

## JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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

#### SUBMISSION FROM JONATHAN KIME

1, No i don't think there is any need for a Hate Crime bill, the fact that hate crimes are subjective is nearly all cases and therefore almost impossible to prove without a shadow of a doubt, which is how the judicial system should work, then the need to have a bill is pointless. It creates protected classes of people and infringes on the human right of freedom speech of others, even if that speech is abhorrent.

2, The bill expands on existing hate speech laws (which we don't need) but conveniently ignores Mysandry, making women hating illegal, but male hating legal. if you are going to blanket everyone with restrictions but exclude some, see protected classes of people above.

3, There should be no model to prosecute hate crime, it's subjective to the "victim" and not the perpetrator, and you cannot police people's thoughts. Every case should be handled with the evidence at hand, if a woman screams insults at a man for a prolonged period of time and he eventually snaps and calls her names back he is in the wrong, abuse goes in all directions not just one.

4, No, calling someone old can also been seen as a term of affection or indeerement, if overheard but someone not privy to the relationship it can, under your new bill, be phoned in as a hate crime, even if the "victim" tells the police otherwise they will still prosecute and of course they will insert the hate into the prosecution as they have done in the past.

5, No.

6, If defined properly the only speech that should be monitored is incitements to violence, actively telling people to cause harm to others. Even then it's up to the individual agency of the listener to enact any action against another and the fault lies with them, not the speaker.

7, I find the scottish government's restriction of my human rights to freedom of speech to be insulting, do I get to take you to court for gross offense? no, because I understand differences of opinion and perspective and I also don't try to enforce my views of others at the boot heel of a police officer.

8, Freedom of expression: sexual orientation should not be even mentioned in this bill, people should be free to express themselves anyway they see fit, I have no issue with that. I have an issue with them being given extra protection over others because of said expression, again you are creating a protected class of people that only alienates others who don't have those protections.

9, I think all hate speech laws are a joke, you can't infringe on people's freedoms to be ignorant and/or uninformed, all you do is push these people away from

mainstream society and also reforming themselves into normal human beings without bigoted views.

10, finally something i actually agree with, everything should open for criticism including and especially religion

This bill and all speech laws should be abolished, the scottish government has already proven that they want to police people's thinking by even considering this law, it provides protections for only portions of the population while ignoring others. I find this bill extremely authoritarian in nature and frankly quite disgusting in this modern day and age.

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