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Now is a time where free speech and liberty has never been so important and a time where lethargy and social laziness are common place. As the Gold Coast hurtles toward an unknown future we must ask if we want to influence that future and make our elected representatives truly accountable.

It seems that the ubiquitous “they” are to blame for all our problems.” They” seem to ignore us and do as they wish. “They” are in fact a reflection of us and we can’t blame them any longer. The buck stops with us about our family’s future and its time we learnt how to define real success in society.

In this politically correct world we have lost our way because we have lost some of our freedom of speech in the name of political correctness. On TV we often hear Christs name taken in vain but never Allah, Mohammad or Buda. Why is that and why is it ok, well in my view it’s not. Our country is being high jacked and we the people are letting it happen without so much as a whimper. It happens through indifference and public laziness because we don’t demand better of our elected members.

I am at liberty now to propose that we have the weakest most inept and dishonest leaders this country has even seen. They are driven by the media news cycle and a level of rudeness in parliament that promotes a lack of respect in general society. Question time is a bear pit of spilt blood and shattered principles. Sure politics is rough and tumble but where has common courtesy in life gone. It seems that if you can get away with something it’s ok and the only real crime is getting caught. That my friends is a path to nowhere and a deadly trajectory to say the least. Common sense is gone and compassion is rare along with civility and strength of character. Cruelty and the destruction of the planet is ok as is greed and avarice and yet we do nothing. We have the politicians and leaders we do because we vote them in. We have abdicated our responsibilities as citizens to the various governments and as president Reagan said “when government grows, liberty declines”.

So what can be done. Well we need to take control back from government as they work for us not the reverse. Democracy is “*Government of the people, by the people, for the people*” and that brings a responsibility on us, we the people, to drive our society well and to guard against forces that betray us. No wonder a streak of cynicism runs through this country as we watch so much being plundered and wasted across all manner of issues. What will Australia look like in 100 years depends on the decisions we make today and I for one am very unsettled when I think of Rudds big Australia. There is now plenty of evidence to show that once we exceed a certain population in any region or country the quality of life declines. We reach a sweet spot of critical mass but we unbelievably think more is better and so we peddle the greed cycle again. The biggest casualty however is happiness which is never brought to account in any ledger. It is we the people who need to be heard as never before so make yourself heard now.

Until next time this is Kent Bayley