

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HATE CRIME AND PUBLIC ORDER (SCOTLAND) BILL

SUBMISSION FROM A EVAN

Very concerned by this orwellian, authoritarian bill, the "hate crime and order bill". It should not be passed.

Be under no illusion, however well intentioned this may be, this is a drastic move away from liberty and freedom, and turns scotland into a country where no one can truly speak their mind or debate important issues freely, which is the basis for a liberal society.

No one should have the right not to be offended. The result of this bill will be shutting down of debate by mischievous people who can claim to be offended and criminalise even legitimate views. It is hard for most people to "keep up" with what is acceptable or not in a world of ever increasing political correctness and ever increasing groups taking "offense" and trying to shut down and do harm to people with differing (and perfectly acceptable) views.

Know that if you pass this draconian and evil bill, it could be your child someday, criminalised, ostracised, and shut out of society or work for a throwaway remark, or even a view that someone else decides they do not like.

Its frightening and orwellian that Scotland is even contemplating this. Its evil and please do not proceed.

Thanks
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