

Tekst 6

Minority report

Integration has a long way to go

1 **W**hen the 17-year-old British boxer
Amir Khan won a silver medal at
the 2004 Olympics, the
celebrations went far into the night in two
5 places. In the Pakistani village where his
bride-to-be currently lives, his in-laws could
boast that they had made a great deal. But
this celebration was a tea party by
comparison with the media circus in Britain.
10 The fuss had less to do with Mr Khan's
boxing than with his father's dress sense – in
particular his British flag waistcoat. The
message was that the Khans were winning it
for Britain. Yet the family was still hedging
15 its bets. Alongside Mr Khan, Amir's uncle
sported a T-shirt carrying the national flag
of Pakistan.

2 The Khans' uneasiness symbolises a
dilemma faced across Europe. Can migrant
families assume that even if they want to be
20 British (or French or Spanish) they will be
accepted as such? How to reconcile the
economic integration of people bringing new
skills and labour with the social integration
that makes societies work?
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3 In the past, most migration into Britain
was post-colonial – the descendants of
African slaves from the Caribbean, textile
workers and farmers from the Indian sub-
30 continent. Today the flows are from the
states around the edges of Europe's rich
heartland: Turkey, Iraq, Somalia and of
course eastern Europe. Yesterday's West
Indian nurses and Sikh bus drivers are being
35 followed by today's Czech carpenters and
Polish nannies.

4 The 4.5m migrants who came to Britain
since 1945 will be surpassed by the numbers
who arrive in the next quarter century to do
40 hard-to-fill jobs (and pay our pensions).
These migrants will be lighter-skinned,
which may make them stand out less. But,
not being from our former colonies, they

won't speak English and they are more
45 likely to be Muslims than Christians.

5 The lessons of the past aren't
encouraging for their integration.
Integration has been patchy at best. Though
students of Chinese and Indian origin are
50 outperforming the national average by the
time they leave school, black, Pakistani and
gypsy children fall far below. The police
remains a largely white force patrolling
increasingly diverse communities.
55 According to a YouGuv poll, more than half
of the white Britons do not have a single
non-white person in their circle of friends.
Even more astonishing, young people from
ethnic minorities are twice as likely as their
60 parents to have a circle of friends which
includes no whites.

6 Today immigration regularly turns up in
the top five concerns for British voters. The
Tory leader, son of a Jewish immigrant from
65 Romania, has cleverly positioned his party
to take advantage of public anxiety without
opening himself to charges of "playing the
race card", proposing a sensible Australian-
style system to regulate the flow of
70 migrants.

7 The Labour home secretary plans to
launch a strategy for "race equality and
community cohesion". This will involve
more citizenship teaching, more support for
75 summer camps to bring young people
together, more insistence on everybody
speaking English.

8 Above all, the government will need to
send some signals to the Khans – both at
home and abroad – that Britain respects
Muslims. One way would be a law to protect
Muslims from discrimination based on
80 religion. Today it remains perfectly legal to
post a "No Muslims Allowed" sign outside a
hotel, restaurant or pub; British laws
prohibit this kind of discrimination on the
ground of race but not of religion. Fulfilling
his promise to make Muslims equal should
be the Prime Minister's first step.

90 *Trevor Phillips: chair, Commission for Racial
Equality*

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- 1p 19 ■ Which of the following is referred to by “they had made a great deal” (line 7)?
The in-laws’
A joy at having betted on the right boxer.
B pride that Amir Khan was to join their family.
C satisfaction about not having emigrated to Britain.
- 1p 20 ■ What is the point made about the Khan family in paragraph 1?
A They did not know how to handle the media attention surrounding Amir’s Olympic medal.
B They did not understand how to behave or dress at the Olympic boxing event.
C They were divided over which country Amir really represented at the Olympic Games.
- 1p 21 ■ What is the aim of paragraph 2?
A To compare immigration policies of various European countries.
B To condemn Europeans’ attitude towards immigrants.
C To emphasise immigrants’ inability to integrate successfully.
D To outline the central question concerning immigration.
- In de alinea’s 3 en 4 vergelijkt de schrijver de vroegere en de hedendaagse immigranten in Groot-Brittannië.
- 2p 22 □ Geef voor elk van de onderstaande uitspraken aan of deze wel of niet een kenmerk van de hedendaagse immigranten weergeeft volgens de alinea’s 3-4.
1 Ze bedreigen de werkgelegenheid van de vroegere immigranten.
2 Ze spreken minder Engels dan de vroegere immigranten.
3 Ze vallen qua uiterlijk minder op dan de vroegere immigranten.
4 Ze zijn hoofdzakelijk afkomstig uit Oost-Europese landen.
Noteer het nummer van elke uitspraak, gevolgd door “wel” of “niet”.
- 1p 23 ■ What is the main point made in paragraph 5?
A Children of different ethnic backgrounds achieve differently within the British education system.
B Friendships between white Britons and immigrants are becoming rarer and rarer.
C The composition of the police force does not at all reflect the composition of the British population.
D The integration of the new generation of immigrants into British society is likely to be problematic.
- 1p 24 ■ Which of the following is true about the Tory party, according to paragraph 6?
A It is going to present the most radical anti-immigration plan so far.
B It is making intelligent use of its leader’s foreign background.
C It is particularly popular among those people who oppose immigration.
D It is trying to benefit from Britons’ unease about immigration.
- 1p 25 ■ What becomes clear about the Labour home secretary, according to paragraph 7?
A He is aiming his integration campaign at the young only.
B He is developing measures to improve immigrants’ integration.
C He is putting forward lots of ideas but achieving very little.
- 1p 26 ■ Which of the following can replace “the Khans” in line 79?
A “Amir Khan and his family”
B “immigrants of Pakistani origin”
C “people of the Muslim faith”
- “Fulfilling ... first step.” (regels 87-89)
- 1p 27 □ Welke concrete maatregel om deze belofte te vervullen stelt de schrijver voor in alinea 8?