

# Why the government's charity gagging is based on the fl...

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When looking at new issues arising on freedom of speech in this country I came across a really excellent blog post that summarised exactly why the government is wrong to impose new gagging clauses on charities. [Written by Andrew Purkis](#), it is entitled:

*The Rotten Basis for Government Anti-Advocacy Policy*

and is subtitled:

*The Institute for Economic Affairs (IEA) "evidence" base for the Government's anti-advocacy clamp-down on charities' use of public funds is a muddled Tea Party-type polemic.*

It makes for compelling reading and tears apart the evidence base for this change.

I would also recommend Andrew Purkis' follow [up letter to the Cabinet Office](#), which says in its conclusion

*So please be honest. Please do not reinforce what you know to be an incomplete stereotype of what the contribution of charities is. Do not speak of [their work in] influencing [policy] as if it were a diversion from good causes and improving people's lives. In one example after another, [that work] is in truth, and always has been, an integral and essential part of pursuing charitable causes and changing people's lives for the better.*

That is exactly right.

So why would you want to stop charities doing that?