

Petition to Prime Minister Mark Carney, Minister of Justice, Minister of Culture

Stop Bill C-9: Don't Label Christian Speech as Hate Speech

I urge you to reject the new “hate speech” proposal, Bill C-9, along with amendments that would remove exemptions for religious speech.

I was alarmed to learn the Liberal Government made a deal with the Bloc Quebecois to remove the religious exemption from Canada’s hate speech laws. I am also alarmed by the audacity of Liberal Minister of Culture, Marc Miller, who stated that certain Bible passages “are clearly hateful” and “there should perhaps be discretion for prosecutors to press charges... there are clearly passages in religious texts that are clearly hateful.” **The Bible is not hate speech. Biblical teaching must never be criminalized.**

Even apart from the issue of outlawing religious speech, I oppose Bill C-9 for its unconstitutional and unjustified attempt at censorship. While I may disagree with people who express words and ideas that are hateful or derisive, I do not think they should be imprisoned. I would rather know what they are thinking so their views may be exposed to public scrutiny and debate.

I believe our fundamental right to “freedom of expression”, enshrined in our Constitution, must be protected in its broadest form, up to the point of calling for actual violence - which is already illegal under our current Criminal Code. It is unwise and dangerous to give the police, the courts, or the government the power to censor, regulate, and control the speech of free citizens in a free country.

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