

Gaelic Gulag: Ireland is Now Under Marxist Rule

by Jeremy James



While the country was watching Netflix and soaking up uncontested and unverified ‘news’ about the so-called Coronavirus ‘Covid-19’, the government of Ireland passed in rapid succession – with virtually no debate as to their Constitutionality or their conformity with basic human rights – two pieces of legislation which bring Ireland formally under Marxist rule.

Here is what the ‘Opposition’ said during the Health Bill debate on 19th March:

“I do not imagine anyone in this House would contemplate the powers that are in this Bill under normal times. They are vast and extensive. Most of them are not time-limited and do not have a review clause. Most of them are not subject to appeal. These are extraordinary measures and, in normal times, we would not remotely consider such things. Yet, if the task before us is to bring the total number of cases down from a potential of 600,000 to 60,000 in only four weeks, then, unfortunately, we need to consider such measures, and so Fianna Fáil will be supporting the Bill.” – *Deputy Stephen Donnelly, 19th March 2020, Second Stage debate on the **Health (Preservation and Protection and other Emergency Measures in the Public Interest) Bill 2020***

Draconian

Only one participant in the debate made explicit reference to human rights or expressed concern at the excessive speed with which the legislation was being introduced: “I used the word "draconian" and I will use it again. There is no doubt in my mind that this is absolutely draconian legislation. I have read it in detail, which has been difficult because of the manner in which it was presented to us.” – *Independent deputy Catherine Connolly (19th March)*.

Independent deputy Michael McNamara also had concerns about the powers contained in the Bill – “I endorse Deputy Catherine Connolly's points about the extraordinary, wide ranging and insufficiently defined powers contained in this Bill.” These two deputies may have been on a different page to everyone else. Most of those engaged in the debate were died-in-the-wool Marxists who were clearly revelling in the legislative revolution unfolding before their eyes. The word “draconian” is music to their ears.



Draco, a ruler in Ancient Greece who introduced laws of unyielding harshness, such as death for stealing a cabbage.

An unprecedented response...that will continue

During the Second Stage debate on the companion Bill – Emergency Measures in the Public Interest (Covid-19) Bill 2020 – the leader of Fainna Fail stated:

“The measures which we adopted last week and those we are adopting today are not ones we would even discuss in normal circumstances but this unprecedented situation has justified and will continue to justify an unprecedented response.” – *Micheal Martin (26 March)*

Take note of his words: “will continue to justify an unprecedented response.” This ‘emergency’ situation will be allowed to run and run until it has achieved its purpose.

Two deputies expressed concern at the changes being made to the operation of the Mental Health Act 2001:

“It would be remiss of me, given my previous life as a psychologist quite some time ago, to allow this to pass without comment, given the extraordinary length of time it took to bring human rights into the mental health area and with the stroke of a pen we have now taken it away for a period of eight months, from 30 March to November.” – *Catherine Connolly (26 March)*

“I find it an extraordinarily draconian measure that a one-person tribunal, made up of a barrister whose profession is to deal with legal issues, would make a determination on somebody whose mental health was challenged and who was taken against his or her will into a mental health institution. I find this really draconian and upsetting. The Minister should explain fully why this has occurred because at the briefing we had on it, the explanation was not good enough. The explanation that was given to us is that this is what is done in other jurisdictions. I do not accept that and I believe it behoves the Minister to give a full explanation. However, we will support the amendment.” – *Deputy Brid Smith [Solidarity Party] (26 March)*

We will return to this question when we are reviewing provisions of particular concern in this “unprecedented” and “draconian” legislation.



These prisoners are violating the lockdown by not standing at least 6 feet apart.

The Lockdown

These two Acts provide the main legislative authority for a “lockdown” which the government imposed on the four million citizens of Ireland on 17th March. All workers, other than those needed to provide “essential services” are required to remain in their homes until further notice. No-one is allowed to venture out, other than for one daily excursion on foot for physical exercise and a trip to the grocery store by one member of the household to pick up essential supplies. The excursion on foot should be no more than 2km (1 ¼ miles) from one’s home. While engaged in any activity outside the home, every person must remain at least 2 metres (6ft) away from anyone else in the vicinity (though closer proximity to family members living in the same lockdown location is permitted).

The Government's insane strategy

Not one person in the Dail commented on the insanity of what the government was proposing or requested evidence that this radical response was both a necessary and proportionate way of containing a contagious viral infection. In fact, the potentially dire economic consequences of these radical measures were virtually ignored. So too were the social and psychological implications of a prolonged quarantine for millions of men, women and children who would normally be out and about, travelling to and from their workplace or school, and interacting socially within the community. On top of this, the immense stress that would be generated by the inevitable fall in income in Irish households and the potential loss of future employment and sustainable customer base by Irish businesses was treated in the main as a purely financial matter which government largesse would alleviate.

The Dail debates for the 19th and 26th March read like the gloatings of an ageing sadist who has just found a new way to inflict pain. The participants showed no ability whatever to think critically about the course the government was pursuing and were entirely oblivious to the sheer destructiveness of what it involved. For example, no regard was had to the fact that every single penny the government was planning to hand out would have to be repaid, with interest, via taxation by the people themselves. The citizens of Ireland were being asked to stop work and live on the revenue generated by their own taxes! – and these taxes in turn would be levied on an economy that was contracting rapidly on foot on the government's insane policy.



Tedros Adhanom, head of the World Health Organisation and senior member of the Tigrayan People's Liberation Front, the tyrannical Marxist regime that has exercised brutal control over Ethiopia for 25 years.

“The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted.”

– Psalm 12:8

And what is all of this for? To stem the spread of a virus which, according to the World Health Organization (WHO), is so virulent that it cannot be contained and which, again according to the WHO, has no effect whatever on most of those who contract it! What is more the mortality statistics given out by the WHO are known to be greatly exaggerated, being calculated selectively by reference to a cohort with a high morbidity instead of by reference to the total number of persons who contract the disease.

Not one person in the Daily Mail on 19th or 26th March questioned the highly dubious medical arguments on which the government has based its policy. At no stage has the WHO come forward with verifiable proof that a virus known as Covid-19 is the sole or major cause of the symptoms ascribed to it. Neither has it shown that the test for Covid-19 is reliable or why a virus in the Coronavirus group – the same group as the virus that causes the common cold! – could possibly produce symptoms that are utterly different from the symptoms which are typical of that group. There is also compelling evidence that the mortality count for Covid-19 is being inflated by the inclusion of cases where Covid-19 was not the cause of death. This would seem to pertain, in particular, to cases involving pneumonia or seasonal flu.



The World Health Organisation threatens our families.

Powers granted to the Minister for Health

The powers granted to the Minister for Health under these two Acts are akin to those exercised by a totalitarian regime.

He can:

- **restrict travel to and from the state**
- **restrict travel within the state**

- **require citizens to remain in their homes or “in such other places” as he may specify.** What other places? Possibly in detention camps, or worse.
- **forbid the holding of events and gatherings** (including public protests against the totalitarian provisions in these two Acts).
- **close or shut-down businesses** (regardless of the financial damage that this will inflict).
- **close schools and colleges**
- **close churches and places of worship** (Marxist governments despise the Bible and true Christian worship).
- **close childcare facilities**
- **implement “any other measures” which he considers may be necessary to “prevent, limit, minimise or slow” the spread of Covid-19** [See (i) and (k) in Section 10 on p.9 of the Health Emergency Measures Act]. This is an astounding provision, enabling the Minister to do virtually whatever he wants. It could be used, for example, to detain anyone against their will at an undisclosed location, with no access to a lawyer or other representative, for as long as the Minister decides. How could any member of Dail Eireann allow such a provision to be included? It defies belief.

Failure to comply with the requirements of these provisions when instructed to do so is an “offence” under the Act and anyone found guilty of an offense can receive a prison term of up to 6 months! He can also receive a Class C fine – up to €2500. It is possible, merely by stepping into the street, to commit an offense under the Act and receive a 6-month prison sentence. Of course, the court may decide to be lenient and fine you €2500 instead. If Kafka were alive today, he would be embarrassed by his failure to anticipate these totalitarian absurdities.



The universal arrest provisions

Perhaps the most disturbing of the many draconian powers which the government is introducing are those relating to the powers of arrest now vested in the Garda Siochana:

- **a police officer may arrest a person without warrant if, having requested them to comply with a regulation made under the Act, they fail to do so.** All he needs is “reasonable cause to believe” that the individual did not comply. Why bother with old-fashioned notions like evidence, witnesses, a fair hearing, a court order, or proof that any harm was done? Under a Marxist regime such notions are redundant.
- **any person authorised by regulation to enforce any of these provisions may call upon the support of the police where force or coercion are likely to be required,** including “detaining any person, bringing a person to any place, breaking open of any premises, or any other action in which the use of force may be necessary”. [We are not making this up.]
- **any medical officer who believes in good faith that a person may be a potential source of infection may order in writing the detention and isolation of that person against his will in the place specified in the order, until such time as he believes the person in question is no longer a potential risk to public health.** The person detained in this way can ask for an independent medical review of his case and the medical officer is required to comply with this request, but only “as soon as practicable.” [Again, we stress, we are not making this up. This outrageous provision is now part of Irish law.]

Remember this date – 20th March, 2020

When the President signed this Bill into law on 20th March, 2020, Ireland ceased to be a democracy. It is now a Marxist police state, ruled by a scheming cabal of so-called “political parties” whose leading members are working in concert to advance the New World Order.

It would seem the powers conferred on the government under the Health Emergency Measures Act were not deemed by them to be sufficient because, the following week, they presented for debate and Dail approval amendments to the Mental Health Act 2001 via the **Emergency Measures in the Public Interest (Covid-19) Bill**. Again this was rushed through with great haste and with little opportunity to weigh carefully the drastic nature of its provisions.

While there are many aspects of this second Bill which we would like to discuss, we will confine our comments to the sections of greatest concern, namely 15-24 in Part V of the Act (as signed into law by the President on 27th March):

<p>PART 5</p> <p>AMENDMENTS TO MENTAL HEALTH ACT 2001</p> <p>15. Definition (Part 5)</p> <p>16. Exigencies of public health emergency</p> <p>17. Amendment of section 17 of Act of 2001</p> <p>18. Amendment of section 18 of Act of 2001</p> <p>19. Amendment of section 28 of Act of 2001</p> <p>20. Amendment of section 48 of Act of 2001</p> <p>21. Amendment of section 49 of Act of 2001</p> <p>22. Amendment of section 58 of Act of 2001</p> <p>23. Certain provisions of Act of 2001 not to have effect</p> <p>24. Transitional provisions</p>
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“For, lo, the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart.”

– Psalm 11:2

Operation of the Mental Health Act before 2020

The 2001 Act already provides for the following. It may seem tedious to have to examine it in such detail, but only in this way can you see what the government is doing to trash our basic human rights and prepare the way for a purge of political dissidents. The first letters **A-E** indicate places where significant changes have been made by the new legislation (which we discuss after this summary):

The admission involuntarily of a patient, at the request in writing of a registered medical practitioner, to an approved center for treatment. A member of the Garda Siochana can take into custody a person on the grounds that they are suffering a mental disorder that is likely to cause immediate harm to him (the patient) or another person, and then refer the matter to a registered medical practitioner for a recommendation. A consultant psychiatrist at the approved center will then examine the patient and, if in his opinion he is suffering from a mental disorder, make out an order of admission (“an involuntary admission order”). This order expires automatically after 21 days, but additional orders may be made for a further period not exceeding three months. Further “renewal orders” allow the patient to be detained for another 6 months and for recurring periods of 12 months thereafter.

The consulting psychiatrist must notify the Mental Health Commission in writing that the patient has been admitted involuntarily. He must also notify the patient in writing, stating that he is entitled, among other things, to legal representation, to communicate with the Inspector of Mental Health Services, and to have his detention reviewed by a tribunal. He must also be informed in writing of the general nature of the treatment he is to receive. The three-person tribunal must comprise a consulting psychiatrist, a lawyer, and another person, usually a qualified practitioner in the field of medicine or nursing **[A]**. Each member has a vote and decisions are based on a simple majority.

Upon receipt of the involuntary admission order, the Commission must put the case before a tribunal comprising three persons, appoint a legal representative for the patient (if he does not already have one), and direct in writing a member of the panel of consulting psychiatrists to (i) interview the patient **[B]**, (ii) discuss details of the case (including proposed treatment) with the consulting psychiatrist who is treating the patient, and (iii) review any relevant records **[C]**. His report is then passed to the tribunal which, having reviewed the facts of the case and determined that all necessary procedural steps have been completed satisfactorily, approve the involuntary admission order. To assist with its review the tribunal may in writing direct that certain persons attend before it on a date and time specified to give evidence **[D]**. If he decides to appeal the making of the order, the patient may do so within 14 days and have his case reviewed by the Circuit Court **[E]**.

Now let's see what the 2020 Act has changed:

- [A]** The tribunal is reduced from three members to one. This lone member must be a lawyer with at least 7 years' experience in the practice of law. He is not required to have any medical qualifications.
- [B]** The consulting psychiatrist does not have to interview the patient if "the exigencies of the public health emergency" prevent him from doing so. If that is the case, then the Commission can appoint another member off the panel, but he too can claim that the same "exigencies" prevent *him* from doing so. In fact, the tribunal itself can claim that the same "exigencies" prevent it from consulting with a member of the panel.
- [C]** There is no requirement now to do either of these (ii or iii). Instead the consulting psychiatrist who is treating the patient will submit a report on the patient to the tribunal.

- [D] The tribunal can complete its review without calling any person before it, not even the patient in question, his legal representative, or the consulting psychiatrist who is treating him. Persons who would otherwise have been called to appear before the tribunal can instead be directed to submit a written statement.
- [E] The right of the patient to appeal to the Circuit Court within 14 days would not appear to be affected. As we shall see, however, this option may not be available in practice.

Future targets of the police state

To appreciate just how draconian these new powers are, consider the following hypothetical case: A police officer stops a person in the street and, following a brief discussion, decides that he may be suffering from a mental disorder. He takes the person (against his will) to a mental institution where, following an examination, the consulting psychiatrist reaches the same conclusion. He sends the involuntary admission order to the one-man tribunal which decides, without interviewing anyone, to approve the order. The person so detained can then be forcibly medicated under section 57(1) of the Mental Health Act 2001:

57.—(1) The consent of a patient shall be required for treatment except where, in the opinion of the consultant psychiatrist responsible for the care and treatment of the patient, the treatment is necessary to safeguard the life of the patient, to restore his or her health, to alleviate his or her condition, or to relieve his or her suffering, and by reason of his or her mental disorder the patient concerned is incapable of giving such consent. Treatment not requiring consent.

A heavily medicated person will not be able to appeal his detention to the Circuit Court under section 19(1) of the Mental Health Act 2001. Note also that, under this provision, the authorities can have the person vaccinated against Covid-19 against his will as treatment “necessary to safeguard the life of the patient.”

Consider the plight of this man: A few hours earlier he was walking quite happily down the street; now he is medicated, vaccinated, and isolated in a mental institution, detained against his will, and reliant on the institution to notify his legal representative that an involuntary admission order has been made against him. It could take a week or more to secure his release, assuming this is even possible. The provisions of the Health Emergency Measures Act could render him permanently detained in that location if the police officer concerned, or a registered medical practitioner, believes he may also be infected with the Covid-19 virus.

There is not an ounce of hyperbole in any part of this example. If, for political reasons, the government (including a future government) ever decided to quietly eliminate existing or potential political opponents, it now has the power to do so. They need the complicit assistance of only a few people – a police officer or two, a psychiatrist, and a lawyer – to carry out this diabolical act. These powers are no different from those of the USSR in the 1930s.

The efficacy of psychotropic drugs today is such that a permanent chemical lobotomy is easy to induce. Other mind-altering drugs can be used to inflict permanent damage in more subtle, undetectable ways. These include drugs that cause paranoia, mental confusion, severe loss of concentration, emotional volatility, crippling depression, chronic insomnia, and many other distressing conditions that would turn the most strident dissident into a mumbling misfit.

Important video presentation

We would urge readers to see a 9-minute video by an Irish lawyer, Ms Tracey O'Mahony [see photo], which was published on YouTube on 4th April: Link-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G99V1nPYVH8>

In it she describes with chilling accuracy the political catastrophe that threatens our nation on foot of the powers unleashed by this new legislation.

Should her video become unavailable, an audio-only version may be found at this link:

<https://hark.podbean.com/e/irish-barristerlawyer-tracey-omahony-on-covid-19-legislation/>



CONCLUSION

Ireland is now under Marxist rule. The two pieces of legislation that we have examined show clearly the sociopathic character of the government that produced them. They are designed to do serious long-term damage to our economy, to our social fabric, and to the norms and values which enable a democracy to function.

The Irish parliament, too, has been shown for what it is, a cynical assembly of socialists, driven by greed and a passionate contempt for the ‘old world order’, the traditional Christian values which sustained our nation in times past.

Any deputy who voted for either of these Acts voted for tyranny, for an Ireland which will shortly be owned and controlled by the venal elite who run the international banking system. Unemployment will remain at intolerably high levels, many will lose their homes, thousands of small businesses will crumble, a huge swathe of the middle class will forfeit a substantial part of their savings, the public finances will contract dramatically, and taxation will soar. And for what? Deaths from suicide alone will exceed the numbers who are likely to die from Covid-19.

To top it all, the government has given itself draconian powers which, in the ‘wrong hands’, could quickly turn our country into a fully-functioning police state.

It is fair to say that most Irish men and women are largely unaware of the great danger our country is facing. The media continues to spew out distracting propaganda which hides the real nature of what is happening. And the few, like Tracey O’Mahony, who dare to challenge the prevailing orthodoxy are dismissed with abusive sneers and ignorant name-calling.

Please share this paper widely via email and encourage everyone you know to watch Ms O’Mahony’s video talk.

“And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.”

– 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10

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