

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

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

**SUBMISSION FROM JEROME RYAN**

This bill will not do what it means to. The only way to get rid of hate is to have an open discourse. If people with prejudice aren't allowed to talk about it honestly, then they cannot overcome it. If we silence it, then it will bubble up and explode in our faces and we WILL have to deal with the consequences. This bill also heavily infringes on the human right free speech and is open to so much interpretation.

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