

Discrimination As Anti-Discrimination

We recently wrote about two cases of **secular-religious insanity in education**, in which the meanings of 'secular' and 'religious' had been interchanged in the debate on school curricula.

Now we report a similar reversal concerning discrimination and non-discrimination against minorities. This has nothing to do with the paradoxes of 'positive discrimination' which, whatever you may think of its merits, at least says what it is. The following two cases involve a moral reversal, and a betrayal of ostensible values, as profound as those at the conclusion of George Orwell's **Animal Farm**.

The first is a new EU **report on anti-Muslim discrimination**, which uses as one of its measures of discrimination whether people 'associate the word "Islam" with ... "oppression of women"'. In other words, anyone who *opposes* the discrimination against women in Islamic cultures counts as biased, and only those who condone this discrimination so deeply that they do not even associate the two concepts in their minds, are certified as free from bias!

The second is a **new plan proposed by the Commission for Racial Equality** forcibly to separate black boys from their classmates and give them a different education. Given the **history** of the fight for racial equality in education, and given who is proposing this wicked and racist plan, the irony is almost palpable.

Yet more evidence that the world is insane.

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