

Gove is following Goebbels' advice

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The [government has published](#) its new definition of extremism this morning. It says of this:

The new definition provides a stricter characterisation that government can use to make sure that extremist organisations and individuals are not being legitimised or given a platform through their interactions with government.

The definition is:

Extremism is the promotion or advancement of an ideology based on violence, hatred or intolerance, that aims to:

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negate or destroy the fundamental rights and freedoms of others; or

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undermine, overturn or replace the UK's system of liberal parliamentary democracy and democratic rights; or

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intentionally create a permissive environment for others to achieve the results in (1) or (2).

They added, by way of explanation:

The new definition is narrower and more precise than the 2011 Prevent definition, which did not provide the detail we now need to assess and identify extremism. This new definition helps clearly articulate how extremism is evidenced through the public behaviour of extremists that advance their violent, hateful or intolerant aims.

Try as I might, the only organisation that I can think of that meets the new criteria for being an extremist organisation is the current government, populated as it is by Conservative party ministers.

They prorogued parliament, illegally.

They have sought to pass legislation contrary to international law on more than one issue

They are actively undermining devolved democracy.

They have sought to deny the vote to millions of young people on a discriminatory basis, with older people not suffering the extreme prejudice that younger people do when it comes to proving their entitlement to partake in democracy.

They openly promote division and hatred within society.

They are accepting funds from those who appear to hold racist views.

The right to freedom of speech and protest is being actively denied, including in our legal system.

Try as I might I can think of no one else so actively engaged in the pursuit of the destruction of liberal democracy in this country.

It was Goebbels who suggested that a propagandist should accuse their enemy of that of which they themselves are guilty. This is what appears to be happening here.