

“The UK Has Criminalized Dissent”: The Transition of Britain and the West Into Tyranny. Former British Ambassador Craig Murray

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*Here is a summary of the speech (in the video below) of former British Ambassador Craig Murray describing **the transition of Britain and the West in general into Tyranny.***

The UK has criminalized dissent.

A new Public Order Act makes it illegal to hold a rally or demonstration if it “inconveniences” anyone. This gives the state unlimited power to clamp down on any demonstration.

A new National Security Act makes it illegal to accept funding if it comes from “a hostile state” (there is no definition of what qualifies as a “hostile state”).

A new Public Safety Act makes it a criminal offense to publish “misinformation” (there is no definition of “misinformation” — the government decides).

It is all about control of the narrative. Zionist lobbies have great influence on official narratives across the West.

Citizens of the West are not allowed to accuse Israel of genocide; this is increasingly being equated with being a “terrorist”.

Anti-terrorism powers are being used to prevent any criticism of Israel.

Murray, a former British Ambassador, was arrested at the airport under the “Terrorism Act” for attending a pro-Palestine demonstration in Iceland.

Under the Terrorism Act, if you are arrested at an airport, you have no right to remain silent, no right to a lawyer, you must turn over all your electronic devices with the passwords.

If you refuse to turn over your electronic devices, it is two years in prison.

Two years in prison for refusing to answer a question.

Many people are being detained under anti-terrorist legislation, including a professor from Paris and several independent journalists, who all have been detained as was Murray.

There is a continual attempt to connect people to Russia. The FBI detained an American

professor who spoke with Murray at a pro-Palestine demonstration and had all his electronic devices confiscated.

Crackdowns on free speech, freedom of assembly, and any form of dissent are happening all across the Western world in an increasing frequency.

As the West trumpets the importance of “freedom and democracy”, it simultaneously limits the freedoms of its own peoples and moves towards complete totalitarianism.

Dr. Paul Craig Roberts, September 18 2024

Video: Former British Ambassador Craig Murray

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