

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HATE CRIME AND PUBLIC ORDER (SCOTLAND) BILL

SUBMISSION FROM CRAIG CALLAGHAN

Do you have views on the merits of Part 2 of the Bill and the plans to introduce a new offence of stirring up of hatred?

Yes I do. I am against the further silencing of individual freedom of speech where the incitement of hatred is not the motivation.

The subjective, worldly view of what is incitement and what is offensive is fluid and constantly being altered as society continues to stray further and further away from God's Word.

My faith dictates my views on issues such as homosexuality, sex before marriage, IVF, LGBTQ+ matters to name just a few. In this liberal society, Christian views rooted in biblical instruction and obedience to Gods holy word are deemed by some to be hateful and inciting hatred, yet the truth is, those views are rooted and come from a place of pure love and trembling fear of eternal darmnation for those who are against God and His statutes and commands.

This proposed bill does not and would not take the above into account. It would seem to be an agenda to force silence on those who have a different point of view on what Gods creation, should be, could be and would be.

Faith based speech needs to be protected.

Kind regards,

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