

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HATE CRIME AND PUBLIC ORDER (SCOTLAND) BILL

SUBMISSION FROM ANDREW MCGARVA

Dear Sir or Madam

As an autistic, atheist gay man I am absolutely against this legislation.

The idea that hating should be a crime in the first place is ludicrous. An attitude of mind is not the business of the state to legalise against.

The only thing that should be criminalised is real world action which harms another person. "Stirring up hate" could be equally well described as seeking to persuade other people to oppose something or someone. You see the ease with which one thing can be interpreted as another?

I am sick to death of the blind descent into "snow flakeism" which the intolerant left is determined to lead us down. We are starting to become like communist China or Stalinist Russia in this obsession with dictating to people what they should and should no think.

Andrew McGarva
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