

Just Do Right – security and the not so ‘United’ kingdom

‘Great’ Britain, as we are officially titled is not looking so ‘great’ at the moment. In the immediate aftermath following the decision to leave the EU, we appear to be more divided and less ‘great’ than we have ever been. We are split politically in terms of our political parties being at war with each other, without (in my opinion any of them being able to run the country), we are divided in terms of class with significant differences in opinion between the less wealthy communities and those in the ‘middle and upper’ classes; and we are divided geographically with Scotland and Northern Ireland expressing wishes to leave the not so ‘United’ Kingdom.

So what does this mean for our security and maybe our safety? Nationally and politically only time will tell, but individually, well the answer to this question lies in the streets and towns of the United Kingdom, it starts with us and our communities. Over the next few years there will be change, both good and bad. There may be racism and hurt along with lies and mistruths, which will affect how secure we feel. There may also be bias and upset towards politicians, political parties or even our neighbours. There doesn’t have to be. This after all should never have just been about law making, immigration or the NHS. Let us use this opportunity to look at things a bit different. Start by doing right, saying hello or helping each other out a little, don’t let what happens on the world stage affect what happens on our streets. This starts in the street, driving the car or popping to the shops, this is what matters. We do not need to be a divided Britain despite leaving ‘the club’, we just need to simply ‘do right’ by each other.

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