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London and Canada: discrimination is politically correct

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Tell me who you discriminate against and I'll tell you if you can — if it's lawful, that is. This seems to be the sad 'moral of the story' shared by distant countries such as the United Kingdom and Canada, which are united by the progressive philosophy of 'not

discriminating' against certain groups. According to an investigation by the [Telegraph](#), dozens of landlords are posting illegal or openly discriminatory adverts seeking 'Muslims only' tenants across London and the south-east of England.

These adverts are anti-Christian, given the nation's Catholic and Anglican roots, and are published by estate agents such as Roshan Properties on Facebook, Gumtree, and the Telegram messaging app. They contain shocking phrases referring to flats to let, such as: 'For two Muslim lads', 'for Muslim female students', 'double room available for Muslims', or 'flat suitable for a Punjabi lad'. Facebook appears to have removed the page following the Telegraph article, implicitly agreeing with it.

Such 'ethnic rentals' are widespread 'across the city' and affect many neighbourhoods, including Ilford, Newham, Barking, Dagenham, East Ham, Redbridge and Walthamstow. It may be a coincidence, of course, but London has been led by Sadiq Khan, a Labour Party member and figure repeatedly hailed by the liberal press as the 'first Muslim to lead a European capital', since 2016.

However, according to the *Telegraph*, what has been observed goes directly against the 2010 'Equality Act', which states that 'landlords and estate agents' must not specify any preference for a 'particular religion or race' when 'letting a property'. Even the most short-sighted progressives would realise what would happen to estate agents or advertising sites promoting adverts such as 'Rented to Christians only' or 'Rooms available for Catholic students'. Complaints would pour in, preceded by fiery anti-racist press campaigns, but these are entirely absent here. Perhaps the more extreme (and less hypocritical) logic of progressives' hardliners, who openly advocate 'positive discrimination' — essentially a form of 'gender quota' applied to preferred religious or ethnic minority groups — is preferable.

However, while in Britain it is 'non-Muslims' who are discriminated against, in Mark Carney's ultra-progressive Canada, the supposed social and cultural advances centred on gender and abortion are creating a nightmarish society in which the rights of some are nullified to protect others, reducing them to second-class citizens.

Founded in 1925, the University of Newfoundland is today a public university with several campuses across English-speaking Canada. According to the official website, it boasts 17,000 students from 130 countries who 'learn, teach, research, create and engage'. Fine so far.

However, this distinguished institution has now published a job advertisement inspired by 'non-discrimination policies'

which, in practice, discriminate quite heavily, albeit in the name of the 'fight against patriarchy' and 'heteronormativity'. To fill five lecturing positions, the university has launched a public competition with a 'gender-specific advertisement'. This competition is reserved for candidates who identify as belonging to one or more groups covered by the equal opportunities policy, such as women, 2SLGBTQIA+ people, indigenous people, members of ethnic minorities, and people with disabilities.

While non-Muslim tenants are discriminated against with impunity in London, here it is the white, heterosexual man who is excluded from a university lecturing competition in broad daylight – unless he declares that he 'feels like a woman'. To those responsible for this discrimination, I would like to say: please stop claiming that we live in 'democratic countries', founded on the 'rule of law', where 'the law is the same for everyone'.