Submission to the Department of Justice, Equality & Law Reform on the proposed new hate crime legislation.

Hate Speech Legislation: Censorship by Stealth



Irish politician turns sodomy into gold.

For many decades Ireland has operated an effective brand of censorship through its oppressive laws on libel and slander. These were designed to shield the conduct of the rich and powerful from fair and warranted comment. Countless politicians, whose knavery was common knowledge, would swiftly silence their critics with the threat of a defamation suit. The coterie of privileged insiders could then dance a merry dance around the plain people of Ireland, secure in the knowledge that no-one could afford to challenge or expose their underhanded schemes.

A culture of silence

Censorship of this kind has existed in Ireland from the foundation of the state. Journalists and writers who stepped out of line were invariably shunned by their peers. Everyone stepped back just far enough to ensure that the axe, when it fell, left them untouched. This has continued into the 21st century, to the point where we have today a culture of silence. Any remaining checks on the excesses of the political caste have almost completely evaporated.

The 'ruling elite', if we may use this term, have now taken complete control of the media. Hand-picked journalists do whatever their paymasters decree, adding whatever spin and coloration is needed to make their message sound relevant and palatable.

In parallel with the subversion of journalism, we have witnessed in this country, over the past 20-25 years, the largescale replacement of the traditional political caste – venal but local – with a cadre of Internationalists, chosen by the ruling elite to impose on the people of Ireland the new morality and globalist ideology promoted by the United Nations.

All Irish political parties are Marxist/Socialist

Several of the main political parties are openly socialist, with a strong Marxist pedigree – Sinn Féin, Labour, Solidarity, Independents4Change, Social Democrats – and thus ardent promoters of the ultra-liberal agenda. Between them they hold about 37 seats in the Dáil (22%). However, unknown to the general public, the other two main parties – Fine Gael and Fianna Fáil – are equally ardent supporters of the **same** liberal agenda. Between them they hold 91 seats (55%). Ironically, they like to describe themselves as 'conservative' and 'centrist' in their respective ideologies, but in practice they have entirely abandoned the values espoused by the older generation of Irish voters.



Some of the architects of the New Morality.

The two largest parties are, in reality, crypto-Marxist. While pretending to maintain a connection with the values and traditions of the past, they are implementing a radical new morality which completely rejects the one previously enshrined in Irish law and embodied in the Constitution. Little of what they are doing is being openly discussed in the media. There has been virtually no public exploration of the changes being imposed or their implications for our society. No consensus has emerged regarding any part of its liberal agenda. To the extent that the government has engaged in a formal consultative process, for example in relation to abortion and sex education, it has been carefully framed to limit the influence of dissenting voices and to magnify the role of minority interests.



The Government's radical anti-family, anti-Christian agenda

The table of changes (overleaf) being implemented in Ireland highlights the antifamily, anti-Christian character of our anti-Irish government. For readers who are unfamiliar with Marxist ideology we include on the following page (p.5) a list of some of the goals of Communism which were read into the record on the US Congress in 1963. The Government's plan to overturn the traditional moral order in Ireland and replace it with the secular, humanistic 'morality' of the United Nations – the New Morality – is very similar to the Marxist agenda. Consider the following:

> "Get control of the schools. Put the party line in textbooks. Break down cultural standards of morality by promoting pornography and obscenity in books, magazines, motion pictures, radio, and TV. Present homosexuality, degeneracy and promiscuity as "normal, natural, healthy." Discredit the Bible. Dominate the psychiatric profession and use mental health laws as a means of gaining coercive control over those who oppose Communist goals. Discredit the family as an institution. Encourage promiscuity and easy divorce. Emphasize the need to raise children away from the negative influence of parents."

– from the goals of Communism (see p.5)

The Irish Marxist, Irish Government Agenda								
Year	Change or proposal	Target	Openly examined?					
2012	Referendum to amend the Constitution to enable the state to take children from their parents.	The family. Vulnerable youths.	Heavily biased state propaganda.					
2015	Referendum to amend the Constitution to enable homosexuals to 'marry'.	The family. Natural marriage. Normal sexuality.	Heavily biased state propaganda.					
2015	Law enacted to recognize gender change from birth.	The family. Normal sexuality. Vulnerable youths.	Enacted under the radar. Virtually a secretly enacted statute.					
2017	Dept of Health 'general scheme of Bill' proposes the creation of a new form of parent, the so-called 'intending parent'.	The family. The rights of natural mothers. Children born to these mothers.	Not being discussed or disclosed.					
2018	Referendum to amend the Constitution to allow abortion on demand.	The family. Vulnerable mothers. Unborn children.	Heavily biased state propaganda.					
2018	Bill brought before Dáil to introduce 'objective' sex education.	The family. Vulnerable youths. Normal sexuality. Normal child development.	Joint Committee engage in heavily biased 'consultative' process.					
2018	Bill brought before Dáil to outlaw gender conversion therapy.	The family. Vulnerable youths.	Sponsored by Sinn Féin but endorsed by all parties.					
2018	Ireland ratifies the UN Migration Compact under which all migrants will have refugee status.	Genetic and cultural homogeneity of Irish society. Social stability. Property rights.	Not being discussed. Those who raise questions are being subjected to 'hate speech' by government.					
2019	Minister for Health states his intention to make vaccines mandatory for all children.	The family. All youths.	Not being discussed. Those who raise questions are being subjected to 'hate speech' by government.					
2019	Minister for Health states his intention to make 'objective' sex education mandatory for all children.	The family. All youths.	Not being discussed. Those who raise questions are being subjected to 'hate speech' by government.					

Proof that what the Irish Government is doing to our children is all part of the Marxist plan to take control of society.

U.S. Congressional Record – Appendix, pp. A34-A35 January 10, 1963

Congressman A.S.Herlong read the 45 goals of Communism into the record of the House of Representatives. We reproduce 8 of these below. <u>Note how closely they match the goals being pursued by the current Irish government!</u> The attack on the family, parental autonomy, traditional morality, the Bible, and religion are all plain to see, as are the co-option of the teachers' unions and the psychiatric profession:

17. Get control of the schools. Use them as transmission belts for socialism and current Communist propaganda. Soften the curriculum. Get control of teachers' associations. Put the party line in textbooks.

24. Eliminate all laws governing obscenity by calling them "censorship" and a violation of free speech and free press.

25. Break down cultural standards of morality by promoting pornography and obscenity in books, magazines, motion pictures, radio, and TV.

26. Present homosexuality, degeneracy and promiscuity as "normal, natural, healthy."

27. Infiltrate the churches and replace revealed religion with "social" religion. Discredit the Bible and emphasize the need for intellectual maturity which does not need a "religious crutch."

39. Dominate the psychiatric profession and use mental health laws as a means of gaining coercive control over those who oppose Communist goals.

40. Discredit the family as an institution. Encourage promiscuity and easy divorce.

41. Emphasize the need to raise children away from the negative influence of parents. Attribute prejudices, mental blocks and retarding of children to suppressive influence of parents. Our government is doing exactly what the Marxists have been advocating! They are presenting homosexuality, degeneracy and promiscuity as normal natural and healthy, they are promoting pornography among school children, breaking down "cultural standards of morality" (i.e. Christian standards), attacking the Bible, and discrediting the family as an institution.

There was a time when all Marxists wore a 'Marxist' badge, but not anymore. Today a great deal is being achieved, both in Ireland and in other countries, by pretending to be a conservative and then going ahead and implementing the same Marxist agenda. These crypto-Marxists are far more dangerous than the card-carrying type.

The Government's programme of Moral Subversion

Implementation of the Government's program of moral subversion is ongoing. One of its main goals at this time is the imposition of 'objective' sex education in schools at both primary and secondary level. The relevant Bill was sponsored by the radical Marxist party, Solidarity, in early 2018. In our submission to the NCCA (22 October 2019) we set out in detail the reasons why that Bill will do immense damage to the children of Ireland, to their families, and to the spiritual and emotional well-being of future generations. [A copy of the submission is available upon request.]



The new 'Rainbow Coalition' at a Pride Rally in Dublin, 2019

1. Minister of State Catherine Byrne 2. Minister for Health Simon Harris 3. Taoiseach Leo Varadkar 4. Minister for Justice Charlie Flanagan 5. Minister for Housing Eoghan Murphy If the journalists of Ireland are working hand in hand with the Marxist regime which currently controls this country – concealing the sinister nature of what the regime is doing and defaming anyone who tries to expose it – then it is not difficult to understand how the Irish public has been duped, misinformed and deceived by their political leaders. Since efforts are now under way to expose this programme by other means – primarily via the Internet – the regime needs some way of suppressing this emerging avenue of debate.



The Irish Marxist cabal

The purpose of the proposed new law is CENSORSHIP

The EU is currently finalizing a Directive on Internet censorship which will enable Member States to shut down websites carrying material which individual governments deem 'offensive' or 'inappropriate.' This will greatly assist the Irish government in its planned suppression of online dissent, but it will still leave open other avenues of expression. For example, pamphleteers could easily become a common sight outside our train stations or shopping centres and protest groups might in future congregate with greater frequency in high-profile locations. Candidates may even contest local and national elections who are familiar with the Marxist agenda and are determined to expose it. This is something the ruling regime will not tolerate.

In light of this, we can see why the proposed revision of the Prohibition of Incitement to Hatred Act is so important to them. The sense of urgency can even be seen in their Public Consultation document:

"Improvements in our hate-speech legislation are one element in a wider suite of measures across all areas of Government which are designed to address hatred and intolerance...where expressions of hatred and prejudice are not tolerated, and are dealt with swiftly and effectively where they occur."

The target, of course, is "hate-speech" which, if the government has its way, will embrace any adverse opinion, critique, or expression of concern about the New Morality. The regime is anxious to ensure that all such utterances "are dealt with swiftly and effectively." The proposed new legislation will also vastly increase the number of potential complainants who may invoke this new mode of censorship. While the 1989 Act is concerned primarily (and has been so interpreted in practice) to relate to 'hate' material directed at a group rather than an individual, the new Act is intended to be more specific. Given the views expressed by politicians and lobby groups, it is clear that the purpose of the proposed new Act is to enable the Gardai to pursue a complaint made by any individual who perceives that the public expression of an adverse opinion of a general nature applies to and affects him or her personally.

A deliberate attempt is being made to connect the 'hate' in 'hate speech' with the 'hate' in 'hate crime'. Remember, the activity that constitutes a hate crime is <u>already</u> an offence even if the 'hate' component cannot be established in a court of law. This differs from 'hate speech' where the 'hate' component <u>must</u> be established before any offence has been committed. The government is pursuing a strategy which will dilute, if not remove, this important distinction. The Public Consultation document actually admits that this is likely to happen when it states: "However, the Department recognises that although hate speech and hate crime are legally distinct, the real-world experiences of hate crime and hate speech are often very closely linked."



State-sponsored victimisation of innocent people

The new legislation, for example, will make it possible for any homosexual person to complain to the Gardai about public remarks of a general nature which are critical of the homosexual lifestyle. The Gardai will be obliged to investigate the complaint and, if it is determined that such remarks were made and that the complainant was offended, to arraign the accused before the court.

This is quite incredible. The Act will effectively impose a blanket prohibition on all comments in the public domain which are critical of state policy under a range of headings. This is not just an egregious attack on free speech but a gross violation of the civil liberties that have existed in this country for generations.

If the new legislation carries the same penalties as the 1989 Act, it will be on a par with the penalties imposed by East Germany for similar 'offences' during the Cold War.

The Act currently provides for the following:

(a) on summary conviction, a fine not exceeding £1,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or both, or
(b) on conviction on indictment, a fine not exceeding £10,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or both.

So, a person who is brought before the court for an offence under the Act, as revised, will presumably have to pay a significant fine if found guilty. He might even be imprisoned. He may only have stated, on a website, blog, or Facebook page, that "the homosexual lifestyle is doing serious harm to our young people", and yet for expressing this opinion (whether well-founded or not), he is classed as a criminal.

This is simply unbelievable. The regime behind this appalling abuse of power is revealing its true Marxist credentials. Journalistic reporting and public discourse in Ireland are already mired in a sewer of Communist propaganda, but now the regime is going a step further and using Communist methods of control and oppression to enforce their ideology. They are even introducing, under this proposed legislation, a Stasi-style system of surveillance where disaffected citizens will be able spy on their neighbours and report them to the police.



Leinster House Parliament Building – New Headquarters of Irish Marxism

"...the LORD shall reward the doer of evil according to his wickedness." - 2 Samuel 3:39

A boon for leftist radicals and Christ-hating humanists

The proposed law will also provide a licence to leftist radicals and anti-Christian groups to assail and harass innocent people, bringing charges against them for no purpose other than to blight their lives and attack their religious beliefs. No doubt the Soros-funded thugs who are currently employed to disrupt peaceful demonstrations will also be given the filthy task of wielding this Act to attack the character and good name of anyone who dares to criticize the regime.

"...all that watch for iniquity are cut off: That make a man an offender for a word, and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate, and turn aside the just for a thing of nought."

– Isaiah 29:20-21

This is how a totalitarian state operates. The proposed legislation has nothing whatever to do with protecting minorities from abuse. Existing statutes already provide ample protection. It is doubtful whether the Act of 1989 was even necessary since Irish law already embodied a robust protective framework for minorities and vulnerable people.



Examples of fair comment which could land one in jail

The proposed new legislation is a cynical attack on freedom of speech and civil liberties, a powerful weapon to be turned on anyone who dares to question the New Morality. Here is a sample of the fair and honest opinions which, if voiced repeatedly in a public forum, could land one in prison:

1. "The New Morality is unnatural, harmful and degenerate. It has been designed to undermine the fabric of Irish society and facilitate the introduction of a 'new world order.' It is hostile to Christianity and contemptuous of the Bible and traditional biblical values."

2. "The New Morality is unnatural, harmful and degenerate. There are only two genders, male and female. It is impossible to change one's gender since it is permanently fixed at birth. Anyone who believes they have changed their gender are deluded. They have been deceived by the state and by the psychiatric profession."

3. "The New Morality is unnatural, harmful and degenerate. The Gender Recognition Act of 2015 is complete nonsense. It is nothing but a Marxist perversion of the natural moral order, intended by its sponsors to destroy the fabric of Irish society and cause harm to our children."

4. "The New Morality is unnatural, harmful and degenerate. The mutilation of a boy to turn him into a 'girl', including the use of hormones to delay the onset of puberty or to feminize his appearance, is a gross violation of his bodily integrity. Those responsible should face criminal prosecution."

5. "The New Morality is unnatural, harmful and degenerate. Marriage is a spiritual and physical union between a man and a woman. It is impossible for two people of the same sex to marry. The very idea is absurd."

6. "The New Morality is unnatural, harmful and degenerate. Any society that recognizes homosexual 'marriage' has destroyed the concept of marriage and replaced it with an artefact which has no meaning in the eyes of God."

7. "The New Morality is unnatural, harmful and degenerate. Homosexuality or the so-called homosexual lifestyle is harmful to those who indulge in it, causing a whole range of problems for the individual – physical, emotional, mental and spiritual. It offers only a sad and lonely existence, often resulting in selfharm, drug abuse, and premature death." 8. "The New Morality is unnatural, harmful and degenerate. The termination of the life of an unborn child for social or economic reasons is murder. Both the mother and the clinician who carries out the 'procedure' are guilty of committing a serious crime."

9. "The New Morality is unnatural, harmful and degenerate. An unborn child is a person, a human being with an absolute and inviolable right to life. Laws which diminish or remove that right have no moral basis and should be strenuously opposed by all right-thinking people."

10. "The New Morality is unnatural, harmful and degenerate. Parents are of two kinds, natural and adoptive. It is impossible for a man to claim parental rights of any kind over an unborn child to which he has no genetic connection. The notion of 'intending parent' is complete nonsense, a gross violation of the natural order and a serious breach of the rights of the natural mother (even if the child she is carrying is not genetically related to her), as well as the rights of her husband."

11. "The New Morality is unnatural, harmful and degenerate. No child can cease to be the legal son (or legal daughter) of his (or her) birth parents other than through adoption with the consent of both parents. The notion that the state has the right to sever that link, against the wishes of either parent, is a grotesque abuse of their civil rights and an affront to the natural order established by God."

12. "The New Morality is unnatural, harmful and degenerate. The fiction known as 'objective' sex education is a dangerous Marxist invention, designed to cause emotional and developmental damage to young children by exposing them prematurely to sexually explicit or sexually charged material."

13. "The New Morality is unnatural, harmful and degenerate. Children should not be taught that sexual deviancy is normal in any respect, or that homosexuals can marry, or that gender is a choice. No child should ever be made to question whether or not he or she may have been born in the "wrong" body." 14. "The New Morality is unnatural, harmful and degenerate. Marxists want to legalize abnormal and unnatural sexual behaviour in order to undermine society. For this reason they want to make it illegal to counsel a person to abandon the vice of sodomy."

15. "The New Morality is unnatural, harmful and degenerate. The fiction known as 'objective' sex education is intended to sexualize children and make them more vulnerable to sexual exploitation. This will greatly benefit the pornography industry and Ireland's expanding network of pedophiles."

16. "The New Morality is unnatural, harmful and degenerate. Women who adopt a lesbian lifestyle are far more susceptible to emotional disorders, including depression and alcoholism, than the average woman. Self-harm and acute loneliness are commonly reported among lesbians. Many end their lives tragically."

17. "The New Morality is unnatural, harmful and degenerate. Drag Queen Story Hour is nothing less than the deliberate grooming of little children for later exploitation by pedophiles."

18. "The Irish people alone – not venal politicians or the U.N. – should decide, through public discussion and consensus, the number of immigrants entering the country annually, having regard to the factors deemed by them to be relevant to immigration policy and the protection of our social fabric. No public funds should be made available to immigrants for any purpose. Ireland should withdraw from the UN Migration Compact. Ideally the foreign-born population of this country should not exceed 5 percent."

None of these statements are intended to stir up hatred and cannot reasonably be construed to be either threatening or offensive. However, radical proponents of the New Morality will almost certainly use the proposed legislation to claim that they are "hate speech" within the meaning of the Act. A court may even decide that, while no statement by itself is offensive, collectively they express an animosity which is tantamount to "hate speech", especially if they are repeated. For example, a person handing out a pamphlet listing all of these statements would likely be prosecuted under the proposed legislation.

Laws by fiat

The Garda Commissioner recently released a working definition of a "hate crime" which leaves one in no doubt that this is precisely what is intended:

"Any criminal offence which is perceived by the victim or any other person to, in whole or in part, be motivated by hostility or prejudice, based on actual or perceived age, disability, race, colour, nationality, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or gender."

[This definition may be found on the Garda website, www.garda.ie]

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Since when has the Garda Commissioner acquired the right to define a hate crime? After all, Ireland is not yet a police state. It says a lot about the arrogance of the ruling elite in this country that, even before they impose a draconian law, they go ahead and implement it on a provisional basis.

This working definition has also been promoted by the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) [The ECRI is an 'independent' human rights monitoring body set up by the Council of Europe in 1993.] Given that the regime in Ireland is following the strategy set by its counterparts in Europe, we can be certain that this absurd "working definition" will find its way into the proposed legislation.

Hearsay, rumour and imaginary evidence

Note the words "perceived by the victim" in the Garda Commissioner's definition. Any remaining objectivity is simply thrown out the window. Perceived offences are entirely subjective and, in a normal world, would have no more validity in a court of law than hearsay or rumour.

The so-called victim is given the right to decide how much hatred he or she experienced and thus the magnitude of the alleged offence. This would be comical if it did not have such grave implications for an innocent person. It is a gross perversion of natural justice (a) to describe a crime entirely in subjective terms and (b) to go even further and assign this privilege to the alleged victim. In addition to the problems that this will cause for a court of law when reviewing the facts of the case, it will virtually compel a Garda to accept the version of events described by the alleged victim and, in consequence, to refer the matter to a court of law.

To make matters worse, the accused will have little or no grounds on which to mount a defence or to challenge the account given by the alleged victim. Vexatious complaints, designed only to harm the good name of the accused, will be given legitimacy by the court.

Note also the words, "or any other person". It is clearly the intention to enable a third party, possibly someone who does not even know the 'victim', to press charges on his or her behalf. This will facilitate bogus claims by radical groups and virtually anyone who has a grudge against the accused or his religious beliefs.

Yes, this is how a modern totalitarian state suppresses free speech, targets dissenting voices, and victimizes those who dare to expose its Marxist agenda. It enables radical groups to bring vexatious accusations against potential victims; it virtually obliges the police to detain an innocent person on spurious grounds; and it recognizes for judicial purposes a standard of evidence so vague and so lacking in objectivity that a fair trial would be impossible.

CONCLUSION

The real hate crime – which no-one wants to talk about – is the grievous assault on the Irish people by its own government. Leave the 1989 Act as it is. The proposed new legislation will do serious harm to Ireland and the Irish people.

"Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed." – 1 Samuel 2:3

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