

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

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

**SUBMISSION FROM MICHAEL ANDERSON**

Good Evening,

I have been made aware that the SNP would like to pass a new bill regarding hate crimes.

Obviously I do believe that most of us Scots are law abiding and decent human beings and do not wish any hate on anyone.

I however have issues with this bill as I feel it would be an infringement on my human rights along with every other Scottish person. I believe free speech no matter what is said should be protected at all cost, any policy which strives to remove free speech in my opinion is fascism. Hitler was also a fan of abolishing free speech rights, we also have to look at what is happening in Hong Kong and China, it is scary what China can get away with and I feel the Scottish government would like to bring this level of control over the Scottish people. It is an awful and disgusting policy and should be thrown out.

I am also aware that its said the Scottish people were asked about this policy previously, I later found out this was not true and it was just selective yes men/women/groups would like to implement this bill. I am especially disgusted to know that misogyny would be prohibited by misandry would be permitted in order to keep feminists happy. This is blatant discrimination against half the Scottish population – men.

I would like to conclude that I used to be pro independence, I have however changed my mind and become a unionist as I am not happy with the terrible path the SNP want to take us down, remember in Braveheart when William Wallace shouted "freedom", what freedom do we have if our rights to free speech are taken away. I am sure my views will not be considered along with anyone else who is not happy with this bill and you will force your government control over us anyways because that is what you really want, authoritarian control. I will leave with a definition below:

**Fascism** (/ˈfæʃɪzəm/) is a form of far-right, authoritarian ultranationalism characterized by dictatorial power, forcible suppression of opposition, as well as strong regimentation of society and of the economy which came to prominence in early 20th-century Europe.

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