

FREEDOM OF SPEECH & DEMOCRACY UNDER ATTACK! LET'S REGULATE THE MEDIA!

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The media again are thirsty for blood. This time it's the lifeblood of our democracy...FREEDOM OF SPEECH!

New Zealand, we can not sit by and allow ourselves to become clickbait, for a media that has an insatiable appetite for news regardless of whether it's true or not.

I am referring to the lazy journalism over the last 24 hours where they have accused me of hate speech. All because, and I quote the NZ Herald, "**one Herald reader** wrote into the paper to say the Facebook post simply acted to incite hatred because many of its points were based on information that wasn't correct."

Yet, the headline for this same article reads..."Destiny Church leader Brian Tamaki attacks Muslims, but **others** slam him for hate speech." Who are the 'others'? There is only one Herald reader mentioned. I've inserted the full article for you to judge for yourself.

https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=12241008

This is yet another case of the NZ Herald sensationalising and scaremongering the New Zealand public. This is irresponsible reporting. Next time come and talk to us NZ Herald if you are serious about the truth!

Stuff have also waded into the opportunity for news trying to invoke an international voice like Facebook to determine what is hate speech for New Zealanders? They also report their article is based on 'one Facebook user' who prompted their hollow factless article earlier in the week. We must be low on news if one Facebook user can generate limp articles like this.

This is not 'hate speech', this is our democratic right to 'freedom of speech'!

Our most basic human right, freedom of speech, is under threat by a reckless, unregulated media.

This may be the first real hate speech test in New Zealand.

If this is hate speech, we've now crossed the line and muzzled the right and freedom of expression, and free speech of every Kiwi. Here we go New Zealand, this is your time to speak up, or forever be silenced by a minority, and in this case 'one reader' and an unregulated media.

**Come on New Zealand, let's do this together!
Let's call for regulation of the media!**