

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HATE CRIME AND PUBLIC ORDER (SCOTLAND) BILL

SUBMISSION FROM ANDREW GILLEN

Dear Sir/Madam

My Name is Andrew Gillen, I am a citizen of Scotland and live in Edinburgh.

I would like to object to the hate crime bill in the strongest possible terms.

1. The bill allows special lobby groups to influence there agendas backed by government bills.
2. It creates inequality through granting special rights to groups that already have laws to cover this.
3. The bill specifically decriminalises Blasphemy which is granting a bias towards religion. This in a secular society is favouring one group over another and is against the freedom to criticize religion.
4. The bill is utterly vague on what the definition of what "Hate" is exactly. It also clearly implies that further laws maybe added at a further date creating more doubt as to what the intentions of the government are.
5. The "Scottish people" were clearly NOT asked about what was to be contained in this bill. They were just special lobby groups that are pushing for there own rights over other peoples.
6. The bill is purposefully vague as to give the government the power to decide what other peoples intend in there speech is.

In short this bill is a boarder line fascist overreach by the government purposefully and intentional made to create inequality though far left ideology and dogma. Granting special rights to ppl based on perceived offence is dangerous and is counter to any free society.

This bill should be stopped, hate laws should be reviewed and the government interference with free speech rewound to decrease division in Scotland rather than stopping ppl from speaking out against state sanctioned inequality.

Kind Regards

Andrew Gillen.

Andrew Gillen
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