

The urgency of free speech

Introduction

One of the key features of the dystopia appearing in novels, such as Orwell's '1984', is the elimination of free speech and the demand that everyone thinks the same thing. Everyone must parrot the accepted views commanded by the despots in control. Society is controlled by agreement to a single narrative.

Free speech is the canary in the room first showing the incursion of noxious elements in society. Denial of free speech is the beginning of the onset of totalitarian, fascist despotism. It was famously a characteristic of dictatorial Communist states, such as Soviet USSR, Mao's China and East Germany dominated by the Stasi, but it goes back to ancient civilisations such as imperial Rome where citizens dared say nothing in public criticism of the emperor.

On the other hand libertarian societies, where ideas thrive and assist scientific advances and technological developments foster free speech, recognise that rational argument is productive and can lead to breakthroughs of good ideas. As Proverbs says, 'iron sharpens iron'.¹

Therefore, when we see the state calling for restrictions on free speech, or making laws that curtail freedom of expression, we should be warned that we are living in dangerous times.

It is my contention that we are currently facing extremely concerning times where the state is marching towards total social control, beginning with severe restrictions on free speech, freedom of expression, freedom to protest and even freedom of assembly.

A short sample of worrying trends

Fearmongering regarding the bogeyman of far right to push a free speech clampdown

At the moment in Britain panic is being fanned to create fear of the bogeyman of the far-right. This is the faux *casus belli*² that requires restrictions on free speech. In fact the far-right as an organised movement does not exist in the UK. Sure there are nationalist extremists as there are anywhere but there is no organised far-right movement. The EDL³ is also being referred to – an organisation that has not existed for ten years.

Slandering ordinary people

Keir Starmer identified all the recent protests by ordinary people, mums and dads protesting about the murder of children in Southport, as '*far-right thugs*'. Law-abiding folk demonstrating peacefully were tarred with the same brush as a few extremists that rioted and looted. The same extremists that take every opportunity to use any demonstration to cause trouble at the fringes. Sadly, the mainstream media focused on the rioting and not the peaceful protests.

Arresting ordinary peaceful people / two-tier policing

The police arrested peaceful protestors doing no harm, such as a 73-year old grandmother and a terrified seven-year old screaming child. Meanwhile rioting Muslims in Birmingham waving swords, knives and baseball bats; who attacked a pub, terrified the families inside

¹ Prov 27:17, 'As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend'.

² An event used to justify war (Latin).

³ English Defence League.

and beat a teenager nearly to death did not even have any police present. According to the chief constable they were left to police themselves and so they rampaged for hours.

Peaceful middle-class citizens were identified as mindless far right thugs by the press and the PM yet this same PM bent the knee in response to the Black Lives matter riots where violence and criminal damage proliferated. The charge of two-tier policing is justified as is the charge of two-tier justice.

Social media was blamed for fanning the flames of the ‘far-right thugs’ and so individuals who posted certain comments were arrested and jailed for several years in short order. A woman who made an angry jibe on X, which she immediately deleted, was jailed because another person reposted a screen-shot of it. A man who also made comments on social media was arrested and jailed. An 18-year old teenager went to observe the protests and was arrested for merely looking.

People that simply commented on the protests ended up in jail but those Bordesley Green Muslims that smashed up a pub, beat a teenager and split his liver were not even arrested. Muslims charging terrified peaceful protestors in Stoke with swords and bats were not arrested or even questioned.

It has suddenly become more dangerous to society to make dubious comments on social media than to cause actual violence or disturb the peace.

Calls to stop free speech

Worse still some commentators are calling for even more draconian measures to stop those with alternate political views.

The attack on GB News

- One such person is Paul Mason,⁴ long-time commentator for the BBC, now Channel 4. Mason stated: *‘We need a militant democracy. Ofcom must revoke the licence of GB News. The full, if inadequate, provisions of the Online Safety Act should be activated now. We need emergency legislation to make platforms responsible if they promote incitement.’*
- Times journalist Oliver Kamm: *‘My goodness. This channel (GB News) is a megaphone for extremism and there can be no possible reason for Ofcom to delay in rescinding its UK broadcasting licence’.*

In fact GB News, though it has some right of centre presenters, presents news in an even-handed way with both sides represented. The Left, however, does not even allow Right-wing views being aired in a balanced discussion. It wants just progressive views.

The attack on X (formerly Twitter)

- Jessica Simor KC: *‘Pass a short bill closing Twitter (X) down in the UK Keir Starmer.’*
- Keir Starmer and the police have called for Elon Musk to be extradited and arrested for views published on X.⁵
- Jonathan Freedland: *‘You know who should be on trial for the UK’s far-right rioters? Elon Musk.’*
- *‘Piers Morgan calls out Elon Musk for “all communities” comment amid far-right riots.’*

⁴ According to UK Column News, 12 August 2024, Mason is an asset for MI6.

⁵ The Independent, Chris Stokel-Walker, ‘Keir Starmer says Elon Musk will face the full force of the law – but how?’, 8 August 2024. Fox News, Alexander Hall, ‘UK police commissioner threatens to extradite, jail US citizens over online posts: “We’ll come after you”’. 9 August 2024.

- Guy Verhofstadt: *'Elon Musk legitimised a convicted racist and now says civil war in the UK is inevitable'*.
- Shashank Joshi: [directed at Elon Musk] *'Someone whose presence is not considered conducive to the public good can be excluded from the UK by personal decision of the Home Secretary'*.

This is simply because Musk made statements criticising Starmer for his handling of the protests and singling out one faction for arrest (the warning about impending civil war is not new). In fact, thousands of people did the same. Also because X published various opinions about the protests instead of only allowing one progressive narrative.

Attack on Douglas Murray

- Alex Tiffin: *'I hope BBC Politics will confirm that Douglas Murray will no longer be invited to contribute to any of their programming following this openly racial and xenophobic monologue'*.
- This was followed by calls for Murray's arrest.

The interview in the spotlight is actually several months old. In it Murray explains the problems of mass immigration and said that he *'did not want them here'*.

Social media censorship plans

- *'Sir Keir Starmer to review social media laws in wake of riots. Labour set to look more broadly at existing legislation after warning keyboard warriors of sentencing for online offences'*. The Telegraph.
- Sadiq Khan: *'Online Safety Act not fit for purpose after far-right riots'*. The Guardian.

Aside: the real cause of the protests

The cause of the protests was not racism, Islamophobia, colonialism, White privilege or far-right politics. The child murders were a catalyst for long-held frustration caused by the following:

- The destruction of the British way of life.
- The gradual destruction of British culture through unbridled multiculturalism and prioritising diversity. [Multiculturalism has allowed minorities to form and promote their own isolated distinctive culture, identity and social customs in ghettos within Britain. This even includes illegal customs, such as FGM or Sharia law or allows grooming and rape gangs to flourish.]
- State-sponsored attacks on English culture (e.g. you can fly a Palestinian or Ukrainian flag but not an English one in Britain).
- Broken borders.
- A feeling of insecurity due to growing, non-integrated, violent immigrant factions. Women are afraid to walk in London streets at night.
- Mass immigration leading to favourable treatment of one faction over legal immigrants and national residents (e.g. priority for housing) and transforming society.
- The domination of Islam in certain areas.
- The openly stated plan for Islam to take over the country.
- Labour's plan to increase immigration.

Ordinary working people, mums and dads, grandmas and grandpas, young parents and young rational people have finally had enough of Wokeism, failed multiculturalism, failed DEI schemes, failed hate laws and the favourable treatment of illegal immigrants. When they took to the streets, Starmer called millions of them *'far-right thugs'*.

So the real angst in the country is about the mass immigration wrecking British infrastructure and values. This, of course, was created by government policies; especially the impetus given after 1997 by the Blair government.

Starmer cannot dare admit that so he has to deflect the issue somewhere else; hence the far-right bogeyman. Added to this is the claim of far-right misinformation and disinformation on social media.⁶

- Reuters: ‘Misinformation fuels riots’.
- BBC: Social media misinformation fanned riot flames’.
- CNBC: ‘Online disinformation sparked a wave of far-right violence’.
- Sky: Southport attack misinformation fuels far-right discourse on social media’.
- CNN: ‘UK riots show how social media can fuel real life harm’.
- Time: ‘Misinformation stoked Anti-Migrant riots’.

So, the non-existent far-right political faction in the UK, centred in a non-existent EDL, spawned non-existent far-right social media hate posts, which caused riots.

In truth, insane political encouragement of mass migration and favouring of migrants above British people in social infrastructure has finally led to outbursts of anger and frustration on the streets (as prophesied by Enoch Powell in 1968).

Summary of recent mass migration and its causes⁷

- **0-1948:** Britain’s ethnic composition had remained almost unchanged for over 2,000 years. Genetic records show that 75% of White Britons were already in Britain 6,000 years ago. Romans, Vikings, Normans and Huguenots were a tiny fraction of the whole; Germanic tribes (e.g. Saxons, Angles, Frisians, Jutes) numbered about 250,000. ‘*Britain hasn’t changed much since 600 AD*’ (Sir Walter Bodmer). The English have a fair claim to be the oldest nation in the world (Robert Tombs, Cambridge history professor). [The original Ancient Britons⁸ welcomed the incursions of Celtic tribes, which integrated to form Britain before the Roman invasion. The biggest change to the population was the 5th century onwards settlement of Germanic tribes, chiefly Saxons and Angles. After that, the population was largely settled with minor incursions. Aethelstan united the country as king of England in 927.] It is not true that England is a melting pot of constant immigration. There was no major immigration after 1066 bar the Huguenots.
- **1925:** Plan for the mongrelisation of Europe by mass immigration from Africa, the Middle East and Asia outlined by Count Richard Coudenhove-Kalergi (pioneer of the EU). Western Christian national culture was to be destroyed and replaced by a homogenised, compliant, Left-leaning, replacement population.
- **1948:** Nationality Act. Commonwealth populations are given British citizenship. Migration to Britain is expected to be small. By 1961 immigration reached 135,000 a year. By the late 1960s there were over a million non-Whites in Britain.
- **1971:** Commonwealth Immigrants Act. An effort to curb immigration.
- **1981:** British Nationality Act tightened immigration controls.
- **1997:** A deliberate plan for mass migration, developed by Peter Mandelson and enacted by Tony Blair, followed the landslide New Labour government. Government removed

⁶ Thanks to data from the Daily Sceptic, Tilak Doshi, ‘Climate deniers of the world, unite’.

⁷ Thanks to The Daily Sceptic, Andrew Collingwood, ‘The real story of immigration’, 16 August 2024.

⁸ Postulated as refugees from Troy under Brutus. The original inhabitants were said to be giants that were wiped out.

the Primary Purpose rule (which required those marrying to prove they had not wed to gain British residency).

- **1998:** Government removed border exit checks. This made it impossible to know who was in the country and who had overstayed their visa.
- **1999:** Student permits expanded.
- **2000:** Work requirements relaxed.
- **2004:** Post-study work visas expanded.
- **2004:** Expansion of the EU by including former Soviet nations. Unlike other countries, Britain did not place restrictions on migrant workers. European immigration exploded to 72,000 per year.
- **2010:** Tory governments promised to reduce net migration. In fact migration increased to its highest levels.
- **2014:** Accession of Romania and Bulgaria to EU. By 2017 there were 413,000 Romanians and Bulgarians in Britain. Since 2014, 90,000 had entered every year.
- **2016:** Britain left the EU, partly to control immigration.
- **2021:** In 1951 non-White people living in the UK was 0.1%. In 2021 it was nearly 25%.
- **2022:** Britain handed out 1.1 million visas for foreigners to work or live in the UK.
- **2024:** the newly elected Labour government removed proposed Tory measures to reduce the effects of migration (e.g. the Rwanda plan, the housing barge). Proposes better rights for immigrants.

Summary: the ethnic stability that had been a fundamental aspect of Britain for at least 1,500 years, probably far longer, was destroyed by the deliberate actions of both the Tory and Labour governments (but especially New Labour after 1997) over 76 years. Non-English factions (notably Muslims) have formed their own isolated ghettos where their culture reigns. The repercussions in certain parts of the country have led to massive infrastructure crises (no available GP, no dentist, no English school, no housing) and left British people feeling alienated in their own land. In many towns, certain migrant communities have preyed upon children in grooming and rape gangs. After years of suffering, this has finally exploded in riots and civil war looms. This is not a far-right movement but an indigenous English movement.

Analysis of the current state of UK free speech

The state of free speech in the UK is worse than Russia. More people get arrested for 'hateful' tweets. Terrible government overreach – you're seeing it now in England where people are getting arrested for tweets.

Joe Rogan.⁹

In Russia only around 400 people are arrested each year for hateful tweets. In Britain the number is 3,300.

Examples

- Stephen Parkinson, the Director of Public Prosecutions, issued a statement that merely retweeting information about the UK riots could lead to criminal charges.
- Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Mark Rowley stated that, '*being a keyboard warrior does not make you safe from the law*'.
- 31-year old Billy Thompson was jailed for 12 weeks after he replied '*filthy bastards*' on a post about the police issuing a dispersal order to prevent protests.

⁹ Modernity News.

- A Cheshire woman was arrested and jailed for tweeting inaccurate information about the killer of the three girls in Southport.
- Samuel Melia was jailed for two years in 2021 for providing online stickers claimed to stir up hatred.
- A 17-year old boy was arrested by counter-terror police for posting a pro-Hamas social media post.
- 40-year old Wayne O'Rourke was arrested for 'anti-establishment' posts.
- A man was jailed for posting offensive memes.
- Two men were jailed for separately posting the question, '*Who the f... is Allah?*'

Note the Orwellian nightmare: Muslims can carry machetes, swords, knives and baseball bats and threaten White families, and even beat people up, with no police response whatsoever, but a White British person expressing an awkward opinion goes to jail for 20 months.

Democratic tests for breaching free speech

Democratic societies have long held the value of free speech and established boundaries for curtailing someone's free speech.

In America free speech is protected under the First Amendment and the legal threshold established by the Supreme Court as a boundary between protected and unprotected free speech is when the speech is (or may be) inciting or producing imminent lawless action. This is called 'the Brandenburg Test'.

In Britain the Magna Carta and the 1689 Bill of Rights ensure that citizens enjoy free speech and freedom of expression.

However, recent UK court cases suggest that no such tests are necessary to prevent criminal convictions and jail sentences. Judges have stated that opinions on social media can be 'serious', 'toxic ideology' which 'threaten public safety' and 'stir up violence'. Hateful thought is now equated with criminal conduct. Hundreds of people have been arrested for social media posts and prisons cleared of real offenders to make room for them.

The freedoms enshrined within British Common Law have been overturned by the Starmer-led justice system.

A single narrative

Totalitarian governments are terrified of alternative views to the state propaganda. They know that the truth brings liberty. Once the emperor has been shown to wear no clothes his reign is short lived.

So despotic governments demand that everyone thinks according to state publicity; everyone must speak the same narrative. Only one view is tolerated about policy – the state view. Minor crimes are of no importance; they do not threaten the state. But social media posts, and any vehicle promoting a different narrative, is a massive threat to the state. It undermines state lies.

Thus a fascist government cannot tolerate free speech.

Socialists cannot stand free speech

This is proved by every Socialist / Communist state rigidly controlling speech, demanding GroupThink and sanctioning ThoughtCrime.

Socialist dogma cannot stand rational scrutiny because it is irrational. Though Socialist states officially hated capitalist free markets they all developed an internal black free market where goods could be purchased that were not available from the centralised state. Black markets developed because that is the way the world works – supply and demand. Communist leaders like Lenin proclaimed equality and outlawed private property while living in aristocratic mansions / palaces and having riches in Swiss bank accounts.

So Socialism does not work. It not only denies logic but everywhere it has been imposed it resulted in millions of deaths, often by terror. Probably 50 million deaths in the USSR alone; mostly of Christians; the majority through heinous medieval brutality.

Socialists do not want to debate such things and especially want no light shed on Socialist history, so it must curtail free speech. All current Left-wing British progressives (e.g. Paul Mason) are seeking restrictions of free speech but few or none right of centre people are.

The Socialist plan to homogenise Western ‘Christian’ societies through mass migration of different cultures cannot be debated or blamed for the recent UK riots. Therefore free speech must be severely curtailed within Britain. Only the government narrative is allowed to be expressed. Soviet style bureaucracy, central planning collectivism and Stasi policing will follow.

Hate speech laws

These are tools of the Elite to curb free speech, pure and simple. Since the truth is unacceptable to the cabal (because it uses lies to control people) truth must be outlawed and hate speech legislation is a means of doing that.

Proposers of hate speech laws argue that the purpose is to increase toleration and protection for minorities. The problem is that as soon as you protect one minority with rules, you bind other factions in society.

For example, if you protect homosexuals from any kind of criticism or accusations of perverted behaviour, then you automatically bind those religions that consider homosexuality a sin and an abomination, which includes most religions but certainly Islam, Torah Judaism and Christianity. Just reading aloud their Scriptures is breaking the hate law; it is discriminating against that religion.

The only way to ensure genuine respect for all people is to follow the Biblical command to love your neighbour and do good to all. Respect everyone, and all are respected. Single out this or that group for special protection then you act against other minorities and even majorities.

But this is exactly what the cabal wanted to do, to splinter society and create division and rancour. Hate speech laws are just restrictions on free speech.

Eradicating free speech is just one step on a journey to overturn democracy. Socialists really want to impose Marxist domination of society and controlling speech and expression is the beginning of controlling thoughts and revoking all personal freedoms.

Current UK laws that curb free speech

1986 Public Order Act

It is a crime to cause someone alarm or distress through writing or speech that is abusive or even just insulting; as well as posts intending to stir up hatred on grounds of race, religion or sexual orientation. A great deal of ordinary banter is therefore criminalised by this law.

2003 Communications Act

This criminalises 'grossly offensive' messages; even private ones (such as private Whatapp messages). Tougher sentences are handed out if the case intends to promote hate.

2023 The Online Safety Act

This criminalises 'false communication' making it illegal to post a message known to be false and intended to cause psychological or physical harm. It does not cover newspapers and broadcasters. Thus fake news is a crime unless you are mainstream media.

Forthcoming plans to curb free speech

- Telecom firms will be forced to ban 'fake news' (who decides what that is?) from social media platforms. Huge fines will be imposed for failing to do this.
- Social media laws will be reviewed to prevent perceived new crimes.
- Police are already wasting most of their time policing social media posts instead of catching criminals. This activity will be increased.
- Current alternative commentary channels, such as on YouTube, will be banned because they do not adhere to the establishment narrative.
- Individuals pointing out the draconian actions of the establishment will be jailed.
- Legal but harmful content (initially removed from the Online Safety Act) will be re-instituted in law. This allows the government to sanction almost anything. This will put the establishment in direct contravention of the basic principles of Common Law and the Bill of Rights. [Unless a thing is prohibited, it is permitted.]
- Labour have already announced that they will overturn a free speech law for universities without any debate.
- Anything deemed to be against state policy will be branded as 'fake news' or misinformation.
- Labour's education secretary plans to change the curriculum to include teaching kids about fake news and misinformation. Who will write the textbooks?

Questions

- Who determines what fake news is? (Note that in recent years many alternative commentators that were branded as fake news peddlers were later proved to be accurate and the mainstream media were lying.)
- Who determines what misinformation is?
- Who determines what disinformation is?
- Who determines what is legal but harmful? What amount of harm is required? How is it measured? Is upsetting someone a crime now?

- If I am prosecuted for upsetting someone on social media, who polices the fact that I am upset by being falsely prosecuted? It is therefore ok to upset some people but not others.¹⁰
- Who defines what is a ‘non-crime hate incident’ that is recorded by the police?

The gradual silencing of Christian views

Promotion of Christianity has been under attack for years. There have been arrests of Christian preachers peacefully proclaiming the Gospel and Christians quoting the Bible in public. Christian café owners were warned by police for showing Bible verses on a screen, and people have been arrested for praying silently near an abortion clinic.

Christians have been warned that Christian dogma is hateful and therefore a crime. The Bible has been denounced as hateful and calls have arisen for it to be banned (the most published book in history). Proselytising a Muslim has been deemed a crime (though a Muslim trying to proselytise a Christian is not). Quoting the Bible’s teaching about homosexuals has led to arrests. Yet homosexuals practising sex acts of the worst kind on floats during a Pride march in front of children and police are ignored.

Speech is considered more dangerous than actual crimes.

Despite hate laws, Christians and the Christian God are subject to hateful speech, disrespect, slander, libel, and denunciations every day – but no attacker is convicted of a crime. The name of Jesus is used as a swear word constantly, in everyday life, TV dramas, movies, comedy and all sorts of broadcasts but no crime. Yet people who make the slightest jibe about Allah (see earlier) or say something anti-Semitic are jailed immediately.

The global Elite hate Christianity and want to see it destroyed. This is a key goal for the cabal. The beginning of this is persecution of Christian speech; in time it will be persecution of persons just for belief. Then it will be executions.

Conclusion

The recent severe clampdown on free speech by Keir Starmer is a very worrying trend that bodes ill for what he has in store for the country. Penalising thoughts expressed on social media is the beginning of the worst kind of absolutism. Totalitarian government can easily follow such a beginning.

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¹⁰ Note that Alex Belfield was effectively imprisoned for five years for upsetting people in emails.