

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HATE CRIME AND PUBLIC ORDER (SCOTLAND) BILL

SUBMISSION FROM OSCAR JAMES

This bill is a blatant offence against our human rights! I do not advocate for hate speech, but restricting what people can say does not stop racism, it allows it to fester! Blocking up a volcano only builds pressure! In the long run, stopping people from expressing their opinions, on the basis that it may hurt other people's feelings, will only breed resentment and make the racists stronger in numbers, as more and more normal people are radicalised, because they have a reason to hate the left for taking away freedom of speech!

Please, the public do not want this! A minority of the public want this, and the majority would like this bill NOT to be passed!

Please, re think this. It will breed more hatred over time!

Oscar James
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