

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HATE CRIME AND PUBLIC ORDER (SCOTLAND) BILL

SUBMISSION FROM DAVID BOYLE

I oppose this new law, it's like something from 1984.

If an actual crime has been committed, it will already be covered by existing laws and goes against the fundamental rights of all people to express their own view on any subject, whether or not I or any body else disagrees with what is being said.

These hate crime bills, are completely unacceptable in an Liberal society, what is acceptable speech, or action at present, may not always be acceptable, without free speech and freedom of expression, many things that we consider to be correct these days, would not have came to pass.

Laws like these are often put into place by well meaning individuals, but they can led to totalitarianism.

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