

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HATE CRIME AND PUBLIC ORDER (SCOTLAND) BILL

SUBMISSION FROM JOHN SINCLAIR

As requested my comments on the bill in the title.

A country which has any form of hate crime bill is not a free country it is an authoritarian one.

I want to live in a country where I am free to offend and be offended in writing or verbally or by any other means of non-physically-violent communication without criminal law becoming involved.

Under the terms of this bill my family Bible could have me arrested for possessing it as it is a hate document to some people.

Hate laws are impossible to police in any fair way and so no free country would ever enact them and any that are in place would be removed from law when the people of that country were freed by their own efforts through revolution or by the efforts of an outside force by invasion or threat of invasion.

If this bill goes through in any form whatsoever I want to put on record that I do not recognise it and that it is a disgrace to Scottish history of fighting for the freedoms of people to speak their mind and you who push this forward are not a "justice committee" but are a disgrace to humanity in this attempt to coerce people into having views "approved" by you and your ilk and even more worryingly by unknown people who may not agree with you 10 years hence.

I regard this bill as nothing less than terrorism dressed up as lawmaking because its only intention is to terrorise people into having only the "correct" opinions even in the privacy of their own homes and in my opinion, which is all "hate" laws are, the home office should be looking into this under the terrorism act as clearly this bill meets several of the definitions of state sponsored terrorism against those who hold opposing or even slightly differing views.

Terrorism noun

the use of violence and threats to intimidate or coerce, especially for political purposes.

the state of fear and submission produced by terrorism or terrorization.

a terroristic method of governing or of resisting a government.

Not Yours, but disgusted that such a bill as this could even be being discussed in my country.

John Sinclair
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