

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HATE CRIME AND PUBLIC ORDER (SCOTLAND) BILL

SUBMISSION FROM SIMON PORTEZ

This bill is a total violation of article 10 and downright dangerous. This must not be allowed to pass.

Perceived hateful intent is dangerously open to abuse. The word perceived must be removed entirely.

There is no clear definition and separation of criticism, humour and hateful intent.

The bill itself is totally biased against men with the removal of the proposed misandry clause.

The people of Scotland do not want this. It is a violation of our human rights. It is, in my opinion, intentionally vague and open to interpretation. This will only cause more division and usher in a new state of fascism.

Passing this bill could be seen and treated as treasonous in years to come. This harms the country and our people.

Simon Portez
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