Dumb and Dumber

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All over the world civilised society is in meltdown. We see it on the streets of London, Paris, Athens, Madrid, Istanbul, Baghdad and Sydney - the list is endless. The fundamentalists of the ultra left and ultra right, often dressed up as Christians or Muslims have high jacked society.

These fundamentalist, in-your-face views match those of political leaders on all sides of politics. We have lost our compassion, we have become xenophobic, we demonise minorities, we resort to racism and issues in the public sphere are characterised by exaggeration and lies. To use a recent term we "ape" our leaders' attitudes proving that we are indeed a branch of the ape family.

Political excesses are created, stimulated and encourage by an amoral media. "News" is editorialised by journalists who don't know what they are talking about, outrage is confected; everything is dumbed down for our consumption. Politics like live betting on sports' events has become a game also played out in the weekly opinion polls.

A least Mr Abbott can be sure of one thing. The boats will stop the moment he gets elected; I mean who would want to come to a country led by a soulless dispassionate government? Indeed the will be a reverse flow of boats and planes as those with any sense of decency leave the country to the barbarians.