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### **Letter to the Editor – Differentiating the Australian from the un-Australian**

Whenever Australia Day approaches, the same question invariably comes up. What does it mean to be Australian? People make sweeping references to shared values of harmony and our beautiful landscape with its broad blue skies. While this is not untrue, I would like to offer my perception of what being Australian means.

The Australian I have come to know and love is; good humoured and not rude, courteous and never pushy, intelligent and nobody's fool, friendly and never violent, reliable and not lazy, freedom loving and not irresponsible.

Any behaviour other than that is to be un-Australian. These values do not exclude anyone that wants to become an Australian. These are the real ties that unite us. These are the principles we should never surrender.

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