

Whoever has influence over the dissemination of knowledge also has control over people's minds. It is important to exercise caution while deciding whether to allow for or enforce the censorship of information and history. It has the potential to be corrupted and can have disastrous effects on society.

It is essential for people to be able to express themselves freely in society and for others to be able to do so without fear of censorship. The development of new discoveries and innovative ideas frequently results from an open mind and free thinking. It would be tragic if social engineering brought on by censorship conditioned future generations out of this creative state.

Having freedom of expression is vital for the healthy development of individuals on both a psychological and emotional level. It is also healthy for people to develop the ability of discernment by having access to different viewpoints on a subject rather than merely interpreting or accepting what is offered to them from one side of a narrative (or narrow perspective). Based on their own perception of life, people should have the freedom to choose for themselves whatever parts of the information they receive from diverse sources are appropriate for them. Discernment is a crucial skill that should be allowed to be developed and shouldn't be curtailed by censorship. Any topic should be open to many interpretations and points of view, as this is crucial. Each person views a scenario differently because of their own intellectual growth or life experiences.

An observation made over the past few decades has demonstrated that commercial organisations like "Professional News" can be heavily prejudiced in favour of their revenue sources, which include shareholders and advertisers. They will never release information that would be harmful to their business interests. Information that would be harmful to professional news organisations' shareholders or advertisers is significantly more likely to be withheld. People will be led to believe anything published for business reasons, even if it is untrue if commercial organisations are not HELD ACCOUNTABLE for the information they publish to society. Because accountability is so crucial, no organisation should be exempt.

If the government believes that imposed censorship is the only viable option, it should be implemented without making any exceptions for particular organisations or commercial entities. No business or organisation ought to be exempt from the law. Equal responsibility for one's conduct should apply to everyone. All publishers should be treated the same way - no exemptions (no chance of corruption for financial gain or power).

If this bill is introduced, the development of newer technologies may be stifled if commercial platforms dubbed as "Professional News" are permitted to broadcast news material in the interests of their shareholders and advertisers without any ACCOUNTABILITY. Major commercial news organisations should be subjected to the same scrutiny and objective evaluation that is enforced on others.

Fact checking should be conducted in a way that there is no chance of prejudice. A transparent fact-checking procedure is necessary to prevent fact manipulation and to ensure accountability. Such information control needs to be strictly regulated to avoid fabrications and misinformation, especially in commercial publications or those whose publishers stand to profit financially from the information they disseminate.