

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HATE CRIME AND PUBLIC ORDER (SCOTLAND) BILL

SUBMISSION FROM DANIEL ALEXANDER

Good afternoon,

These are my views on the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill:

1: There is no need for this bill. This shall further hamper any semblance of free speech and is yet another law that is vaguely worded and shall be enforced (as per usual) in a one-sided manner. This is unnecessary. No one wants this outside of radical leftist activists. There is no merit to this even being considered, other than to be shot down and dug a very deep grave where it shall be left to rot.

2: "Hate crime" is purely ideological and simply shows your bias even attempting to create a law for this. These laws should be lessened and have free speech in-stated, not further hampering it with ridiculously authoritarian laws such as this.

3: This should not go forward, no. Also, to specifically punish "misogynistic harassment" - which I am sure would be selectively enforced - is simply making things increasingly unequal. Men receive more abuse online, for example. This is a proven fact. Don't give special treatment based on sex, gender, skin colour. They are arbitrary characteristics.

4: Protected characteristics should only be involved in very specific circumstances, eg: with "grooming gangs" - this should be used to add additional charges to these disgusting predators of children. Otherwise, no. We do not need laws based on the colour of your skin or your beliefs.

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Sectarianism should not be included, no. These "hate crime" laws should not exist in the first place - in their current form or even worse as you guys want to put through. As a tax payer, I don't want to pay for this and for police to arrest people for tweets...

6: Stirring up hatred, yet again, will be selectively enforced and should not go forward. It will simply be used for anything not status quo and never used for BLM, Antifa, etc who DEFINITELY stir up hatred yet are supported by our establishment.

7: Racism is not much of an issue, if at all, within the UK & Scotland. Let's be honest. I believe we should NOT add more laws for racial hatred, etc. Again, shall be enforced one way. Name a time someone has been done for anti-white sentiment? Even when numerous examples of it, eg: grooming gangs and when terrorists scream very anti-white statements...

8: Yes; in-state free speech. Allow people to say what they want. Do not punish someone because they said something that hurt someone's feelings. Within reason,

of course. If there is CLEAR harassment over a period of time, punish that. Do NOT punish people for expressing views and emotions so long as it's within free speech/expression.

9: I think so long as there is grounds to repeal, why not allow it? I do not care that race is involved. Make this consistent. Stop giving special treatment based on race, gender, sex, etc. Especially as we know this shall never be used for anti-white racism (which is increasingly common nowadays.)

10: I am fine with this, though the law itself is ancient and not used for a long time to my knowledge and research. I'm fine with blasphemy not being punished. So long as we don't make hate speech/crime laws for talking about someone's religion. Since currently you're allowed to criticise christians, for example, but if you dare to speak out against the Muslim faith or Islam, you are ostracized and ridiculed even if your points are valid.

These are my thoughts. I am sure they shall be thrown out as being "hateful" but thing is - I am a centrist and if anything slightly on the left of the spectrum.

Here's a free opinion also: Defund the BBC. They are activists leeching off of our tax money.

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