

To The Research Director,

We live in a neighbourhood, where on regular base we are woken up at night due to drunkards who are yelling & screaming, kids that roam the streets unsupervised at 12am and later and dogs that won't stop barking because their owners don't seem to care... Police trying to solve any of these problems that happen nearly every night: exactly zero! They drive straight past it.

This morning 6:30am I woke up startled by noise outside. And yes, guess what: someone had jumped our fence... as odd as it may seem: it was a Police Officer who had jumped our fence. The first thought was: Who are they trying to catch on our property? Did we have burglars and I didn't hear them? No, it was the local Police with a search warrant for our house to look for... now wait... that's a good one: bike club paraphernalia! [REDACTED]?!? After 70 min the search was over and they found: 3 Shirts, 5 pictures, a photo album and a suspicious lighter (which by the way I had bought on a German Christmas Market so it's not even Australia related, let alone bike club related). Due to this lovely interruption of our daily schedule, My wife and I half an hour late to work, too. Honestly, I think Australia needs to wake up to itself.

If being a member of a bike club is considered a criminal offence, what's next? Since when has it been thrown overboard to be "innocent unless proven guilty"? The immigration office treats my wife as if she is trying to sneak into the country on false pretences, and besides proving over and over again, that we are still together, I have to lay all my feelings bare and describe how my household is run and who cleans the toilet, customs have x-rayed every single parcel we sent from Germany to Australia and now I am being raided for WHAT?!? Is there anything left of my life that is still considered private and worthy to be protected? [REDACTED] and I live a normal every day life, go to work every day, pay our taxes, read up on the current water restrictions and Nicole even spends time at St. Vinnies doing voluntary work. I have a clear Police record.

What is wrong with this picture? And to just say: Every bikie is a criminal is no better than to say every copper is corrupt. When I was in school I was taught that discriminating a group of people for their beliefs, trade, personal interests, skin color, heritage etc. is one of the worst things you can do because every person has to be treated with dignity and respect first of all.

You don't judge a person by the people they are with or where they come from. You give every person an equal opportunity to prove themselves in one way or another. To classify any group of people as criminal organisation by default IS and ALWAYS WILL BE wrong. You wouldn't walk down the street and tell the world, let alone putting it down as law, that every Muslim is a terrorist. So, how is it OK to class a bike club as a criminal organisation? And to tell anyone, that this is the laws in Queensland and that the Police are just following orders reminds me a lot of what happened in Germany not so very long ago.

Not every German is a Nazi & not every priest is a saint. And to all of those, who think I am naive to believe in these morals: I am well aware that not every Bikie is a saint either, but neither is every mechanic, every marketing manager, politician, police officer, accountant, iron man, opera fan or Heavy Metal enthusiast. What you enjoy most in your free time does not qualify you or disqualify you from doing right or wrong. Not everyone who goes to a rave is a drug addict either and not every gay person is a tart.

When did prejudice become law?

I thought in our day and age we should all be well aware that nothing good comes from this set up. History has taught this lesson over and over and over again... so is it really necessary to repeat itself? WE NEED A BILL OF RIGHTS ASAP!

My Submissions;

- 1) Parliament/Government shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.
- 2) The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.
- 3) In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense.
- 4) Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.
- 5) No Mandatory sentencing. Leave it up to the courts.

Cheers

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