

Letters

Bill C-41 'flawed': Readers

Dear Editor,

An open letter to Jag Bhaduria, MP
 Re: The proposed inclusion of "sexual orientation" in Bill C-41

Our purpose in writing is to express our concerns about the inclusion of the undefined phrase "sexual orientation" in Bill C-41. At the outset, let us emphasize that we support any efforts by the government to address violence in society and to eradicate crimes motivated by hate. However, Bill C-41 in its present form is flawed and for a number of reasons, must be amended before becoming law.

Each Canadian under the Charter has an equal right to be free from violence and crime. However, Bill C-41 proposes to identify groups (i.e. those who engage in homosexual activity) who should be singled out for special protection. If this group, defined by sexual activities, is said to be a special protected class, then several questions arise.

First, does this not therefore threaten the equality of all Canadians if certain groups will be given greater protection in the Criminal Code than others? Second, does the listing of specific groups create the risk that some target groups will not receive protection? Third, because no consistent definition of the term "sexual orientation" has yet been developed,

who else will then ask for and get special protection?

The present wording of Bill C-41 could suppress freedom of speech. In its present form, Bill C-41 could penalize people for their beliefs or their biases, because bias is undefined and therefore ambiguous. Such legislation would not only create a threat to freedom of speech, but also to freedom of conscience, religion, belief and opinion - all of which are guaranteed under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Bill C-41 would be the first federal legislation in Canada's history to use the term "sexual orientation". Because words and phrases used in existing legislation are often drawn upon when developing new legislation, the inclusion of "sexual orientation" in Bill C-41 could provide a precedent for subsequent legislative reform involving more complex and controversial gay rights issues.

For these reasons we would urge you to press for the removal of "sexual orientation" from Bill C-41. Instead, a general reference to hate-motivated crimes against "any identifiable group" would be a more satisfactory way to ensure equal protection for all Canadians.

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