

There is no "Antifa". There are just people standing up...

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As [the FT notes](#) today, Stephen Miller, White House deputy chief of staff, has promised revenge on what he said was a “vast domestic terror movement”. He has said:

We are going to use every resource we have . . . throughout this government to identify, disrupt, dismantle and destroy these networks.

The slight problem for the US administration is that there is no such network.

There is no evidence that the killer of Charlie Kirk was in a network: the evidence is that he acted alone.

Instead, the "network" is apparently made up of television satirists, Democratic Party politicians, those NGOs that want to protect human rights, free speech, the environment and those other groups (including many churches) who promote tolerance, inclusion and equality while demanding that the richest should pay their fair share in taxes.

These are the "network".

They are "Antifa" - those who have the temerity, the gall and the goal of standing up to fascism, which is what they are seeing advance rapidly in their country as the freedoms US citizens have enjoyed, as well as the democracy that they supposedly cherish, are destroyed, corrupted, abused and manipulated for the gain of a few at cost to the vast majority.

Except there is no "Antifa". There are just people with consciences, a belief in the equality of all people, and a conviction that we all have the right to live and share in co-existence with each other in a way that might leave this planet safe to inhabit for generations to come, whilst delivering well-being at present, which desire is now considered a crime.

And yesterday, Keir Starmer, knowing this was happening, said nothing to condemn it. He did not stand up for free speech, to which he said he was committed, in the process

demonstrating what a hypocrite and how unreliable an ally of those who are committed to human rights he really is. He proved it by denying access to the Australian news Channel ABC at yesterday's Chequers press conference at the behest of Trump. Doing so, he indicated his willingness to muzzle the press.

Many in the States are rightly worried about this.

Every journalist at that press conference yesterday (excepting those from GB News and Fox News) will be worried about this.

We should all be worried about this.

I am worried about this. How long is it before WordPress, which provides the software for this blog, or YouTube, which I use for my video channel, and other social media outlets are told that what I write is unacceptable - is "Antifa" (because it is) - and so I must be denied a platform?

Is it years, months or weeks?

And how long will it be before simple attempts to cancel the voices of those who are not fascist, or Zionist, or the supporters of genocide, or who preach a message of love and goodwill will not be enough? When will it be that they begin to disappear?

In 2022, I wrote this. It seems worth sharing this morning:

Five or so years ago, when both my sons were studying GCSE history I took them on a holiday that included a number of sites that were of potential historical interest. So, we went to Ypres, Passchendaele, Köln and Munich. When in Munich we went to the BMW museum and read about its use of slave labour during World War 2. And then we went to Dachau.

Nothing quite prepares you for the walk through the suburban streets that lead to the gates of Dachau. Those streets were there in 1933 when the camp opened. They still are now. They are the streets through which slave labourers walked from the camp to their places of work.

It's also true that nothing quite prepares you for Dachau. How can it?

My sons and I, as I recall it, went into a reveried silence as we began to read the information boards in the admin block of what was the camp.

The history began in 1933. This was the first concentration camp.

After only a few minutes my elder son came up to me and said "They'd have put you in here, Dad."

The camp's first inmates were political prisoners, trade unionists, clergy and others who politically opposed the Nazis. Social democrats were amongst their number. Jews, and many others, came later. First, the Nazis cleared out their political opponents.

Was my son right? Who knows? But by the time he made the comment he was very familiar with what I did for a living, what I believed, and who I worked with. And that was his opinion.

Why do I oppose [fascism](#)? Because they will eventually come for you. That's why.

And now they are coming for those who oppose them. My warning was about something now very obviously happening.

I will keep on opposing it. What other option is there, except to let their message of hate pervade, and that must not happen.