her books being burnt whereas in this country she's free to write what she likes, however ridiculous.

82. Itchy / 12:57pm 15 Apr 2007

#78 "Whilst I agree with Al's general point about the State demonising Muslims for its own reasons"

Who, in government, has demonised muslims?

83. Chikderic, Inverness / 1:07pm 15 Apr 2007

#66 I am not aware that either the Jews or the Blacks have a holy book which explicitly several times tells them to kill everyone who does not believe as they do. The Moslems have such a book. Critics of appeasement of Hitler often comment that there were warnings in his writings of what was to come (not true in fact, nowhere does Hitler explicitly state he intends to kill the Jews). But when it is pointed out to our liberal elite the words of the Koran they ignore them. In a Moslem theocratic state it is our liberal elite who probably be the first to be killed, as the working class could serve usefully as slaves before they are killed. Don't forget that Arab Moslems are still enslaving blacks, Moslems and non-Moslems, in Sudan at present.

84. Dragonhead, China / 1:07pm 15 Apr 2007

No one needs to demonise the Muslims, they are doing a darned good job without any help from anyone else! As for the Government they are bending over backwards so far not to 'upset them' it is

obscene. John Howard has more 'balls' than all the politicians in UK put together. His stance on immigrants, is the policy the UK should have adopted. Chance long gone now unfortunately. YOU can't please everyone, but it would be nice if they started pleasing by preserving their character and lifestyle before that of late comers who want to change it to 'their way', and the Muslims do! population first!

85. Frodo the Scot, middle earth / 1:29pm 15 Apr 2007

WHY do these cretons always seem to get the headlines. Is just to sell rags like this one?. This witch should stick to playing with her dollies.

86. Crewedaddy, Relocating / 1:37pm 15 Apr 2007

#83, that is rather fallacious. Every religious tome, and The Bible probably more than any, has been revised and re-interpreted by any group wanting "right" on their side. The KKK and the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa immediately spring to mind alongside the notion of opposing sides invoking god's blessing before going into battle. Maybe a Muslim would help me on this but is it not a requirement that Arabic is learned so that the Koran can be understood in the language it was written to try and avoid misinterpretation? Hasn't really worked if that's the case

I find religion far scarier than politics.

87. The Bias Police, Heading up the M74 / 1:43pm 15 Apr 2007

Who is Al Kennedy?

88. John Cochrane, Edinburgh / 1:43pm 15 Apr 2007

The author, has raised some good issues, in her contention, that Muslims are being treated very badly in Britain. I am sure that ordinary German people shared a dislike of prosperous Jews with the Nazis. The tone of racism in many of the posted comments on this site is obvious to even the most naive reader!

89. Kenny A, Scotland / 1:48pm 15 Apr 2007

#77 Paddy

Curious as to where you got the stats for highest murder rate in developed world from, US and South Africa much higher per head of population. England also a good bit higher than Scotland.

Parts of Scotland until recently did not have a recorded murder in over a century, not saying it did not happen, but I feel that the North especially is one of the safest places to live and bring up a family that can be found.

Your comment regarding drugs I cannot fault, it is a real issue and depresses me considerably as an individual. A massive problem and one that will just get worse.

Regarding the main topic of the board I think people are losing the thread as much as the Kennedy woman, we live in a fairly multi cultural world and it is not impossible to get along with your neighbours regardless of where they are from. The views of a couple of people expressing an imminent belief in genocide I feel are over the top.

I however agree with the sentiments expressed by Dragon head barring the last couple of words which I cannot figure.

As for the heading for a "whiter" country, tend to get a big tan when I go to these places myself. Do not believe there is such a thing.

90. Chikderic, Inverness / 1:55pm 15 Apr 2007

#86 Although there are some very nasty events described and sentiments expressed in the Old testament, I am not aware of any direct continuing instructions to murder non-believers in either testament of the Bible. The Koran contains such instructions and the history of Islam shows that

certain strands within that religion have taken, and are taking, these seriously. Did you see the Dispatches programme on Channel 4 recently, there were opinions expressed there which, if expressed by anyone else, would have led to prosecution. Or did you see the demonstrators in London last year calling for the GENOCIDE of the Danish people whilst guarded by the police? (Other people are persecuted for stating that genocide did not happen in the Third Reich!) Or did you read about the Islamic school in London using a text book explicitly calling Jews and Christians pigs and monkeys. Far from the Moslems being persecuted in Britain they have a privileged position of being allowed a freedom to engage in hate speech unimaginable for any other group.

91. Kenny A, Scotland / 2:10pm 15 Apr 2007

Sadly I find I am in agreement with you on this one.

92. Masque / 2:11pm 15 Apr 2007

#87. That was answered way back by post #31. Boy Wonder.

Then it looks like AM2 thinks he discovered that for himself in post #45.

Poster #56 thinks her name is AL Kelly. As does #68.

Poster #71 seems to think it's A Kenney.

Do you people never READ the articles and posts??

93. Tom MacFarlane, Blackpool, UK / 2:12pm 15 Apr 2007

No gas chambers, no concentration camps, no gestapo, no SS, no Adolf, not even a Kristelnacht.

But the road to Auschwitz begins with the first step.

And what ought to be worrying us is the treatment accorded to refugees from the ongoing 'ethnic cleansing' in Darfur.

The news that the Home Office subjects refugees from Darfur to interviews with people from the Sudanese Embassy ought to be a matter of the utmost national shame:

<http://news.independent.co.uk/uk/politics/article2444456.ece>
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Al Kennedy should refocus her attacks on to the Home Office.

94. Frodo the Scot, middle earth / 2:24pm 15 Apr 2007

The picture in the story, isnt there a bone missing?

95. FreeAethist, Australia via Scotland / 2:25pm 15 Apr 2007

Perhaps Al should try living in a non-democratic theocracy (perhaps Iran?) as a free, independent woman.... might change her mind about the notion of demonising and persecution. Or she could try to wear a crucifix in Saudi Arabia- very enlightened place that one! She would certainly be attacked.

The problem is that where ever a Muslim population exists, that nation is considered to be part of the ummah, and all Muslims have the duty to work towards integrating it with the rest. So, how do you fancy Britain as a Muslim state?

The debate should focus on ways to integrate Muslims into our liberal democracies- if they don't want to do this they need to find pre-existing theocracies to live in and not threaten our way of life. It may be distasteful for them to witness our 'decadence' but no-one asked them to stay.

Here in Australia we have a half-wit iman who thinks Western women ask to be raped, that he is more Australian than the convicts who settled this country, and who openly supports 'the struggle'. Interesting to see where the intolerance and prejudice of Muslims will take Aus in the future-

probably down the same path as Britain. And usually decent law abiding people will probably react in similar ways when they feel their concerns are not being taken seriously by self-serving politicians.

96. BenDover / 2:27pm 15 Apr 2007

She's a munter all right

97. FreeAethist, Australia via Scotland / 2:29pm 15 Apr 2007

Hi #93 Don't forget, the UN says it isn't genocide (US and rest of Western world disagrees..), and it is actually Muslim militias who are doing most of the terrorising, raping, killing etc. So, don't just have a go at the home office- why are Muslim groups and nations not trying to stop the killings? Oh- I forgot... it is only the indigenous (African) population being done over. And once they are dealt with, the Muslim world has another country in its collection.... On to Ethiopia.... etc etc.

98. Faye, Scotland / 2:30pm 15 Apr 2007

Looks as though Kennedy wants some publicity to sell some of his books.

99. Calum Crubag / 2:31pm 15 Apr 2007

Blair is a war criminal and the treatment of all asylum seekers, regardless of religion, has been appalling.

However, I don't wish to live under Islamic fascism. We've spent years getting rid of the influence, more or less, of Christian heidbangers in Scotland. We don't want a new set of superstitious bigots enforcing their myths on us.

Maybe an independent Scotland can look to the future and not be blinded by religion or by racial prejudice.

100. Kenny A, Scotland / 2:56pm 15 Apr 2007

#99

As a bit of a Christian heidbanger myself (part time), I regret the loss of influence of the church.

Not overly superstitious and certainly not bigoted, you wont find me marching with the Orangemen in Inverness.

The notorious Prof MacLeod of the Free Church has also been advocating integration for all aspects of the community, especially new commers and people from foreign lands, who should be made welcom.

I also do not wish to live in an Islamic culture so I dont, but where is the comparrison with the established church coming from. I know some of the hard core Free ones do not regard Catholics for example as christians but I have also seen them show generosity to all manner of people regardless of where they are from and what faith they follow.

Scotland like it or not has a strong history of Christianity which in many ways is the backbone of the nation. Ignore this or take it away and you lessen all we are and what people before us have done.

Apart from that Calum the Crab, your post was OK.

101. Bill Warner, Florida and the World / 3:00pm 15 Apr 2007

The Jews did not send suicide bombers into the heart of downtown London, Islamic clerics did.

The Jews did not fly planes into the WTC in NYC, radical Islamic fanatics did.

The Jews did not blow up early morning trains in Madrid, Muslim terrorists from Morocco did.

The Jews did not send 3 suicide bombers into the business district of Algiers and kill 33 people, members of a radical Muslim terror group led by Amer Azizi a graduate of the M-30 Mosque in Madrid did.

Radical Muslim fanatics fueled by hate delivered from deranged Islamic Clerics, especially in the UK, and around the World have created this atmosphere of fear, that is their objective !

Bill Warner
Terrorism Research Ctr.
www.wbipi.com [<http://www.wbipi.com>]

102. Robert McGregor, Wales / 3:14pm 15 Apr 2007

I'd like to know what this woman drinks.....I want a crate of it.

103. Neil, 9% Growth Party / 3:25pm 15 Apr 2007

Chickderic 90

" I am not aware of any direct continuing instructions to murder non-believers in either teatment of the Bible"

In the Old testament God instructs that Amaelites (a nearby tribe) be killed, that their women be killed & that their children be picked up by th ankles & brains dashed against rocks.

In the New we are assured in Revelation that, after the fall of Rome, God will provide "rivers of blood to the horse's bridle" for the chosen to ride through.

Virtually all monotheistic religions have such hateful stuff.

104. Chairman Gordon, the real world / 3:40pm 15 Apr 2007

#19-
How do you quote rubbish out of context? The sad thing is this cretin is allowed to lecture at St Andrews-so what are her students like?

105. Texie baby, Texas, U.S. / 3:43pm 15 Apr 2007

Is this guy for real?! People will do anything for 15 mins. of fame!! I think mister Al Kennedy needs to go fight in Irag and find out what it is all about! Easy speak for someone that sits in a safe country and runs his head!

106. Kenny A, Scotland / 3:49pm 15 Apr 2007

#105

Texie Baby

AL is actualy a woman, perhaps one showing the first signs of imminent demonic possession but still technicaly a female of the species.

Sorry about that.

107. Borderman, Borders / 4:04pm 15 Apr 2007

About my comment at #72. I'd like to apolgise to Media 1. Although my comment was meant humorously, I completely misread his post at #46.

108. OHTHERE, USA / 4:10pm 15 Apr 2007

Ms Kennedy, the USA ,Europe and other Christian nations should deport these Muslim infidels back to the middle -east.

They will never , never, never be accepted by anyone but a fool.

Let the light of truth unveil these lairs for what they really are. Islam should feel the sword of

Christendom if it does not return back to the sands of the middle-east . I say bring back the Crusades and let it begin in each and every Christian Nation around the world.No more turning the other cheek! The time has come for 'Lock and Load'

Ms Kennedy were you aware of these facts?This is the politics of the "religion of peace".

Islam does not acknowledge the equality of all humans. There are three types of people : men, women and infidels.

Women are worth half a Muslim man. As proof, the Quran states that a woman may only receive half the inheritance due to a man, and her testimony in court is worth that of half a man. She may not hold most jobs, even in "liberal" Islamic countries. In Iran, the worth of a man's life is equal to the market value of 100 camels or 200 cows and that of a woman is equal to half of the man's, 50 camels or 100 cows. Women cannot vote.

Non-Muslims are worth nothing. A Muslim man may commit any crime against a non-Muslim with impunity, even murder.

Believers in Allah are the best people in the world : "Ye are the best of peoples, evolved for mankind, enjoining what is right, forbidding what is wrong, and believing in Allah." Quran 003.110

"If anyone desires a religion other than Islam, never will it be accepted of him;" Quran 003.085

"O ye who believe! take not for protectors your fathers and your brothers if they love infidelity above Faith: if any of you do so, they do wrong." Quran 009.023

"Fight those who believe not in Allah nor the Last Day, nor hold that forbidden which hath been forbidden by Allah and His Messenger, nor acknowledge the religion of Truth, of the People of the Book, until they pay the Jizya with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued." Quran 009.029 (Jizya : tribute)

"The punishment of those who wage war against Allah and His Messenger, and strive with might and main for mischief through the land is: execution, or crucifixion, or the cutting off of hands and feet from opposite sides, or exile from the land: that is their disgrace in this world, and a heavy punishment is theirs in the Hereafter;" Quran 005.033

"They but wish that ye should reject Faith, as they do, and thus be on the same footing : But take not friends from their ranks until they flee in the way of Allah. But if they turn renegades, seize them and slay them wherever ye find them; and take no friends or helpers from their ranks;" Quran 004.089

There is no such thing as separation of the church and state, or between the state and morality, in Isl

109. **ia**in, edinburgh / 4:11pm 15 Apr 2007

The truth is that we are ALL paying a high and growing cost for the very existence of Israel.We-the US, Israel and the 'west' had their chance to sort things out in the 90's after the collapse of communism but we blew it.

110. **historypeople**, edinburgh / 4:14pm 15 Apr 2007

Alison Kennedy is one of the most gifted writers of her generation and has been recognised internationally as such on many occasions.

I'm surprised that so many BNP types are now reading the Scotsman. Was it always like this?

111. **Borderman**, Borders / 4:42pm 15 Apr 2007

#90 "Or did you see the demonstrators in London last year calling for the GENOCIDE of the Danish people whilst guarded by the police?"

Yes. If it wasn't so serious, some of the banners could have been from a Monty Python sketch. "Behead those who insult Islam."

But people were arrested and found guilty of encouraging people to commit murder. And the police didn't resort to wading in with truncheons. Two important messages that some people seem to ignore.

112. Jock MacSprog / 4:43pm 15 Apr 2007

historypeople #110, perhaps you should actually read a bit of history before shooting your ill informed mouth off. If you werent so thick you might realise that the BNP would probably be very much in agreement with her silly sophomoric statements.

113. Gene Stewart, USA / 5:02pm 15 Apr 2007

Seems most of the squabble is over turf. Who has the right to brandish outrage over the holocaust, who has the right to be offended about the war, who has the right to this or that squeal of protest.

Her larger points remain unaddressed by all the bluster and feather-ruffling.

Also, this was an individual's opinion. Does everyone who howled about it favor censorship? Does everyone who so vociferously objected want only official, approved views aired?

114. Comment Removed

This comment has been removed by a moderator.

115. Faye, Scotland / 5:03pm 15 Apr 2007

#42 Wini, the "Oh dear person." Keep up will you!

116. W Smith, Middle East / 5:04pm 15 Apr 2007

Ms Kennedy - a catholic who supports the Palestinians.

Surprise sur-bloody-prise.

If Blair is a war criminal how come Tam Dalyell did not resign in protest!

Funny that! I have resigned from jobs before 'cos I didn't agree with the boss!

How come so many of the Old Labour MP's still haven't resigned then - eh?

Bit of kidology going on here with the lying lefties.

BTW

Blair never lied about his economic policy!

He made it quite clear from day one he wasn't out to renationalise Britain's main industries.

Maybe Ms Kennedy can discuss this with her class at St Andrews - seeing that even George Galloway didn't resign over Tony's refusal to go back to the old Michael Foot era!

Tony Blairs not forcing the old Labour MP's to stay in the party at gunpoint - is he?

117. GalacticCannibal / 5:18pm 15 Apr 2007

#24,#25,#84 Dragonhead

Dragonhead is at it again.

For someone like him who lives in the world's largest communist country, where people are not allowed to vote.

He has some gall, preaching to others (who live in countries where voting is allowed), telling them how to behave or how wrong they are.

The last time the Chinese students tried to get some degree of freedom, their government shot them down in cold blood, in Tiananemen Square 1989 using tanks . And the Western countries stood and watched but did nothing.

And in 2007, China is a source, transit, and destination country for women, men, and children trafficked for purposes of sexual exploitation and forced labor;

Why doesn't Dragonhead email HU Jintao PRC's Communist leader and ask him to promise that Communist China will not attack Taiwan. And that the PRC will recognize Taiwan as a separate Capitalist state.

And to remove the PCR's statement

"There is only one China in the world, Taiwan is an inalienable part of China and the seat of China's central government is in Beijing. This is a universally recognized fact as well as the premise for a peaceful settlement of the Taiwan question."

Then see how long before the PAP comes knocking on Dragonhead's front door.

GC

118. GalacticCannibal, Murrieta, California / 5:20pm 15 Apr 2007

#117 read someone

119. Rennie, Upstate NY / 5:23pm 15 Apr 2007

As I recall, nazis wanted to collect up all the Jews, and prevent them from fleeing, the muslims are trying to move into England and take advantage of your elfare systems anyway they can. And now they are having teh education system edit history to not include the crusades that saved Europe from muslim conquest, or the holocaust, by the nazis on the jews, because incidentally, the muslim alliance with Hitler is well proven. They are masters at playing the victim, crying abuse, wah wah wah. My ancestors left teh british Isles for their own survival, I find it annoying to read how you must now your society on it's head to please a tiny minority that insists everyone change to their ways. And yes, our dhimmicrats have invited the Muslim Brotherhood to Capitol Hill.

120. Jim A / 5:24pm 15 Apr 2007

#64 Leon, sorry mate your wrong, as I said in my post #26, get a hold of the book if you can and give it a read. Hitler didn't need to create a hysteria, it was already there in the German people, their antisemitism was already there, Hitler and his gang just made it legal to go after the Jews. Actally the book is called "Hitlers Willing Executioners Ordinary Germans and the Holocaust". A very interesting book. You also said

"Every time you make a post of this nature you play into the hands of facists and racists like post 61. Every time you jump on the bandwagon you give reason to the people who attcked that women and her child" Not sure if that was aimed at me or not, but I don't play into anyones hands from the left or the right. I have a mind of my own and I make up my own mind.

121. Biker, Ayr / 5:34pm 15 Apr 2007

I'm with you on this Galactic cannibal.

122. IWright / 5:38pm 15 Apr 2007

#83

"nowhere does Hitler explicitly state he intends to kill the Jews"

Quite - there is no documentary evidence of Hitler proposing, planning or implementing the extermination of the Jews.

123. IWright / 5:44pm 15 Apr 2007

#122

There is however documentary evidence for the claim made by AL Kennedy about persecution of Muslims - the posts in this thread by the Neo-Nazis demonising Islam - the religion of peace and beauty.

124. Forky, Liverpool / 5:45pm 15 Apr 2007

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I could not agree more. How many more on each side is to die in Iraq and Afghanistan?

125. Sambo, The deep south / 5:49pm 15 Apr 2007

#28 Donald,

Yes Hitler did want a United Europe with headquarters in Berlin. Seems like the European Union is doing that with headquarters in Brussels.

126. Sambo, The deep south / 5:56pm 15 Apr 2007

#114 Brisbane Scot.

I take it your in Australia. Hasn't your prime minister stated that Muslims living their had better blend in as Australians or face deportation?

127. Faye, Stop supporting companies who sellout / 6:12pm 15 Apr 2007

Look at what the big search engine companies did to the Chinese journalist.

America aiding and abetting the Chinese communist government.

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/document.php?lang=e&id=ENGU...>

[<http://www.amnestyusa.org/document.php?lang=e&id=ENGUSA20060201001>]

128. Jim A / 6:17pm 15 Apr 2007

#122 IWright, Hi, take a trip to the library and get the book " Hitlers Willing Executioners, Ordinary Germans and the Holocaust" by Daniel Jonah Goldhagen. I thought along the same lines as yourself until I read this book, lots of archived documentry evidence to support what he writes. Adolf Hitler makes it very clear what he intends for the Jews as far back as 1926.

129. guaposcot, madrid / 6:20pm 15 Apr 2007

55, you need relief for your body and your mind

130. Oliver F, UK / 6:24pm 15 Apr 2007

IWright #123

"There is however documentary evidence for the claim made by AL Kennedy about persecution of Muslims - the posts in this thread by the Neo-Nazis demonising Islam - the religion of peace and beauty."

Since when do legitimate criticisms of a religion constitute Neo Nazism, IWright?

Religion of peace? I point you to Hamas, Islamic Jihad, Jemaah Islamiya, the al aqsa martyrs brigade, countless other islamic terror groups. What about those parts of the Koran calling for the "unbelievers" to be beheaded. What about mohammed marrying aisha aged 6 and having sex with her aged 9?

He was a paedophile among other things and before you point out paedophilic christian priests, lets remember Mohammed is the man Muslims are supposed to follow in the footpath of. He is their example.

Religion of peace? Would be laughable if it wasnt so tragic. Thank heavens westernised muslims are generally more secularised and less extreme.

131. IWright / 6:50pm 15 Apr 2007

#130

All religions are corrupted by their followers, it's in the nature of the relationship, imperfect people following a counsel of perfection. Of course there are barbarous Muslims, just as there are barbarous Christians, etc, but how many compared to all those Muslims just like you and me? Because that's what they are, people like you and me.

Yes, there are passages in the Koran that are unpalatable, but there are equally unpalatable passages in the Bible and we don't condemn Christianity or Judaism because of it.

I don't recognise many of the comments above as "legitimate criticisms" they are counsels of hate against an entire religion, smearing every Muslim with the behaviour of the few.

132. IWright / 6:54pm 15 Apr 2007

#128

JimA - thanks for your response - does this book provide documentary evidence for the planning and implementation of the extermination of the Jews or does it provide documentary evidence for the planning and implementation of the persecution of the Jews?

How reliable is the author? I note he has a Jewish name.

133. Jim A / 7:06pm 15 Apr 2007

#132 IWright, it provides both mate, right from the very beginning of Nazism. The book is very well written and laid out. What shocked me was how willing the German people were to participate in the genocide. I never knew for instance that the German Police Battalions and Einstatzkommando's in Poland were told they did not have to kill or take part and if they wished a transfer back to Germany they would be given it, no questions asked no punishment of any kind. Really give the book a read, it's a real eye opener. As you have probably guessed from the authors name (Goldhagen) he is Jewish himself, his parents fled Germany in 1937. Daniel Goldhagen is a professor of Government and Social studies at Harvard University.

134. Borderman, Borders / 7:07pm 15 Apr 2007

#130

"All religions are corrupted by their followers"

"there are passages in the Koran that are unpalatable, but there are equally unpalatable passages in the Bible"

Those statements don't belong together. How is a devout Jew, Christian or Muslim supposed to decide which passages are corrupting and which are not?

"we don't condemn Christianity or Judaism because of it."

Some of us do. Just as Islam celebrates a paedophile, Christianity celebrates the rape of a virgin by God. I think the religions do the corrupting, not the practitioners.

135. Oliver F, UK / 7:11pm 15 Apr 2007

IWright #130

"I don't recognise many of the comments above as "legitimate criticisms" they are counsels of hate against an entire religion, smearing every Muslim with the behaviour of the few."

In the UK up to 1/4 of muslims said they sympathised with the 7/7 tube bombers! A few? They may be the minority but they are a significant minority. You may not recognise them as legitimate criticisms but many will.

"Yes, there are passages in the Koran that are unpalatable, but there are equally unpalatable passages in the Bible and we don't condemn Christianity or Judaism because of it."

With regards to christianity, yes there are violent passages in the Bible but most of them are in the old testament and overridden by the new testament.

"All religions are corrupted by their followers, it's in the nature of the relationship, imperfect people following a counsel of perfection. Of course there are barbarous Muslims, just as there are barbarous Christians, etc, but how many compared to all those Muslims just like you and me?"

Yes mans misuse of religion greatly annoys me but Mohammed was not a follower. He is the prime

example of behaviour to emulate in Islam and yet he was a paedophile. I do take your point about barbarity being on all sides. I take issue with all extremists no matter their religion.

136. Comment Removed

This comment has been removed by a moderator.

137. Alice Kirk, Amarillo, TX / 7:17pm 15 Apr 2007

Not only does Ms. Kennedy makes a mockery of the Holocaust, she blackens the image of St. Andrews.

Should she be fired?

138. IWright / 7:19pm 15 Apr 2007

#135

"With regards to christianity, yes there are violent passages in the Bible but most of them are in the old testament and overridden by the new testament."

Oliver - the New Testament doesn't "override" the Old Testament, it fulfils it. The Old Testament is Christian Holy Scripture.

139. cuthbert / 7:19pm 15 Apr 2007

Al Kennedy is a fool.

140. nell from falkirk / 7:25pm 15 Apr 2007

#119 : "the crusades that saved Europe from muslim conquest, or the holocaust, by the nazis on the jews, because incidentally, the muslim alliance with Hitler is well proven. They are masters at playing the victim, crying abuse, wah wah wah."

Gosh, fancy George Bush calling himself Rennie and posting in the Hootsmon!

141. Cjennings, Beaulieu / 7:30pm 15 Apr 2007

That's a woman?

She needs to spend some time on her looks and much much more time studying history. As she now has them both terribly wrong.

142. Wini, England / 7:31pm 15 Apr 2007

115. Faye

Yes I have seen it.

143. nell from falkirk / 7:37pm 15 Apr 2007

#108 : (yes, yet another of our somewhat deranged American cousins, it must be all the chemicals in the Big Macs.)

"deport these Muslim infidels back to the middle -east."

Infidels? An infidel is an unbeliever, one who does not acknowledge your God. Muslims have the same God as Christians, so a Christian can't call a Muslim "infidel".

"I say bring back the Crusades and let it begin in each and every Christian Nation around the world."

Didn't the last Crusade begin by ravaging Constantinople, which was a Christian city at the time?

So which Christian city do you want to ravage this time?

144. john phillips, Winnipeg / 7:38pm 15 Apr 2007

Maybe she should take a look at treblinka, belsen, auswitch before she rambles on like an idiot , if this is what is lecturing and teaching at university, maybe time to look at their funding

145. Borderman, Borders / 7:38pm 15 Apr 2007

#135 "In the UK up to 1/4 of muslims said they sympathised with the 7/7 tube bombers!"

Not according to this poll. The highest number that might be accredited to any form of sympathy (action was wrong, cause was right) was 16%.

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[\[http://www.populuslimited.com/poll_summaries/2006_07_04_Times ITV.htm\]](http://www.populuslimited.com/poll_summaries/2006_07_04_Times_ITV.htm)

I don't want to suggest it's not a serious problem. Personally, I'm more concerned about surveys that show the level of support for the terrorists to be significantly higher among the younger generation. If young Muslims are not listening to their elders, then making appeals to the Muslim community via their community leaders is unlikely to help.

146. mingin, uranus / 7:46pm 15 Apr 2007

and she/he is a part time lecturer jings crivens an help ma boab

147. Jim A / 7:56pm 15 Apr 2007

#144 John Phillips, I take stories like this with a pinch of salt mate. The woman knows nothing of history.

148. Jim A / 8:02pm 15 Apr 2007

#119 Rennie, you said, "And now they are having the education system edit history to not include the crusades that saved Europe from muslim conquest, or the holocaust, by the nazis on the jews".

Hmm that may be the case on your side of the water mate but it's certainly not the case here in the UK.

149. Scythia, Glasgow / 8:20pm 15 Apr 2007

I'm sorry for the poor students who have to listen to it.

no 145 , good post but this poll raises further questions eg 20% never responded. The more recent NOP social report poll gave 20% for justification of the London bombings (31% among the young). The picture being drawn by all the polls is dismal.

Aug 7 Nop social report..

Refer to the United Kingdom as "my country": 49 percent.

Agree with the idea that Muslims should keep themselves separate from non-Muslims: 4 percent.

Prefer to live under Sharia law: 30 percent.

Wish to see Britain as an Islamic state: 28 percent.

Punish the people who published the Danish cartoons: 78 percent.

Arrest and prosecute British people who insult Islam: 68 percent.

The Jewish Holocaust did not happen or has been exaggerated: 19 percent.

9/11 was a conspiracy by America and Israel: 45 percent. (Plus 35 percent reply "don't know.")

Princess Diana was killed to stop her marrying a Muslim: 36 percent.

Likely that British Muslims will become victims of extreme religious persecution: 56 percent.

Agree that the July 2005 transport bombings were justified because of British support for the war on terror: 22 percent. (Of note: 31 percent of young Muslims agree, compared to 14 percent of those 45 and over.)

Can understand why young British Muslims might want to carry out suicide operations: 13 percent.

Think that a Muslim who knew about an act of terrorism being planned by another Muslim and did not report it to the authorities is not at all to be blamed: 9 percent.

<http://www.danielpipes.org/blog/483> [<http://www.danielpipes.org/blog/483>]

150. The Gorm, Cda / 8:25pm 15 Apr 2007

With the likes of Kennedy no wonder our universities (St Andrew's) is going down the tube.

151. jayceebee, earth / 8:29pm 15 Apr 2007

This site is a good example of manmade global warming. The poles are in a state of meltdown and common sense is drowning.

152. Chikderic, Inverness / 8:37pm 15 Apr 2007

If Kennedy is so fond of Moslems why does she choose to live in St Andrews, why doesn't she move to Oldham or Bradford? Just how many of our pro-Moslem liberal elite choose to live in Moslem areas? A prime example is the editor of the Guardian, who has enough money to live almost anywhere, but, so I believe, chooses to live in Hay on Wye, that well known centre of Moslems and other immigrants!

153. whatsyourname, canada / 9:31pm 15 Apr 2007

#77 paddyjames, you are not very well informed or well traveled when you talk about Scotland like that. Scotland is one of the most beautiful places in the world and that includes the people have you been to the States in other words left Ireland start doing some traveling and you will agree with me.

154. Jonesy, clogs / 9:33pm 15 Apr 2007

If that's a woman, Lord help womanhood.

155. James the 3rd, Slovakia / 9:40pm 15 Apr 2007

Well, not for the first time do I wonder at the state of the nation. The rubbish posted by all sorts in response to this silly story makes me wonder if we deserve / need / can handle independence. I'm not at all sure I want to be in the same country (or on the same planet) as some of you guys.

The Scotsman should be ashamed of itself. Freedom of speech? Is it worth it when the likes of some of you lot get to air your views.

156. Jim A / 10:02pm 15 Apr 2007

#155 James the 3rd, you said "The Scotsman should be ashamed of itself. Freedom of speech? Is it worth it when the likes of some of you lot get to air your views".

That's the great thing about democracy mate, even you get to post your slightly insulting comment.

157. Borderman, Borders / 10:15pm 15 Apr 2007

#149

Yes. I agree it's depressing. But the NOP's questions were pretty general so it's hard to know how to interpret the results. For example, I'm astounded that 34% of young Muslims would prefer to live under Sharia law. (I have images of beheadings and amputations.) But in another poll on the page you linked to, I see that 80% of Muslims "agree that, in general, British police and politicians are too tolerant of Muslims in Britain urging extreme acts." So perhaps Sharia law is just seen by some as "getting tough with criminals". Anyway, I'd like to learn more about these attitudes.

My totally unresearched opinion is that a lot of young Muslims are messed up, and that more sex might be helpful. I don't expect to see any political or religious leaders promoting that as a solution any time soon.

158. Globetrotter_scot / 10:24pm 15 Apr 2007

23. "Muslims killing muslims...let them get on with it."

That is the sickest most disgusting comment I have ever heard. How many innocent people have died in Iraq? And you support this mindless bloodshed?!?!?

Get a life and a real profile name.

159. wolverine, Glasgow / 10:25pm 15 Apr 2007

muslims killing muslims,catholics killing protestants & vice versa.when will sociey ever learn?

160. Long Black Veil / 10:42pm 15 Apr 2007

Jennie #33:

How can you possibly be "reminded" of anything you did not live through. In order to be able to be "reminded" of Nazi Germany in 1936, you would have to be either dead or dying, which explains how you could continue without fear of reprisal the aggressively offensive comments made by a third-rate author who is garnering some attention for herself. Spot on #31, you got it right and I think we should follow your advice.

161. CASEY PURVIS, west hills, ca / 10:45pm 15 Apr 2007

ISLAM WAS CREATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF WAR TO JUSTIFY RAPE AND SLAUGHTER OF INNOCENT HUMAN BEINGS. READ THE BOOK"JIHAD" THIS WILL GIVE YOU THE COMPLETE HISTORY OF MURDER, RAPE, TORTURE, AND MASSACRE ACCOMPLISHED IN THE NAME OF ISLAM.THIER GOAL IS TO ELIMINATE EVERYONE WHO IS NOT ISLAMIC. AS I AM A SCOT, I AM ASHAMED TO SEE ANOTHER SCOT WRITE SOMETHING WITHOUT CHECKING HIS FACTS. EVERYONE SHOULD READ THE BOOK.

CASEY PURVIS

162. Itchy / 11:12pm 15 Apr 2007

#114" When Communism collapsed so quickly, the US governments war machine industry needed to create another target of hate and fear because there were no more reds under the beds. What better than those muslims. The Jews liked it, the CIA liked it, the oil Industry liked it and the World BANK loved it. Like every section of any community there are those that exploit young minds and I'm sure some Muslims piss of to Pakistan to join Al Quada. That is no reason to brand them all the same. The majority of them live everyday just the same as we all do. Dont let anyone convince you that our fellow human beings who happen to differ in their opinion on religion, are the enemy of the everyday population of this country.

Might be time for the West to get serious about Israel history of genocide on the Palestinian People should be stopped now. Might be time to let the Jews know like we did for South Africa their time of Religious, Race Apartheid is over. Share it with the Palestinians and live in PEACE or loose it. Not Negotiable."

Israeli Genocide? The Palestinians are the one who support sharia law, kill each other, intend to drive the jews into the sea, etc.

Oh and Communism was well worthy of hate and fear. It is an evil and totalitarian ideology.

163. Long Black Veil / 11:13pm 15 Apr 2007

#49 Paddyjames:

Sorry for the delayed response but your allegation that paedophiles in the UK are of Scottish extraction couldn't possibly be accurate if U.S. statistics are anything to go by. The best-known and most outrageous acts of paedophilia were carried out by Irish Catholic priests on their own parishioners and it was Irish Catholics who stupidly attempted to cover it up. I don't have a drop of Scottish blood, but your bigotry is as offensive as it is moronic. I once met an Irish Catholic who claimed he could "smell" a Protestant. He had sat in prison in Ireland on a weapons charge and when he got free and came to the U.S. his fellow Irish Catholics in the good old NYPD gave him a gun permit to carry. Wild statements like yours, Paddy, aimed at ethnic groups for spurious reasons, are the reason for the rise of the Hitlers and Nasrallahs to popularity. With white Christian males a totally endangered species, you should be ashamed to stir up such sentiments.

164. JohnnyR, New Zealand / 11:22pm 15 Apr 2007

#161. You truly are an idiot. Scotland is well rid of you.

165. **nick prince**, portrush antrim / 12:23am 16 Apr 2007

quite amazing how many posters have written in thinking al kennedy was a man, they did not get beyond the headline at all before fulminating with the usual bile. As ever same old names.

166. **Faye**, Scotland, Hen Broon's shame / 12:24am 16 Apr 2007

What is Islam? A fifth of the world's population! Islam is both a religion and a complete way of life.

About 18% live in the Arab world; the world's largest Muslim community is in Indonesia; substantial parts of Asia and most of Africa are muslims.

Significant minorities are to be found in the Soviet Union, China, North and South America, and Europe.

19 fanatics seized planes in America does this mean that 20% of the world's muslims hate America? Those stirring up trouble ought to be marginalised.

Some Americans haven't been completely aware of World affairs, or aware of their government's activities around the world, but that doesn't mean all American's are blind.

Jewish people were tortured and marginalised and one would think that after that experience they'd have more empathy with muslims.

Not all muslims are bad, to think otherwise is silly, just as silly to take on board this awful anti American stance which is sweeping many western and eastern countries.

When religion is foisted upon people, it is a problem.

I haven't any problem with people believing in what they believe, but I do think it is a problem when any religion thinks they are better than others.

Religion isn't for everyone.

167. **Comment Removed**

This comment has been removed by a moderator.

168. **American**, USA / 2:00am 16 Apr 2007

#161-Casey-"THIER GOAL IS TO ELIMINATE EVERYONE WHO IS NOT ISLAMIC."
But they will try to convert first, with a sword to your neck or your families neck.

169. **JohnnyR**, New Zealand. / 2:19am 16 Apr 2007

Teaching you rednecks to spell would be a worthwhile goal, never mind conversion. I doubt Islam would want you, but they're welcome to you.

170. **Barb**, here not there / 2:24am 16 Apr 2007

Glad to see some sensible posts - and re-iterate: "If there are so many "moderate" Muslims, where are they when their show in force would make a difference?" By remaining silent, whether in fear or not, they give legitimacy to the fanatics...of course, dancing in the streets after 9/11 didn't help. Take a page, my moderate Muslims, from Italy where they rose up and dared the Mafia to continue the blatant killing of government officials! Guess they haven't killed enough yet.

171. **Tomdonald** / 2:47am 16 Apr 2007

I come into this debate rather late. I refer to 161-166.

As a near 90 year old the effect of Billy Graham in encouraging people to be "born again" in the 1960s world wide was quite remarkable. Bush is happy to accept the label. Blair is a protestant married to a Roman Catholic. Jesus was a real man. If you accept his teaching then you are a Christian. "God" is a human reaction of, for instance, a caveman who found his cattle killed by lightning . Millions throughout the world pray "deliver us from evil". Iraq is a case where the UN threatened Saddam over several years.

Eventually the security council unanimously agreed a deadline. When the time came Chirac, backed up by

Germany, vetoed military action. Bush and Blair had had enough. The action was spectacularly successful in 6 weeks.

In problem solving it is rarely possible to agree on 2 forward steps, 1 is often difficult if unanimity is needed. What to do in the event that the fall of Saddam was the cause of near civil war is the current problem. I remember putting a notice up in my home at the time of Dunkirk after Victoria "This house is not interested in the possibility of defeat".

My Aunt was with us in the Midlands from the south east and she was a noisy advocate of surrender.

It took over 4 more years before Hitler and the Japanese were finally defeated

The Moslems are in the same position as the Christians were in about 1400 AD. Like Marie Antoinette at the guillotine convinced that death is the door to "paradise" they are quite happy to be suicide bombers.

The most important verse in the Bible is not in my opinion John 3.16 but Mark 12.31 "Love your neighbour as yourself".

172. Buck Buchanan, rete.ebrasks. USA. / 3:03am 16 Apr 2007

I am deeply proud of my Scots heritage. But you folks at present have put great stress on that Pride.

the USAF DAND USN were srr,ingly erlcome guests of Scotland during thstreent mot-always-cold war. as were the reglar U.K. forces. . But now, you wee Scots seem a wee bit frightened?? You really think Mr Blzir is compxgxn;t yo Herr HitLer ?

now. P< Blair must consider mpving UK weapojs to fety as Scots thror in the toerl ?. I suppose Mr Blair might be recalling those bleak days when Nritian had ip oprn fire om the almodt brand new Naval of their brave French slyly. when thr Britd sdkrf Adm Darlsn to co, out to plzy/

"Mom. Mom ! "Oui might get hurt ! Let's You sight Le Boches. And pleeeze dom't trll Herr Hitler Oui called Lr Bpvhe "LE Boche. He hS THEES MOS' TURRINLR TEMPER TANTRUMD. THAT bSRBARIAN

has theese mos frihjygul yr,per tsntrumd. zzzzzzzzzzeven wants our ladies to lrt their armpit nrards to btoe outr. Or our good for notheeng To. Thr next Scotd chief og ctte will bd "Scotty. Le r wering Eihhf; will fnd up as tigris een lg jb,mA eet
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173. Jim A / 3:10am 16 Apr 2007

#172 Buck, think it's time you got a new keyboard mate.

174. E. Smith, Texas / 3:26am 16 Apr 2007

Re #49: Collective guilt (and stereotyping) is so convenient. Approximately 7 percent of Americans define their ancestry as "American", most of whom living in areas heavily settled by the Ulster-Irish (mostly the South and Southwest) while 1.7 percent of Americans define their ancestry as Scottish (again, often concentrated in the South). Now which Founding Fathers and infamous and famous politicians should shoulder this burden:

American Politicians of Scottish Descent:

Chester A. Arthur

Jim Bowie

James Buchanan

Davy Crockett

Nathan Bedford Forrest

Newt Gingrich

Ulysses S. Grant

John B. Gordon

Alexander Hamilton

John Hancock
Sam Houston
Stonewall Jackson
John Paul Jones
General Douglas MacArthur
William McKinley
James K. Polk
Ronald Reagan
George Ross (father-in-law of Betsy)
George Washington
Woodrow Wilson
John Witherspoon

Ulster-Irish (Scots-Irish) American Politicians:

Andrew Jackson
James Knox Polk
James Buchanan
Andrew Johnson
Ulysses Simpson Grant
Chester Alan Arthur
Grover Cleveland
Benjamin Harris
William McKinley
Theodore Roosevelt
Woodrow Wilson
Richard Milhous Nixon
Ronald Reagan
Bill Clinton

Incidentally, I've also enclosed a list of prominent English American politicians:

Dean Acheson
John Adams
John Quincy Adams
George H. W. Bush
George W. Bush
Jimmy Carter
William Richardson Davie
Howard Dean
John Edwards
Frank R. Gooding

Ronnie Reagan makes both the Scottish and Scots-Irish list. I would guess that George Washington also probably makes it onto the English list.

Y'all being urbane European sophisticates should know better than to group one national or ethnic group under a single category. Let's blame Oliver Cromwell. Now is everyone satisfied.

By the way, Davy Crockett is a distant cousin. Remember the Alamo!

175. **American**, USA / 4:18am 16 Apr 2007

#169-looks like they got to you already johnnyr.

176. **CombatVet68**, New Babylon / 4:43am 16 Apr 2007

#9 Skirvy

Forgive me for saying so, but you seem very bias and twisted in your views. The way you form your words indicate a deep emotional bias or even hatred for Blair, Bush, and the whole lot.

May I ask...have you ever served in your military serves? Have you ever done anything significant in your life, or are you content to just sit on your lazy ars and run your lips?

Allow me to inform you of one simple fact. The world we live in is not perfect. But there are those who "do" (though they err from time to time) and those who "do" nothing.

In a way, I hope we do pull the troops out of Iraq and Afghanistan, This will enable them to organize more suicide terrorist groups to visit your neighborhood and mine. Perhaps investing in company stock shares of those who manufacture body bag's would be a wise investment.

177. JohnnyR, New Zealand. / 4:49am 16 Apr 2007

I don't think so, I'm an atheist, I don't like them anymore than I like your American fundamentalism, I think Christian and Islamic fundamentalists are crazy, they both think something is coming out of the sky to save them and the tragedy is that it's the same god, do you think he takes sides? What amazes me is that you Americans think you're superior to these people when actually you're just as deluded and ignorant as each other.

178. Graecus, West Java / 4:55am 16 Apr 2007

She? He? Sorry, don't mean to be rude but the 'author' of whom I've never heard, is certainly not known among ordinary Scots folk, and deservedly so. Why is a reputable university paying this loony our public money to infect young folk with drivel?

179. Cyril, New Zealand / 5:05am 16 Apr 2007

Some of my best friends are Muslims from Fiji in good positions in this country and I am a War veteran of the British Army in Palestine. Let the heroic armchair warriors fight their battles.

180. American, USA / 5:53am 16 Apr 2007

#177- Johnnyr-What christian fundamentalists are causing problems? I can only assume you're talking about gw.Islamic Extremists have caused problems way, way b4 bush. I don't understand why you say Americans think they are superior. I don't think you've talked to many Americans. If you're talking about the wars in afghanistan and iraq, we've been thru many attacks b4 the big one (and we've been threatened b4 the big one, and been warned of an attack after the big one). Should we have just waited around for an even bigger one. The previous administration did that-didn't work out too well. I will always admit that we should have let russia take over afghanistan, but who knew.

181. **Comment Removed**

This comment has been removed by a moderator.

182. GalacticCannibal, Murrieta, California / 5:59am 16 Apr 2007

181 read ...create

183. macthefierceone, AUSTRALIA / 8:47am 16 Apr 2007

Leading Scottish writer????? Never read her, never heard of her and if this is the sort of drivel she espouses I doubt any fair-minded Scot would want to lay claim to her.

184. **Comment Removed**

This comment has been removed by a moderator.

185. Privateman, Anywhere but here / 10:04am 16 Apr 2007

#183 and others, I've heard of her and read her. Declaring that you haven't is nothing to be proud of and merely suggests that you don't know what or who you're commenting on. Not a sound basis. As others before me have said, read the last paragraph of the article before you leap in with both feet.

186. Privateman, Anywhere but here / 10:11am 16 Apr 2007

#184 when the message boards of The Scotsman start to include people who preach Holocaust denial, it's time to wonder who else it will allow. The existence of gas chambers operated by the SS in territories occupied by the German Reich (some of which were incorporated into the Reich) is not open to question, it is a historical fact.

187. **Comment Removed**

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188. James Behr, Glasgow / 11:43am 16 Apr 2007

I suppose the author refuses all Arts Council grants administered by the government in protest.

Another hypocrite attention seeker.

189. macthefierceone, AUSTRALIA / 12:13pm 16 Apr 2007

#185 Privateman, Sorry, I have read the last para and the writer herself doesn't seem to be fully aware of just what she did say. Not a very good basis at all for constructing a cogent argument. I agree with your #186 since my own father was amongst those who first entered some of the more horrendous concentration camps and I don't believe he ever got over some of the sights he encountered. Insofar as Islam is concerned, if the so-called moderate adherents to this religion stood up to be counted and disassociated themselves completely from the 'Mad Mullahs' crowd then I suspect we might take a different view of their religion but if the UK is anything like NSW where the extremists seem to have cowed the Islamic moderates into submission then they will continue to reap that which they sow.

190. I.Wright, Glasgow / 4:51pm 15 Apr 2007

#110: To accuse people who criticise AL Kennedy for her outrageous remarks of being in the BNP just shows how distorted the viewpoint of some on the left has become. To compare any modern European state let alone Britain to a totalitarian regime that organised the mass extinction of a race is a gross insult to the European Jews, gypsies and others that were wiped out by the Nazis. Kennedy tries to defend herself that she didn't mean 1940s Germany, when the death camps were fully in operation, but the mid 1930s. Perhaps if she had read some history she would know that by 1936 Hitler had passed laws depriving all Jews of their citizenship. Perhaps she's never heard of Kristallnacht, when brown shirted gangs of thugs authorised by the Nazi government destroyed hundreds of Jewish businesses and attacked Jews in the street. Perhaps she has never seen Nazi newspapers of the 30s like Der Stürmer that poured out torrents of anti Jewish propaganda, comparing them to vermin. Perhaps she's not aware of the education policies of 1930s Germany, authorising anti Jewish propaganda to be taught to all schoolchildren. The idea that any of this is remotely like the position re Muslims in Britain today is an insult to our intelligence.

The woman may be a talented writer, but she is a fool. She should keep her mouth shut.

191. Firozali A.Mulla MBA PhD, Dar-Es-Salaam Tanzania / 2:35pm 16 Apr 2007

Say looks are not all that we have to watch. It is deceiving. Is it not?

192. Croman mac Nessa / 6:51pm 16 Apr 2007

Ms Kennedy says: "And again, we are stigmatising one individual religious group ..."

This is nonsense. Number 18, Long Black Veil, has it right. Jews were not persecuted by the Nazis because of their *religion*, but because of their *genes*. Even people of Jewish origin who had become Christian were persecuted. Likewise, Roma ("Gypsies"), Slavs, and other ethnic groups were persecuted for "racial" reasons.

On the other hand, there were also "Nacht und Nibel" prisoners also persecuted. These were political prisoners persecuted for religious, philosophical, political, and/or economic beliefs that the Nazis did not like, and included Roman Catholics (add 1 million Roman Catholics to the 6 million Jews who were killed in the Holocaust), Freemasons (add 100,000 Freemasons to the number killed in the Holocaust), "Liberals," Socialists, members of Labour Unions, and others.

Some Jewish groups occasionally would like to insist on the Holocaust being a Jewish experience, but that's not true. Certainly they bore the worst of it (and their experience should not be denied or made light of), but there were others who were treated no less harshly (and those persons must not be forgotten either).

193. Sean C, Sheffield / 7:46pm 16 Apr 2007

"This is nonsense. Number 18, Long Black Veil, has it right. Jews were not persecuted by the Nazis because of their *religion*, but because of their *genes*."

To suggest that Jews were persecuted solely because of their genes is passing the buck. It wasn't the first time Jews had been slaughtered and persecuted in their masses within Christian Europe, it was an on going event seen century after century. Mainstream Churches often preached hate against the Jew, they had been repetitively demonized throughout the ages. The pinnacle of that hatred resulted in the death camps. Nazis used eugenics to further justify the hatred that pre-existed.

194. Croman mac Nessa / 8:07pm 16 Apr 2007

While there has certainly been a history of religious prejudice and persecution directed at Jews, attempting to portray the behaviour of the Nazis towards them as religiously motivated is simply historically untenable. The Nazis persecuted ethnic Jews who were not religiously Jewish (and persecuted other ethnic groups as well) on racist grounds. That's not to say that Nazis did not also have religious bias towards Jews (nota bene: I did not say the persecution was *solely* due to their ethnic status), but the basis of the persecution was "racial," and that racist persecution extended to other ethnic groups as well.

Again, however, there were ideological persecutions under Hitler in addition to the racist persecutions, as I noted.

195. 1234567CalScot, USA / 1:20am 17 Apr 2007

Enoch Powel must be spinning in his grave and screaming, "I told you so!"

If you do not think there is a Muslim agenda to "convert" the world to Islam, you are incredibly naive. As to how that conversion will be done--??

Beware of the Muslim youths in Europe who are using and being used by fanatics to vent their misguided anger on "infidels."

Not that Muslims have the exclusivity on using violence to promulgate their ways--Didn't a pope declare a price on the head of Elizabeth 1st? Wasn't that a fatwah? At least Christians have moved ahead; unfortunately, Muslim clerics and their fanatical followers have not.

196. Santa Rosa Scotsman-Killie till I die, USA(USED TO BE AYRSHIRE) / 9:04pm 16 Apr 2007

Well said James the 3rd and Casey. I too wonder at some of the crazy rants from the left wing liberal loonies who have never ventured farther than their local chippie or the nearest pub!! Some of these eejits have never been abroad, lived abroad or seen service yet in their rants they live in an LSD mind induced utopia. If the friggin muslims love their religion (and bloody terrorists) so much why don't they bugger off. If the younger set born in the UK support the Jihad so much why don't they bugger off too and join their compatriots. As for Al K I can't believe that she actually believes the poop she is sprouting. She is getting as bad as the Japanese who are now editing out their part of the atrocities during world war 2 and also the Rape of Nanking in the history books at school. If this eejit has her way Treblinka Auschwitz, Buchenwald and the rest of the camps will be edited out of memories. Having visited the site of Auschwitz I wonder if this looney has any sense of decency left or whether she has a total delusional grip of reality.

Thank christ for guys like James 3RD and Casey who actually know what they are talking about.

Killie till I die
The Santa Rosa Scotsman

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