



# Mr Morrison suggested protesters should just be grateful they hadn't been gunned down in the street - Michael McGuire

**N**OT all men. An empty phrase. A shield used to deflect, to deny, to maintain the status quo. But, now as any kind of protection, it's been exposed as a cardboard umbrella in a rainstorm.

Because, at some level, it is all men. And we have to change.

The anger and frustration of women has been clear to see this week. It is a well-earned anger built over decades, centuries. It's built on the ignorance and arrogance of men who don't listen, who don't act, who fail time and again when asked to help.

We saw it again Monday. In white, blinding relief. When Scott Morrison, Prime Minister of the country, decided it was too hard to leave his safe space in Parliament House and meet and listen to protesters outside.

Instead he suggested the protesters should just be grateful they hadn't been gunned down in the street. A lower bar of expectations is hard to imagine.

Then, when Home Affairs Minister Peter Dutton moved in parliament to prevent Labor Leader Anthony Albanese speaking further about the speech made at the protest by alleged rape victim Brittany Higgins. How's that for your cancel culture?

Not all men. But it's the men who do the killing, the raping, who inflict the violence. It's the men who make women feel unsafe when walking the streets at night.

But then it's the women who are told to come up with the answers to why they shouldn't be raped. Don't walk alone, don't wear those



clothes, don't have a drink too many. Maybe stay at home and never venture out. But a glance at the domestic-violence stats shows that's not much of an answer either. Last year, the Australian Bureau of Statistics put out a study that found one in six Australian women aged 18 and over had experienced violence at the hands of a partner since the age of 15. That's 1.6 million women.

Maybe we tell ourselves as men that things must be getting better for women. That the focus on domestic violence means it's no longer as hidden as it once was and this must mean there must be less of it.

Well, that's wrong as well. The ABS says, if anything the rate of women suffering violence had risen in the decade to 2016.

Then there is the horrifying fact that still, on average, one woman a week is being mur-

dered by their partner or by an ex-partner.

Not all men. Yet men still control the narrative. Or at least pick the one that suits them best. So, when Morrison stands beside Australian of the Year Grace Tame and lauds her moral courage or talks about the need to believe the stories of women who have been raped, it's possible he believes what he is saying in the moment.

Yet, when the story of alleged rape victim Brittany Higgins is revealed, he apparently doesn't understand the importance, or the horror, of the story until his wife Jenny points it out. And she asks him to have a think about what if that had happened to one of his own daughters.

As Tame said: "It shouldn't take having children to have a conscience."

But Morrison's lack of curi-

osity and knowledge about an alleged attack metres from his office is telling.

Not all men. But men control the majority of the power structures in Australia. In government, in political parties, in corporations and in the media.

The glass ceiling is real and women are paid less than men for equal work.

Australia's, to date, only female prime minister Julia Gillard was treated with a level of misogyny and hatred not seen before or since.

Former Liberal deputy leader Julie Bishop last week spoke of the "big swinging dicks" who blocked her from the top job. Presumably that name had a certain ironic quality attached to it.

Not all men. But all men need to change in ways big and small. Nothing else is acceptable anymore.

**Thousands of people took part in the March4 Justice rally in Adelaide on Monday.**

## Clinical trials prove AstraZeneca is safe



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SOUTH Australia proudly led the nation in the rollout of the AstraZeneca vaccine, and we are confident both vaccines available are safe and effective against COVID-19.

More than 200 million people have now received COVID-19 vaccines around the world, and with data showing high effectiveness for both vaccines, we can be confident they are safe and provide the protection against serious illness promised in earlier trials.

The early real-world results are outstanding. In Scotland, for example, results show high effectiveness against COVID-19 hospitalisations for both vaccines: 94 per cent reduction for the AstraZeneca and 85 per cent reduction for

the Pfizer vaccine. This high effectiveness is consistent with clinical trial findings. Which is excellent news given they have now been rolled out to hundreds of millions of people. We have now received more than 20,000 doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine to be used alongside the Pfizer doses.

Vaccinating frontline staff is our number-one priority and we are using both Pfizer and AstraZeneca during this phase. Both have met high safety standards set by the Therapeutic Goods Administration, undergoing full approval requirements. They have a good safety profile in clinical trials and in surveillance with widespread use overseas.

Both are given in a two-dose schedule: Pfizer doses are to be given a minimum of three weeks apart and AstraZeneca doses are recommended to be given 12 weeks apart. The difference in intervals between the vaccines is due to higher

efficacy seen after a longer interval between doses with the AstraZeneca vaccine.

The vaccines are not interchangeable and the two-dose course must be completed with the same vaccine.

The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation advises both the Pfizer and AstraZeneca vaccines are

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suitable for all phases of Australia's COVID-19 vaccination program.

I've received my COVID-19 vaccine, which was completely painless and I had no side effects. My husband and three children are ready to roll up their sleeves when it's their turn. Vaccination is the best form of prevention, and in turn I'd love it if every South Australian got vaccinated to pro-

tect themselves from this serious disease.

Once you're vaccinated you can be confident you will be protected against developing severe symptoms of COVID-19 disease, the devastating effects of which have been felt across the world.

A vaccinated population will definitely increase our

chances of getting back to a pre-COVID-19 world.

The most important thing is that, the more people to get vaccinated, the better we will all be protected, and the more quickly we'll be able to get back to normal.

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## THE LAST WORD

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### MOUTHING OFF

- (1) Interpretation: When someone says, "It would take too long to explain," they really mean, "I have no idea how it works."
- (2) Laughter is the best medicine: What do you give a sick bird? Tweetment. (3) Practical wisdom: All things being equal, you lose.
- (4) From the comic strip Ginger Meggs: "A child's greatest period of growth is the month after you've bought new school uniforms."
- (5) Wordplay: Dog pounds are barking lots.

### INSIGHT

"A retired husband is a wife's full-time job" - bumper sticker.

### QUOTE, UNQUOTE

"A smart girl is one who knows how to play tennis, piano and dumb" - British-American actress Lynn Redgrave.

### KEEPING COUNT

**8876** - the last four digits in the phone number of Telstra's Mandarin help line 1800 678 876.

### JUST A THOUGHT

There's more to a grapefruit than meets the eye.

### REMEMBER WHEN

Today is March 17, St Patrick's Day, the national day of Ireland, and the 76th day of the year. There are 289 days remaining until the end of the year. On this day:

**1954:** Federal Immigration Minister Harold Holt said one in every 12 Australians was a post-World War II migrant.

**1954:** "Since I've been in Adelaide, I have discovered that you have here one of the few really good disc jockey programs in Australia. I refer to Bill Holyoak's The Real Swing sessions on Tuesday nights from 5AD ... A lot of the information he gives us we could not get anywhere else in Adelaide, and it is a great help when listening to a record to know something about it and the musicians we are hearing." - from a letter by "Ex-Sydneysider", of Kilburn, in the South Australian weekly paper Radio Call.

**1964:** The Blair Schwartz Show, on Channel 7, was telecast live from Port Adelaide Town Hall.

**1972:** US singer-songwriter-poet Rod McKuen performed at Apollo Stadium in Kingston Avenue, Richmond.

**1990:** Birth of AFL player Rory Sloane (Adelaide No. 9, captain).

**1991:** The Australian Recording Industry Association listed Falling, by US singer-songwriter Julee Cruise, as South Australia's No. 1 hit single.

**1991:** Focus Video listed Pink Cadillac, starring Clint Eastwood, Bernadette Peters and Timothy Carhart, as Adelaide's No. 1 rental movie.

**1993:** Police in Birmingham, England, said a woman had kept the body of her dead husband on her sitting room couch for six months because she could not bear to part with him.

**1995:** Speaking in Adelaide, media identity Ita Buttrose said: "I cook dinner. I do my own grocery shopping. I clean the silver, too."

**1998:** From The Advertiser: "Bill Gates, who has done more than almost anyone to get mankind on to the information superhighway, says he has some qualms about the internet and the communications explosion."

**1999:** Birth of AFL player Kane Farrell (Port Adelaide No. 24).

**2006:** From The Guardian newspaper in London: "Researchers say they have shown conclusively that hurricanes are becoming more intense because oceans are being heated up by global warming."

**2019:** From the front page of the Sunday Mail: "Adelaide will become home to Australia's greatest Aboriginal art gallery, with the Federal Government promising to invest \$85 million towards the project."

### TODAY'S THOUGHT

My mouth is filled with your praise, declaring your splendour all day long.  
**Psalm 71:8**