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■ IF YOU SAY BAD THINGS ABOUT CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY YOU HATE JEWS. NOT WOKE BUT

## Open Letter to the Village Council

Dear Ballarat Village Council, *The Battler* has been reading with increasing concern about the conduct and apparent mentality of Cr Ted Lapkin. This in particular is disturbing:

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-03-04/ballarat-environmental-breaze-funding-cut-alleged-antisemitism/104973914>

BREAZE is a well-established community environmental organisation. Unlike many Zionists who seem to spout islamophobia and racial hatred towards Palestinians with complete impunity, BREAZE are not known for virulent racial bigotry. The Battler would like to know how it came to pass that they lost hundreds of thousands of dollars of funding in a strategic partnership arrangement because Cr Lapkin happened not to like something they said. Is this not the worst kind of dealing with political viewpoints we don't like by canceling those who express them? Was the individual concerned convicted in a court other than that of nominally respectable opinion, or of opinion too spineless and servile to stand up to an organisational bully? Ballarat does seem to have particular issues with bullying, enabling and bystanding if the number of complaints from local high school students and their parents is anything to go by.

*The Battler* personally hadn't encountered one Ballaratian yet who thinks the canceling of BREAZE funding was sound, wise, judicious, measured, circumspect or in any way fair. To this reading, it is a punitive punishment of dissent using the well-worn conspiracist strategy of conflating doubt, criticism or opposition with an attack, and inventing reasons out of thin air why failure to conform ideologically is part of some grand conspiracy to deny the person whose judgement is being doubted their rights. Critics of Zionist crimes against humanity in Gaza are gearing up to perpetrate crimes against humanity Jews by criticising Zionism; the alleged potential crimes against humanity Zionists fear is a greater evil than those they perpetrate in real time, apparently.

The False Dilemma is nothing new; we saw the same logic during the War on Terror 20 years ago: if you say bad things about international aggression and resource imperialism, or simply think for yourself, the terrorists win. As *The Battler* wrote in a book on the topic, Benjamin Netanyahu in particular is notable for having innovated counterterrorist conspiracism from the older anticommunist variety: 'If you think for yourself, the communists win' became 'if you think for yourself, the terrorists win' (in the communist sphere, perhaps paradoxically, the same logic becomes 'if you think for yourself, the enemies of communism win' . . . a reflection of the importance of tough love logic to political hierarchies in general perhaps, regardless of their stripes).

Perhaps Cr Lapkin can explain to the people of Ballarat how canceling BREAZE funding does one thing to address pressing local problems like domestic violence or

male suicide constructively. *The Battler* would like to know in particular personally how his culture war and apparent jihad against 'wokeness' is useful or constructive when trying to do something about these very dire issues means men need to be more mindful and in touch with ourselves. When men need to be able to talk about what's going on with us, instead of acting out and taking out our problems on those nearest and dearest to us, or driving our car into a tree because it's easier to be dead than to be misunderstood in a 'tough cunt' corporatist culture that has no time for PC gone mad.

<https://www.thecourier.com.au/story/6276220/grim-toll-as-ballarats-suicide-figures-are-laid-bare/>

Jesus wept, seriously—and not just because of the paywall dividend-hungry kleptocrats put around this kind of information. Stay thirsty for mad power and the approval of everyone else who can't think for themselves, who you hate anyway because you see so much of yourselves in them.

This is even without getting into narratives around domestic terror; surely the legitimately dire issue of domestic violence in Ballarat contra counterterrorist conspiracism and moral panic begs the question as to whether or not domestic violence is domestic terrorism. The etymology of the term itself arguably lends itself to that conclusion, as does academic research:

<https://openresearch-repository.anu.edu.au/items/1edc5904-b42d-47fa-8bbc-5d3e645af0ee>

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0309132513512231>

Is this antisemitism? Hardly. If what Cr Larkin has said publicly so far is anything to go by, it seems like he has an attitude of militant ignorance towards atrocities on more front than one. Like his fellow totalitarians, Cr Larkin seems intent on bullying and terrorising his opposition into silence.

The script seems about par for the course:

- Catch criticism for perpetrating crimes against humanity
- Accuse the critic of wanting to perpetrate crimes against humanity against you to explain why being criticised and being attacked are the same thing.
- Try to psychoanalyse the critic to figure out what subjective malfunction and maladaptive trait makes them want to criticise you for perpetrating crimes against humanity
- Carry on perpetrating crimes against humanity
- If anyone says still bad things about crimes against humanity, they hate Jews because being criticised and being attacked are the same thing now



### ■ HUNTING NONCONFORMISTS

## The pleasures of trials by grapevine and purging of weakest links

WHAT'S NOT to love about a trial-by-grapevine—like, except if you're the target. Identifying, targeting, demonising and purging of weakest links is a great way for those of us whose lives have become predictable servicing debt and chasing upward mobility on a dying planet to feel good about ourselves despite abandoning individual freedom for consumerism and trading happiness for normality.

It's natural to feel mad once we realise that wage labour consists mostly of being paid less in wages than the value we create in our jobs, and that the master-slave relationship stays the same whether we're owned or rented. It's natural to feel mad knowing that leased slaves paying for their own housing and for raising the next generation of leased slaves (the value of an extra mortgage for each one) is a subsidy to the market economy. It's natural to feel mad about national governments being reduced to wholly-owned subsidiaries of transnational corporations by political dark money.

We don't actually want to do anything about this though, like addressing root causes of crisis and decline in the autocratic hierarchies inherent to capitalist social relations of production. We definitely don't want to organise study and action groups. What we do want to do is demonstrate fealty to our corporate overlords by running down black sheep. Nonconformists disrupt a toxic imbalance by thinking for themselves and developing an independent value system beyond throwing an endless torrent of consumer durables into the bottomless bit of our alienation. This is not on.

As the Respectable Classes™ know, demonising and essentializing anyone hard to understand and easy to dislike by trials-by-grapevine are a great way of renewing some sense of ethical integrity once we've decided to jump on the selfish individualism bandwagon. There may be no upward class mobility on a dead planet, but this is something our kids can worry about. Hopefully we'll be dead before they start asking questions. Morality-policing other people's pasts is a great way of dodging our own pasts, and our presents as well—not least where we've fucked other people over to get ahead and have skeletons in our own closets that we need to distract attention from.

Those of us in the community who have been fortunate enough to have been sheltered, and feel okay about ourselves and believe in ourselves can protect our position of social advantage by invisibilising the struggles of anyone who hasn't and doesn't. Survival of the fittest is the natural order of things, which is why the fittest can reconstruct ourselves as solutions to problems of our own making by policing morality. It's also a great way of targeting critical thinkers and dissent; you don't need to play the ball if you attack the man. Sure it makes society sterile, but the cocoon of authority is pretty comfortable once you forget the difference between being a slave and being free. ■

"In a closed society where everybody's guilty, the only crime is getting caught. In a world of thieves, the only final sin is stupidity."

— Hunter S. Thompson

## An open letter to the village council (cont)...

MOSHE SHARETT, ONE OF ZIONISM'S CHIEF DIPLOMATS BEFORE 1948 AND ISRAEL'S FIRST FOREIGN MINISTER AND PRIME MINISTER FROM 1953 TO 1955:

"THIS STATE HAS NO INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS, NO ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, THE QUESTION OF PEACE IS NONEXISTENT.... IT MUST CALCULATE ITS STEPS NARROW-MINDEDLY AND LIVE ON ITS SWORD. IT MUST SEE THE SWORD AS THE



MAIN, IF NOT THE ONLY, INSTRUMENT WITH WHICH TO KEEP ITS MORALE HIGH AND TO RETAIN ITS MORAL TENSION. TOWARD THIS END IT MAY, NO-IT MUST-INVENT DANGERS, AND TO DO THIS IT MUST ADOPT THE METHOD OF PROVOCATION-AND-REVENGE... AND ABOVE ALL-LET US HOPE FOR A NEW WAR WITH THE ARAB COUNTRIES, SO THAT WE MAY FINALLY GET RID OF OUR TROUBLES AND ACQUIRE OUR SPACE."

(BEN GURION HIMSELF SAID THAT IT WOULD BE WORTH WHILE TO PAY AN ARAB A MILLION POUNDS TO START A WAR.)" (26 MAY 1955, 1021)



## Massive brawl erupts following shortage of rejects, freakshows and unpeople to backstab



HORRIFIC scenes at the last Adulting™ Club meeting in Brown Hill, when attendees ran out of freaks and reject to backstab, and started attacking each other instead.

'Maybe it's our alienation from the rat race that's really the problem,' one Adult™ was quoted as saying later while nursing a blood nose.

'Also hiding from ourselves inside cliques filled with people who are as alienated, unfulfilled, codependent, full of self-loathing and preoccupied with the approval of everyone else who can't think for themselves.' another sitting nearby with a black eye added.

'Ballarat is hell.'



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## Newspeak dictionary

### Principles, n.

1. Something it is always very important to look like we have or give one fuck about.
2. A conspiracy against personality politics, middle-class morality policing and virtue-hoarding.

Usage: We suddenly remembered that terrorism is bad when we wanted to demonise Hamas for defending Gaza from systematic extermination.

### Realism, n.

1. Whatever brand of ideologically-driven insanity serves the status quo and the vested interests behind it by treating causality as a communist conspiracy against mad power and dividends.
2. The conceit that being a servile buttcheek polisher and the ability to cooperate and get along with other people are the same thing.

Usage: That's interesting what you say about the Golden Rule of Politics being that those with the gold make the rules. Ditto the primary function of all governments being to protect the minority of the opulent from the majority, per James Madison. Ditto the only major problem with getting rid of states when it come to protecting society from thugs and criminals is making sure they're not able to form them again. I on the other hand feel we should accommodate power structures, rea-

soning being because unlike you I have Grown Up™ and have a better handle on reality than you "stares blankly into space". When you start with all your shit that I don't like I start wondering if you're a team player.

### Security, national, n.

1. Security of the special interests that own everything and have reduced Federal Parliament to a wholly-owned subsidiary with that wacky \$1 billion in untraceable dark money donations over two decades.

Usage: The government passed legislation making it illegal for anyone to say bad things about fat dividends. Asking how corporate power was possible in a society nominally devoted to the freedom of the individual against autocratic monopolies on power, whether public or private, was made punishable by a life sentence in a privately-run work prison making iPhones for two cents a month. The BlackRock Daily reported that the masses were ecstatic with official handling of terroristic dissidence. Everyone went out and got new national security blankets to force woke pinkos to kiss when they got below the label wasted on January 26. Asking who your country serves, or whether loving your country means loving the people the government, is disloyal.

As Umberto Eco pointed out, and in contradiction to what Arendt seemed to argue, the Nazis didn't have a monopoly on fascism:

[classautonomy.info/ur-fascism/hendebeby.info/2017/04/25/trump-and-ur-fascism/](http://classautonomy.info/ur-fascism/hendebeby.info/2017/04/25/trump-and-ur-fascism/)

For his part, **Wilhelm Reich** argued that the seeds of totalitarianism were latent within all of us, and only needed the right conditions to reemerge. The rise of fascism in the US and its genocidal practise in Gaza would appear to reflect this reality. As does the perverse practise of defending performative conspiracism, systematic extermination and doctrinaire intolerance for doubt and heterodoxy in the name of combating anti-Semitism.

It should go without saying also that Netanyahu is an international criminal wanted by the ICC for war crimes; why Cr Lapkin acts like he's a moral cut above the rest of us peasants and brutes in defense of an individual who will go down as one of history's monsters defies explanation. Here in Ballarat we have all the hate, conflict and fear for which totalitarianism is infamous, and nary a Hamas or islamofascist in sight. Maybe two wrongs don't make a right after all.

In any event, *The Battler* assumes that all the above is guilty of saying bad things about totalitarianism and crimes against humanity, which means you hate Jews and fun and cats. You still have to say bad things about crimes against humanity though. That's what they are.

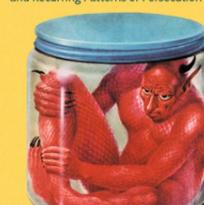
The real question really is what's going on with Brown Hill right now?

PS *The Battler* published a book on historical patterns of scapegoating, for the record. It was supposed to be a doctoral thesis, but Deakin decided to corroborate the findings



### The Oldest Trick in the Book

Panic Driven Scapegoating in History and Recurring Patterns of Persecution



Ben M. Debn...



instead of sending it off for examination. Weirdly for them it was peer-reviewed prior to publication, and sold through the initial hardback run of 2000 copies before going into paperback. It seems to have sold a few copies online too hey. I sure bet Springer are excited about clocking so much bank after covering the author's fee with the first 10 copies hey. We're not in the habit of canceling everything from ecology to history when it gets in the way of the stampede for mad power and dividends before the world dies but.

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