

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HATE CRIME AND PUBLIC ORDER (SCOTLAND) BILL

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This bill is pure fascism and anti-free speech. It wants a bunch of yes men to agree to it and say the public wants this when it is nothing more than increased powers that can lead to authoritarian dictatorship.

>adding age as a new characteristic in connection with the aggravation of offences by prejudice under Part 1 of the Bill;

If you say something like if you understand when you are older, that is ageism and is jailable

>creating new offences relating to stirring up hatred in Part 2 of the Bill that will apply in relation to all listed characteristics (including age, disability, religion, sexual orientation, transgender identity and variations in sex characteristics) (currently these offences only relate to race);

What is stirring up hatred? What constitutes that? Will it be clarified with a set definition? If I were to say "Screw the SNP", would that be stirring up hatred? Who is the arbiter of the definition as that is so grey of a regulation? Also, nothing isn't immune to criticism and criticism isn't hate speech

>updating the definition of transgender identity in Parts 1 and 2 of the Bill, including removing the term 'intersexuality' and creating a separate category for variations in sex characteristics; and

>including a power to enable the characteristic of sex to be added to the lists of characteristics referred to in Parts 1 and 2 of the Bill by regulations at a later date, once the Bill has passed.

Misogyny is being added but Misandry isn't? How sexist is that when it will be illegal to demean women but not men? Hamza Yusuf will not answer questions on his bill because he knows he can't defend it... says a lot about how much of a violation on human rights it is when this bill violates Article 10 of the European Convention of Human Rights Section 1

"Everyone has the right to freedom of expression. This right shall include freedom to hold opinions and to receive and impart information and ideas without interference by public authority and regardless of frontiers. This article shall not prevent States from requiring the licensing of broadcasting, television or cinema enterprises."

This bill will only allow the police to be more authoritarian as their own guidelines as it currently says states that if something is perceived, not confirmed, as a hate crime... then it is a hate crime. If I called someone a d-head who happened to be gay, that could be perceived as a homophobic hate crime and I would be a criminal under the current Scottish Police Handbook. Litteral though crime... I don't know the thoughts that were going on in my head, but the government does? How Orwellian is that?

To conclude, this bill is nothing but a violation of human rights in accordance with the regulations of the EU Human Rights as well as nothing more than pure tyranny.

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