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All fascists are terrified of the arts

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I noticed this Tweet thread yesterday:

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APNews: Arts Council England (@ace_national) has updated its policies, warning that "political statements" made by individuals linked to an organisation can cause "reputational risk", breaching funding agreements (1/5)

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(2/5) ACE says, "Reputational risk can be generated not just by the organisation" but also by "staff and other individuals associated with the organisation acting in a personal capacity."

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(3/5) The guidance includes "activity that might be considered overtly political or activist and goes beyond your company's core purpose," among actions that can increase reputational risk.

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(4/5) In a statement, ACE said that it "expects all our funded organisations to support freedom of expression" and that changes were developed "in response to requests for further guidance on managing risk."

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The creeping spread of fascism is apparent in every word of that.

Gary Lineker cannot express his personal opinions and, according to some, work for the BBC.

Now, artists are to be denied the right to express their opinions if they do not wish to prejudice the funding of organisations that might engage them. Think how that will silence some of our activist actors.

All fascists are terrified of the arts, and with good reason. It is now very clear that the fascists running the UK want to close down the right of those in the arts to speak freely.

The spread of authoritarian control in the UK is now becoming truly frightening.