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Multiculturalism is for celebrating not for fearing

Former home secretary Suella Braverman caused controversy last year for making a speech in which she berated the "misguided dogma of multiculturalism".

It begs the question, what is the alternative – monoculturalism?

The irony of such comments – and the anti-immigration rhetoric of politicians like Braverman – is that it does nothing to make people from different cultures want to integrate into British society, in fact, quite the opposite. The charity Children and Families Across Borders make this point on page 24. It says some families have been alienated by systems that should support them due to a lack of cultural awareness.

Our special focus on Black children in care makes a similar point. Featuring six testimonies from people with professional experience of the system, it highlights how the needs of Black looked after children and young people are too often ignored, not least in relation to their basic hair and skin care.

Multiculturalism does not entail, as Braverman suggests, people from different cultures living separate, isolated lives. Rather it means people understanding and celebrating each other's cultural diversity. When we do that, we are all enriched and empowered.

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