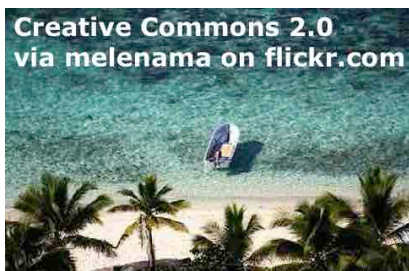


New Zealand apologizes for 70s immigration raids

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The Prime Minister of New Zealand Jacinda Ardern has apologized to Pacific Islanders for an immigration policy in the early 1970s. The policy was known as the Dawn

Raids. These involved police with dogs waking up Pacific Islanders in the early hours of the morning to deport them. Pacific Islanders are from islands in the South Pacific such as Tahiti, Tonga, Samoa and Fiji. Over 65,000 Pacific Islanders relocated to New Zealand for work to help fill a shortage of workers. The Dawn Raids focused on those who allegedly overstayed their visas. Police deported them and put their children in government care homes. Most over-stayers at that time were from the UK, South Africa and Australia.

Ms Ardern expressed her government's "sorrow, remorse and regret" over the raids. She took part in a traditional Samoan forgiveness ceremony as part of her apology. She was covered with a large white mat to show forgiveness. Ardern said people still suffered from the memories of the raids, and that "they live on [today] in the disruption of trust and faith in authorities". She told Islanders: "The treatment of your ancestors was wrong." Ardern said Islanders in New Zealand today still "suffer the scars" from the discriminatory policy. A Tongan princess thanked Ardern for apologizing for the "inhumane and unjust" treatment of her people. She said the apology was "a new dawn for my community".

Sources: npr.org / stuff.co.nz / odt.co.nz

Writing

Immigrants who work in another country should get citizenship in that country. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

New Zealand / apology / Pacific / islanders / dawn / deport / visas / children / care / sorrow / regret / traditional / ceremony / memories / faith / scars / discriminatory

True / False

- 1) New Zealand's leader apologized for a 1980s immigration policy. T / F
- 2) A few decades ago, police woke up and deported some Pacific Islanders. T / F
- 3) The police deported over 65,000 Pacific Islanders. T / F
- 4) All children of over-stayers were also deported. T / F
- 5) Jacinda Ardern participated in a traditional Fijian forgiveness ceremony. T / F
- 6) Jacinda Ardern said people have forgotten about the police raids today. T / F
- 7) A princess from Tonga thanked New Zealand's leader for the apology. T / F
- 8) The princess said the apology was a new dawn for her community. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. apologized | a. voiced |
| 2. policy | b. moved |
| 3. deport | c. beginning |
| 4. relocated | d. said sorry |
| 5. allegedly | e. confidence |
| 6. expressed | f. strategy |
| 7. took part | g. cruel |
| 8. trust | h. throw out |
| 9. inhumane | i. participated |
| 10. dawn | j. reportedly |

Discussion – Student A

- a) Why do people migrate?
- b) What do you know about New Zealand?
- c) What immigration policy does your country have?
- d) What are the good things about migration?
- e) Are there any bad things about immigration?
- f) Would you like to live and work in another country?
- g) Should migrants have more rights in the countries they move to?
- h) What should happen to people who overstay their visas?

Phrase Match

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| 1. an immigration | a. in authorities |
| 2. in the early hours | b. of workers |
| 3. help fill a shortage | c. that time |
| 4. put their children in government | d. and unjust treatment |
| 5. Most over-stayers at | e. remorse and regret |
| 6. expressed her government's sorrow, | f. policy |
| 7. people still suffered | g. for my community |
| 8. trust and faith | h. from the memories |
| 9. apologizing for the inhumane | i. of the morning |
| 10. a new dawn | j. care homes |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- What do you know about the Pacific Islands?
- What do you know about New Zealand's leader Jacinda Ardern?
- When was the last time you apologized to someone?
- What do you think of Jacinda Ardern's apology?
- Is an apology to the Pacific Islanders enough?
- What advice do you have for the Pacific Islanders?
- What questions would you like to ask Jacinda Ardern?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

1. d	2. f	3. h	4. b	5. j
6. a	7. i	8. e	9. g	10. c

Role Play

Role A – New Zealand

You think New Zealand is the best country to move to. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their countries. Also, tell the others which is the least appealing of these (and why): Singapore, Bhutan or Antarctica.

Role B – Singapore

You think Singapore is the best country to move to. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their countries. Also, tell the others which is the least appealing of these (and why): New Zealand, Bhutan or Antarctica.

Role C – Bhutan

You think Bhutan is the best country to move to. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their countries. Also, tell the others which is the least appealing of these (and why): Singapore, New Zealand or Antarctica.

Role D – Antarctica

You think Antarctica is the best country to move to. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their countries. Also, tell the others which is the least appealing of these (and why): Singapore, Bhutan or New Zealand.

Speaking – Relocating

Rank these with your partner. Put the best places to relocate to at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • Finland | • New Zealand |
| • South Africa | • Singapore |
| • Bhutan | • Argentina |
| • Antarctica | • Canada |

Answers – True False

1 F	2 T	3 F	4 F	5 T	6 F	7 T	8 F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.