

Anti-Islamization Protests in Melbourne

Two excellent reports at GoV – [here](#). The Baron notes:

I notice that the pattern is the same in the “anti-racist” reaction to these anti-Islamization demos as it is in Europe:

1.	The counter-demonstrators significantly outnumber the demonstrators.
2.	They are well-organized, and most carry professionally printed signs and banners, in contrast to the homemade signs carried by the Islam-critics.
3.	They are far more likely to be masked than their targets are.
4.	In all instances in which it can be definitively determined, the “anti-racists” strike the first blow in any violent encounter with the anti-Islamic protesters.
5.	Media coverage bends over backwards to be equivocal about “both sides”. Reporters and anchors often tip towards favoring the counterdemonstrators, giving them more close-ups and positive sound bites.