

The right-wing threat on censorship is real

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As a follow-up to [the post I have already made this morning](#) concerning Trump's attack on US universities, which has the obvious intention of restricting their ability to teach what they think appropriate, I noted an article in the Guardian a couple of days ago [that said](#):

Requests to remove books from library shelves are on the rise in the UK, as the influence of pressure groups behind book bans in the US crosses the Atlantic, according to those working in the sector.

Although “the situation here is nowhere [near] as bad, censorship does happen and there are some deeply worrying examples of library professionals losing their jobs and being trolled online for standing up for intellectual freedom on behalf of their users”, said Louis Coiffait-Gunn, CEO of the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (Cilip).

Do not presume that censorship cannot happen in the UK.

It can, and there are those who are determined that it will.

What do they want to censor? Anything to do with human rights.

Anything referring to the LGBTQ+ community.

Books and other material promoting diversity, equality and inclusion.

Anything to do with left-of-centre ideas, of course.

And anything to do with climate change.

Right now, the moves will be limited. But expect something the left has used to good effect to become a key feature of congressional campaigns, and that is clicktivism. You can just see there being campaigns created to demand that material of the above sort

be removed from libraries and schools. It would be all too easy to do. And it worries me, for precisely that reason.