Mrs Susan Suttle – written evidence (CCE0057)

The words 'diversity', 'integration' and 'inclusiveness' by public authorities and the media in particular have become very overused, which can with so much emphasis, have the reverse effect.

In reference to Brexit, it seems likely to prove the most watered down outcome of a democratic vote in modern history. Most of us had the intelligence to realise that single market or not, Britain can not continue on its present path of increasing population unchecked. The size of the country and its infrastructure can not compete with France or Germany. In 1973, the leave vote, with as large a percentage as remain had in 2015, was forced to accept the majority vote to stay, despite seeing the EU would become more than just a common market.

Since the second world war, between the U.S and Europe Britain has become overly politically correct and a 'nanny state.' If anything is taught in our schools and colleges, it should be to see any other race for the individuals they are, not singled out as a minority for special treatment. There is often too much expected from state intervention. The stoic self reliance of the country's inhabitants of sixty or seventy years ago seems to have given way to a lack of personal responsibility. Classroom debates are also healthy and were even a part of my state education in the 50's to 60's. Certainly a necessity before school children of 16 are allowed to vote.

I recall history as a subject withdrawn from state education some years ago. As a nation we are more often apologetic of our history, traditions, faith and beliefs than proud. If Britons should not demonstrate a sense of pride in their own country without appearing xenophobic, then how can we expect others to participate in citizenship. What I saw of the citizenship question test on British life was farcical. Many white Britons do not participate in civic life, so why the necessity for others. Some I have heard consider their input ineffective in changing Government opinion or turning the tide and who can blame them.

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