

The Good Old NHS?

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There comes an age when everything seems to have been better in the old days, in the good old days. But not everything was better, of course, and may even have been worse, at least in certain respects. There can be moral as well as technical improvement.

When exactly the good old days took place depends on your age, so they are not fixed as the age of the steam locomotive or that of empire is fixed. But it is a natural human tendency for the memory to cast a roseate glow on its own distant past. On reflection, however, some things were not better but terrible, among them the attitude of the medical profession to many of its patients. Patients were often treated as sergeant majors treat new squaddies. The results were comically awful, and rightly would not be tolerated today. ...[Read more? Subscribe to our 60 page magazine from £12 a year](#)

One Lesbian Limb

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The gender identity craze is a hysterical mysticism reacting against our grimly un-mystical era. Its followers are so swivel-eyed and litigious that no-one dares laugh at a male rapist who claims to now be a woman suing the state to spend his sentence in a female prison. Parallels with the Gnostics should be clear.

Europe has largely been de-spiritualised. Students educated by Marxist academics in the delicacies of commodity fetishism fail to see that Marxism is itself a fetish about commodities. In an age which sneers at non-material values, people's hunger to revere something, to direct a spiritual quest in some direction, has actually driven a few of them to worship their genitals. Or perhaps just driven them insane. As Chesterton warned, once people stop believing in God they start believing in anything...[Read more? ... Subscribe to our 60 page magazine from £12 a year](#)

A Shriek of Women

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Hollywood has always been a means of escapism, but despite the glitz and glamour that is part and parcel of the cinematic illusion, a basic truth remains at its core. Once upon a time, in those halcyon days before the onslaught of feminism and all its consecutive waves were set in motion, women's power over men subsisted chiefly in their ability to seduce. To deny this is to overlook not just the history of Hollywood, but the vast canon of Western literature extending all the way back to ancient Greece.

Since the advent of recorded sound, this driving force has also had a compelling aural component: The female voice. In tandem with all the other physiological signposts of female puberty, the sonorous quality of a speech matured like fine wine through years of practical experience likewise separates the women from the girls. Administered in the direction of the red-blooded heterosexual male eardrum, a sexually developed woman can easily make use of the sultry voice to achieve sundry objectives, carnal or otherwise. We only have to think of the smoky and seductive voice of Lauren Bacall captivating feminine nuance powerful enough to etch a knowing smile across the stoical countenance of Humphrey Bogart: 'You know how to whistle, don't you, Steve? You just put your lips together ... and blow...[Read more ? Subscribe to our 60 page magazine from £12 a year](#)



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The Silencing of Britain

Paul Weston

If a government operating within a democracy wished to build the foundations of a future totalitarian state, how might it start such a process? First, it would need to ensure all the necessary arms of the state apparatus were on board with their ideology and prepared to work with each other, which would entail the harnessing of the Home Office, Judiciary, Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) and of course the police. The next step would be to identify a section of the population earmarked for subversion and intimidation. At this point new laws could be introduced with which to enforce the new ideological regime. It doesn't take a great leap of imagination to see where I am going with this because I am of course talking about Hate Crime, a new(ish) offence concocted by Big Brother, enforced by the Ministry of Love and propagandised by the Ministry of Truth.

Am I guilty of over-exaggeration here? I hardly think so. Consider the following statement which represents the views of the Home Office, CPS and Police:

*A Hate Crime is any criminal offence which is **perceived** by the victim or any other person, to be motivated by hostility or prejudice, based on a person's disability or perceived disability; race or perceived race; or religion or perceived religion; or sexual orientation or perceived sexual orientation or transgender identity or perceived transgender identity.*

In addition to this rather broad brushstroke, consider the CPS's definition of hostility:

In the absence of a precise legal definition of hostility, consideration should be given to ordinary dictionary definitions, which include ill-will, ill-feeling, spite, contempt, prejudice, unfriendliness, antagonism, resentment, and dislike.

Isn't this extraordinary? Is it not chilling when behaving in an unfriendly manner is now considered a crime?...

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