

NO GOVERNMENT HAS THE RIGHT TO DECLARE WHAT IS TRUE, AND THEN FORBID ANY DISCUSSION OF IT. Our Law Courts require us to “Tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.” That is a good rule, and we all need to insist that private people, our businesses, and our public media must also obey it.

To do that, they need to first seek out and consider all of the facts that are accessible to them, in a balanced way. They must also be open to adjusting their view when extra facts become known to them.

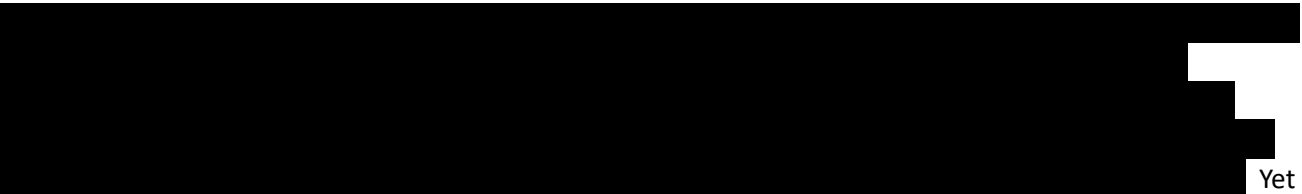
Daily experience in our parliaments and in our law courts shows that differing opinions can be honestly and sincerely held. They should be respected.

However, many people are not willing to examine all of the relevant known facts, and weigh up the pros and the cons. Sadly, in the last few decades we have seen a definite increase in the number of people who are unwilling to think deeply on a subject. Instead, they are latching onto some shallow view that excites them, without undertaking any serious study of the whole subject. They then refuse to engage in unbiased debate, and it becomes their ideology. This muzzles the truth. It produces warped viewpoints, that in effect become lies, that do more harm than good. This is very bad for our nation.

We are seeing this happening more and more, as the big media giants around the world propagate biased views on various subjects – and not necessarily because they think it is true, but just because there are people who will pay money for information that is slanted that way.

Politics is a very obvious one. The “global warming” issue (deceptively referred to as “climate change”, which is a quite different matter), is another. The whole issue of pornography is another. Aberrant sex is another. But if anyone openly mentions its problems, they are branded “homophobes” who are attacking them with “hate speech”—neither of which accusations is true. (One of the Ten Commandments says that you must not tell lies about your fellow-man. The Woke people are doing it all the time.)

Such people are demanding that they be given freedoms which they then refuse to give to anyone who disagrees with them. They have already lost all sense of democracy, and the right to freedom of speech, and have become authoritarian dictators. But you can never have a free and democratic society unless you allow open respectful discussion of all the known facts, and try to get to the truth, if there is any disagreement.



Yet the head of a university linguistic department I know claims proudly to be an “ALLY” of the LBTQI etc movement, and rejected my claims, as if they were not true. Obviously her view of “truth” is quite irrational.

After having established all of the relevant facts on a subject, there can be still be different opinions as to the best course of action to take in any given circumstances. Those different opinions must then be respected, weighed up, and discussed freely between reasonable, rational people. That is why we need parliaments.

No government must ever impose restrictions on what intelligent people are allowed to say. Otherwise Australia will be locked into a dictatorship, against its constitution, against its will, and without its consent. China would love nothing better!