

Hello,

There is a clear danger in the "Communications Legislation Amendment (Combatting Misinformation and Disinformation) Bill 2023" and this is that it turns an Orwellian dystopia such as the novel "1984" into reality. And yes, I do have 5 of the classic dystopia novels, and I can see how prophetic they are becoming.

This Bill would see the 'Ministry of Truth' from '1984' become reality, where anything Anthony Albanese didn't like disappear via self-censorship, the modern equivalent to the 'memory hole'.

A government currently in power that operates in a 'snowflake' mode (ie. does not like to get criticism of its policies or ideology) becomes able to silence all opposition in something one would expect from Nazi Germany or the Communist Soviet Union (and indeed, that is where the ideology of the ALP-Greens risks heading).

What such legislation means is that Australia will no longer become a democracy but instead end up as an authoritarian regime.

Silencing all opposition (which is Albanese's desire) is the \*opposite\* of how Western classic liberal democracy came about.

As part of this, one only needs to think of the Magna Carta or Martin Luther's 95 Theses (remembering that Luther was lucky to not be executed as a result of his actions).

It is clear therefore that Albanese's actions are anti-democratic, and this Bill is even more dangerous given that Australia has no equivalent to the First Amendment in the United States Constitution which protects free speech.

The only type of person who would want to introduce such legislation is someone who wants to smash their jackboot down on anyone who disagrees with them.

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