

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

**HATE CRIME AND PUBLIC ORDER (SCOTLAND) BILL**

**SUBMISSION FROM RG WATT**

To the Committee,

One persons idea of hate crime is another's truth telling. Hurt feelings should not result in a jail sentence, for even the most heinous lies.

The place to deal with hurt feelings is a civil court and not a criminal court.

I am with Voltaire on this.

However we are all aware of the extremely powerful 'trans 'lobby, who close down all debate regarding the impossibility of someone with XY chromosomes changing those chromosomes into XX. They shut down all debate with cries of transphobe, terf and other slurs. The backlash has begun and they will not win.

Yet ,I predict, it will be the trans lobby who will use these frankly idiotic laws to prosecute those who disagree with them. This will result in a Stalinist like purge ( Ivan Burylov wrote "comedy" on a ballot paper where there was only a single candidate, hurting Stalin's feelings and committing a hate crime against the USSR - He was sentenced to 8 years in a gulag). Stalin's USSR was never regarded as a democracy or a haven for the ill-treated.

Hitler was also very keen on Hate crime and Public Order. In 1934, the new Nazi government enacted a "Law Against Treacherous Attacks on the State and Party and for the Protection of the Party Uniform," which made laughing and telling jokes about the regime a capital offence. Admittedly seven years is not the same as a death sentence for most people but does Mr Yusuf really want to be seen as a neo-nazi ?

This bill should be stopped in its tracks before it becomes more laughable. I expect Hamza Yusuf to read this and reply to me.

I have been a member of the SNP for nearly 30 years and this stupid bill will set back independence for years.

I hold Mr Yusuf responsible for this.

Yours sincerely,

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