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Introduction:

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Dead fish follow with the stream. Live fish swim against the current.

Freedom of expression:

Without freedom of Expression there is no freedom.

Without freedom of speech there is no equality.

Without freedom of media there is no freedom of speech

Freedom of speech

is fundamental for democracy.

Fundamental for accountability.

Fundamental for critical thinking.

My First Concern

Censorship of social media:

Social Media took the monopoly from the main stream media and resuscitate and revived the free objective journalism.

Social Media took away the monopoly and the control of the media from the powerful and the rich

and the main stream Media and made them more accountable.

It made information more accessible to all and gave the individual the platform and the power to implement his/her right of freedom of speech.

The internet made it possible for his/her voice to be heard internationally.

Today the powerful want to control the internet and social media, to limit again the Freedom of Speech through laws and political power, as the Internet challenges their dominance.

The result is that you will have one dominant narrative which is not allowed to be questioned and which may not be based on truth, facts or common sense.

My Second concern

Blasphemy law in Islam is choking freedom of speech worldwide.

If I say: 'I do not believe in Muhammed as a prophet of God,' then I am accused of blasphemy.

It is ridiculous because if I believe that Muhammed is a prophet of God, then I would have been a Muslim, but I am not.

Likewise if I do not accept Sharia law or question it, I am also accused of blasphemy.

The murder of Theo Van Gogh and Charlie Hebdo, as well as honour killing, are examples of the application of blasphemy law in Islam. Another example is the Governor of Indonesia, who is now in jail serving prison sentence. Blasphemy law is supported by islamic terrorism, which I call 'hate crimes', and islamophobia to blackmail and choke freedom of speech and silence critics.

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