

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HATE CRIME AND PUBLIC ORDER (SCOTLAND) BILL

SUBMISSION FROM SPIKE PERRY

European Court of Human Rights Rules on **Article 10**. Everyone has the **right** to freedom of expression. This **right** shall include freedom to hold opinions and to receive and impart information and ideas without interference by public authority and regardless of frontiers.

You are literally breaching current human rights. You cannot twist this bill into any other shape. Not to mention, that the wording is so vague that people with malicious intent could abuse the law to silence anybody who disagrees with them. This is especially worrying considering the fact that context will not be considered when cases are reviewed.

The omission of Misandry from the list of offences is also deeply worrying, why should "hate-speech" against men be legal when it is not for quite literally every single other gender and sex.

In my honest opinion and that of the British PUBLIC, this is harmful to the freedom of speech and expression of the Scottish people and I think that is more important than the feelings of a few lobbyists who weren't challenged on their views.

This all comes from a place of sincerity as I'm concerned for the people of Scotland and their rights, I believe in equality for ALL of the people of the nation and I simply believe that this bill doesn't meet that standard and is therefore a humanitarian crisis waiting to happen for certain classes, especially men, who shall become 2nd class citizens, open to hateful and toxic language from others, regardless of their gender while others are completely protected by the bill.

Sincere regards, a concerned young lad from the South. :)

Spike Perry
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