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### Is Multicultural Britain Dead ?



The country where he immediately felt at home in 2005 is no more a melting pot, muses Siddhu Warriar.

For many **right-wingers**, the phrase 'the changing face of the UK' **conjures up** images of hordes of brown, black and yellow people, burqas, and general displays of un-Britishness (whatever that might be).

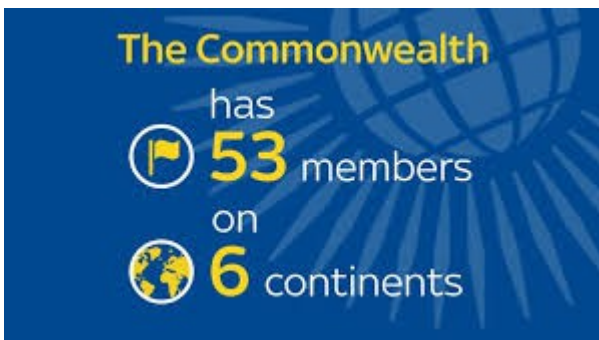
However, until recently, **the mainstream** generally **disavowed** this characterisation of the country and preferred to celebrate the concept of a modern, multicultural Britain.

The country I moved to in 2005 as a student was not a **rainbow nation** where people of each color stuck to their own. It was a veritable **melting pot** where, largely, people of different races **intermingled** quite comfortably. When I heard of friends in interracial relationships in the US being subject to uncomfortable **stares**, they appeared **a world away**. In fact, people of mixed ethnicity are the fastest growing group in the UK. There was recognition in the mainstream that the definition of what it meant to be British had changed, and Britain was all the richer for it.

However, a lot appears to have changed over the past few years.

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### What is the Commonwealth?

The Commonwealth was a result of the British Empire. It's made of states that were formerly **ruled** by Britain during the 19th and 20th centuries. As British control over the rest of the world **waned**, countries that gained independence became part of the Commonwealth of Nations.

**Made up of 53 members** on six continents, it has a total population of about 2.4 billion people - about

one third of the total **global** population.

The birth of the network as we know it today is often seen to begin with the 1949 London Declaration, issued two years after India and Pakistan gained independence from Britain.

**The aim** of The Commonwealth of Nations is to help member states **promote** democracy and rule of law, human rights, good governance and social and economic development.

As Britain prepares to leave the European Union, some Brexiteers think the Commonwealth could play an important future role in **trade links** in the UK.

And for many residents, the institution may need to do a bit more if it's to prove itself: in one 2010 **survey**, one quarter of residents of Jamaica said they believed the head of the Commonwealth of Nations was Barack Obama.