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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Race Commissioner has blatantly prejudged Bill Leak over cartoon

Chris Merritt: Legal Affairs Editor, The Australian Business Review, August 12, 2016

The Race Discrimination Commissioner has just made it extremely dangerous for his organisation to discharge all of its statutory duties. Tim Soutphommasane has encouraged people to lodge complaints with the commission about Bill Leak's cartoon last week depicting an Aboriginal policeman returning a delinquent Aboriginal youth to his equally delinquent Aboriginal father. The problem is that the commissioner has prejudged those complaints: Leak, according to Soutphommasane's public statements, is guilty and people should feel free to complain.

Ref: <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/business/opinion/chris-merritt-prejudice/race-commissioner-has-blatantly-prejudged-bill-leak-over-cartoon/news-story/25ed479bf0a4ae843c326c4f6c3ccfac>

Tim Soutphommasane Twitter Account here: <https://twitter.com/timsout/status/761073783016783874>

IDENTITY POLITICS AND AUSTRALIA by Chris Knight

Although I seldom agree with The Australian's "editor-at-large", Paul Kelly, his article "Race, Gender: The Risk of Identity Politics" (*The W.E. Australian*, August 6-7, 2016, p.15), raises issues that conservatives have become too afraid to address. In fact Kelly does talk about the question of "weakness":

"This movement proves the ideological creativity of the Left, the manipulative power of human rights law and the perversion of the idea of justice - seen in this country in Section 18 C of the Racial Discrimination Act where individuals can (initiate) legal action because they are "offended" by others".

"The politics of identity speaks to deep human need. Yet its application veers towards narcissism, censoring of public debate, vicious campaigns of intimidation and a diminished public square (*forum-ed*). It is extraordinary to see how many institutions and prominent figures buckle before the campaigns of identity politics, too weak to stand on principle".

The problem is, as I see it, the creation of the multicultural society, founded on Leftist principles of political correctness, and fuelled by mass migration. Really, what else could have happened? ***

KEEPING THE AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC OUT: RACE INQUIRY by Ian Wilson LL.B.

The Human Rights Commission is seeking to have the public prevented from commenting on an inquiry into their handling of the University student race-hate case. (*The Australian*, August 8, 2016, p.5) The commission submitted that it would not be appropriate to consider submissions from the public.

That, I think, is the best argument which one can give for the dissolving of the Human Rights Commission.

Fortunately some Liberal senators, Pauline Hanson's One Nation, the Liberal Democratic Party and Family First, are taking up the fight against Section 18 C. Of course, Labour and the Greens, believe that repealing Section 18 C would leave ethnic communities open to attack. This did not occur in Canada when it removed its section 18 C equivalent, and it won't happen here. ***

POLITICIANS ONLY YIELD TO PRESSURE by Arnis Luks

Australian people are having their debates and discussions stifled by the threat from the 'NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal' and the 'Racial Discrimination Act under Section 18C' on several important political issues that will affect many generations to come: 'national security', 'immigration', the 'definition of marriage' and 'Aboriginal recognition in the constitution'. Paul Coleman in his book *'Censored: How European "Hate Speech" Laws are Threatening Freedom of Speech'* shows the threat to free speech is not limited to locally grown authoritarians, but all the way up the halls of power.

Several important articles in the media report the problem of stifled debate:-

Chinese investment: National security must come first
Listen to:- <http://www.2gb.com/audioplayer/195651>
Michael McLaren speaks with Peter Jennings, Executive director of the Australian Strategic Policy Institute.
Read more here: <http://www.2gb.com/article/chinese-investment-national-security-must-come-first>
and

Alan Jones Talks to Peter Jennings

This time it is the possible sale of Ausgrid to the Chinese
Listen here: <http://www.2gb.com/article/alan-jones-%E2%80%93-peter-jennings-1#0ZkSohbv3i5F4uch.01>
and

Wicked Campers critics 'authoritarians disguised as hippies or feminists': Senator Leyonhjelm

Read more here: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-04-28/wicked-campers-funny-senator-leyonhjelm-says/7366542>
...Senator Leyonhjelm said those complaining about the slogans (*on the side of the campervans-ed*) were "authoritarian" because they were trying to enforce their views on the rest of the community. "They're purporting to make up rules for the rest of us," he said. "What they're trying to do is tell us what's good for us."...

and

Nick Xenophon rules out support for removing 18C from Racial Discrimination Act
by political reporter Stephanie Anderson
<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-08-08/xenophon-wont-support-removing-18c-racial-discrimination-act/7699374>
Crossbench senator Nick Xenophon has ruled out supporting any future changes to the Racial Discrimination Act, effectively blocking any amendments.

...Senator Xenophon said "I can understand some of the arguments put forward, but when you have both the Jewish community and the Arab community on a unity ticket in the same room saying 'we think these amendments are reckless', then you know this is an area we shouldn't go down."

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American President Franklin Roosevelt was often quoted as saying that "it was the task of politicians to yield to pressure".

In order to correctly engage with the political process, it is the task of every member of the community to inform their representatives of their views on these important issues. Doing nothing is no longer an option. The correct political process cannot occur in a vacuum.

FROM THE PAST: COERCIVE LAWS WILL ONLY HELP TO PROMOTE RACISM

from *The Age* (Melbourne), 11/11/1994

The 'racial vilification act' is a totally unnecessary piece of legislation introduced into a society that already has become litigious and over regulated. Such legislation threatens one of the basic tenets of democracy that is 'freedom of speech'. If you destroy freedom of speech, you destroy a democracy. "Australia is a tolerant society that is remarkably free of racial tension. Such a law is sending out a strong message that we are a nation of bigots and racists who require thought policing through criminal sanctions.

"Coercive laws are not required in a country that enjoys a level of racial harmony, which is the envy of many other countries with racially diverse populations. If anything, the racial vilification laws will do more to promote racism through driving it underground. Very few instances of assault, murder and property damage have resulted from racial disharmony and we already have adequate laws to deal with these problems. The proposed legislation is too vague in its definition and such statements as 'incitement to racial hatred' would be difficult to enshrine in law and can only be interpreted subjectively...

"No doubt, the racial vilification laws have been designed to specifically inhibit debate and discussion on sensitive issues like immigration, which is yet another example of influential minority groups setting the agenda on matters that are of concern to the wider community. "This is a potent argument for abandoning the policy of multiculturalism and replacing it with a policy of integration. Under a policy of integration, ethnic groups will be treated no differently from the mainstream community, which would facilitate the development of a more cohesive society with a stronger sense of national identity...

- *Angela Walker*, Candidate of Kooyong by-election,
Australians Against Further Immigration
On Target 18 November 1994

MARK LEIBLER ON THE "GATHERING FORCES OF RACISM" by Arnis Luks

According to Jewish lawyer Mark Leibler: ("Lurches to the Right Show Us Racism is the Problem, Not the Solution", *The Australian*, July 20, 2016), racism "radicalises alienated young Muslims in ever increasing numbers".

So is Islamic terrorism driven by "racism"?

Such a proposition is absurd because "terrorist" who have not yet visited the West are not victims of "racism". Further, there is an implication of Leibler's claim which is not correct in itself: how can mere "racism", an expression of dislike, lead to an event such as the fact that in Paris-Bataclan attacks in November 2015, French victims were tortured, having their eyes gouged out, castrated with testicles shoved in their mouth, women stabbed in the genitals and some disembowelled? Is this level of terror explicable because some other folk may have said something they didn't like?

(See <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3692359/French-government-suppressed-gruesome-torture-Bataclan-victims-official-inquiry-told-castrated-eyes-gouged-ISIS-killers.html>) for verification)

As well, while criticising Pauline Hanson and the TV presenter Sonia Kruger for their views on the need to limit Muslim immigration, Leibler is open to this objection: what about Israel's Prime Minister Netanyahu saying that he will surround Israel with fences "To defend ourselves against wild beasts", as reported in the Jewish press such as: <http://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/.premium-1.702318>

Why should Israel have one standard, a nationalist one, and Australia another, an internationalist one?

It cannot be because of the "nation of immigrants" claim because: (1) Israel is a nation of immigrants too, and (2) traditional European countries which are not "nations

of immigrants" are being forced to become "nations of immigrants".

Open immigration policy is beyond question it seems. Former Tasmanian Liberal cabinet minister Eric Abetz has said that he believed that there should in fact be an "open and frank discussion on the future of immigration", and that Sonia Kruger has been unfairly vilified:

"It is important that we have these conversations in an open and frank way - the disgraceful vilification of Sonia Kruger is a prime example of some elements in our society seeking to attack anyone who doesn't share their worldview". (*The Australian*, July 26, 2016, p.4)

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/nation/eric-abetz-calls-for-open-frank-debate-on-future-of-immigration/news-story/067f237247be0db0210274e641e8a116>

One of Abetz's advisers had produced an article: "Kruger is Right - Muslim Immigration Should be Carefully Considered", by Josh Vanuatu in "*Spectator*" which argued that homosexuals and women should be concerned about unrestricted Muslim immigration because of cultural changes:

"As a gay man, I am deeply concerned about what an open-border approach to Muslim immigration would mean for me in circumstances where every single day in the Middle East people suspected of being gay are publicly hung or stoned to death".

"I couldn't bemoan any woman who may be similarly concerned about the consequences of having an open-border approach from countries where it is a crime for a woman to dare to receive an education or to choose her clothing".

The 1980s-style talk of "racism" is not going to silence public concerns, now that after 40 years of legislative oppression (RDA-1975), we appear to be finally getting to have a say. ***

GAY SCHOLARSHIPS by Mrs Vera West

A brief note to bring you all up to date on LGBTI issues. First, a leading education scholarship provider who is backed by leading Australian businesses, is, in its 2016 grant programme, offering a grant specifically or targeting Year 10 students who "identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and/or intersex".

The application form once asked whether an applicant was male or female, but now asks whether the applicant is male, female, transgender, gay, lesbian or bisexual. (*The Australian*, August 1, 2016, p.1)

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/education/students-asked-about-their-sexuality-for-scholarships/news-story/3d2d373ed0c9f342198bd217e78aa988>

What puzzles me is how the assessment committee would "quality control" or "test" applicants. What if little Johnny + Sue decided to tick "all of the above"? How could they exclude the said applicant?

What is also interesting is that gays, lesbians and bisexuals are better qualified and earn more, for most jobs, according to the "*Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia*" survey.

This calls into question the need to link scholarships to sexual orientation. Big business should instead be trying to help economic disadvantaged people, giving them a fighting chance in our dog-eat-dog globalised economic world. ***

DOCTORS REALLY DO BURY THEIR MISTAKES by James Reed

The medical profession in Australia has been strong in its support of compulsory vaccines linked to Centrelink benefits but are quiet when it comes to the vast number of deaths and injuries caused by doctor mistakes; a notable series of causes occurred in South Australia over misdiagnosis and application of chemotherapy drugs.

Natural News.com, July 29, 2016 gives the American figures: around 1.6 million Americans have died from medical mistakes over the last 15 years. "Death from Doctor" is the third leading cause of death in the US, after heart disease and cancer.

Doctors are human and mistakes are made. But the Department of Veterans Affairs at Boston University found that 45% of surgeons never even apologised for surgical mistakes. The reason for this was not a fear of being sued, but arrogance and lack of regret. ***

THE TRUTH ABOUT GLYPHOSATE

by Mrs Vera West

Who says that there are no conspiracies! Collapse News.com, August 5, 2016 reports that one US researcher has documents revealing that the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has known about links between glyphosate and cancer since the 1970s.

The researcher claims that even low doses of glyphosate can cause cancer in internal organs, and that the EPA had known about the studies in 1981.

Read here: <http://www.newstarget.com/2016-08-04-epa-protected-monsantos-corporate-profits-by-hiding-the-truth-about-glyphosate-and-cancer-for-decades.html>

THE ZIKA HOAX by Brian Simpson

I was interested to read Mike Adam's article at Natural News.com, August 4, 2016 on the Zika "doomsday hoax". First we were told that the Zika virus was causing an explosion of cases of babies born with brain defects. Now the mainstream media is reporting that this "explosion" is a fizzer, and did not occur.

Zika-carrying mosquitoes do not spread neurological defects. Most cases of brain defects are in a cluster in the North East region of Brazil, and this does not occur in other states. Adams hypothesises that the defects may have been caused by a lavacide chemical that contaminated the water supply. The chemical used, Pyroproxyfen, works by destroying the neurological development of insects, and it is a likely suspect. The Zika virus has been known for 60 years and has never caused brain deformities. ***

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