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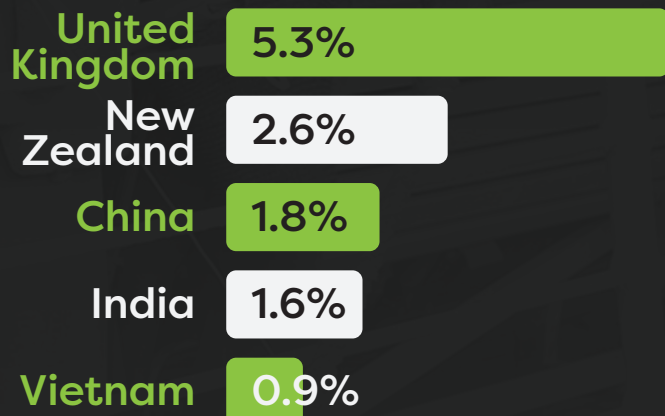
WITH SO MUCH DIVERSITY, WHO DECIDES WHAT AUSTRALIAN VALUES ARE?

Almost 20% of Australians speak a language **other than English** at home



Australian Bureau of Statistics, 4102.0-Australian Social Trends (April 2013)

Top migrants to Australia, 2014



Australian Bureau of Statistics, 6250.0-Characteristics of Recent Migrants, Australia, November 2010 (May 2011)

86% of Australians support action to tackle racism



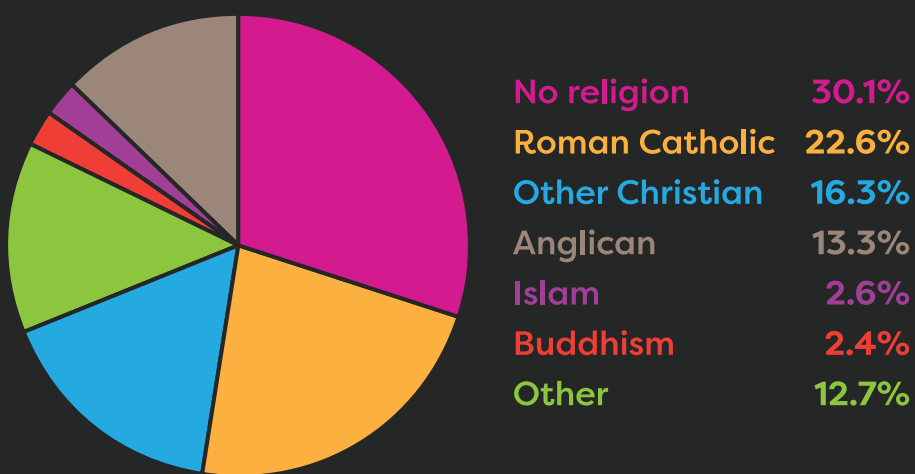
University of Western Sydney, note 7, p 3.

1 in 5 Australians have experienced race-hate talk



<https://www.humanrights.gov.au/>

Religion in Australia (2016)



ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2016

Migrants contribute over **\$10 billion** to the Australian economy in their first **10 years of settlement**

Department of Immigration and Citizenship, Trends in Migration: Australia 2010-11 (2012), p 109.

What the law says Australian values are....

Egalitarianism Responsibility
Dignity Tolerance Fair play

Aren't these universal values?
Who really doesn't believe in these...?

About the Middle Ground

The Middle Ground is an online portal and project which seeks to help young Australians in different parts of the community understand each other better in light of their respective contexts and challenges. The aim is to assist Australians articulate their thoughts productively without fear of ostracization, and to elevate the public discussion on key social and political issues.

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