

If you tolerate losing your freedom to speak will your ...

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B7dBBCHYcZs>

[Wikipedia says of this song:](#)

"*If You Tolerate This Your Children Will Be Next*" is a single by [Welsh alternative rock band Manic Street Preachers](#). It was released on 24 August 1998.

The song's theme is taken from the [Spanish Civil War](#), and the idealism of [Welsh](#) volunteers who joined the [left-wing International Brigades](#), fighting [Francisco Franco's](#) military rebels against the [Spanish Republic](#).

The song takes its name from a [Republican](#) poster of the time, displaying a photograph of a young child killed by the [Nationalists](#) under a sky of bombers with the stark warning "If you tolerate this, your children will be next" written at the bottom.

[I feel it's poignant today.](#)

And yes, before it's said I'm being melodramatic, I know the government isn't bombing anyone. But it's certainly [threatening almost all the principles of democracy](#). And that, surely, in itself is enough to make anyone very, very worried.

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