



Public Order Act 1986

1986 CHAPTER 64

PART 3A

HATRED AGAINST PERSONS ON RELIGIOUS GROUNDS

Inflammatory material

VALID FROM 01/10/2007

[^{F1}29J Protection of freedom of expression

Nothing in this Part shall be read or given effect in a way which prohibits or restricts discussion, criticism or expressions of antipathy, dislike, ridicule, insult or abuse of particular religions or the beliefs or practices of their adherents, or of any other belief system or the beliefs or practices of its adherents, or proselytising or urging adherents of a different religion or belief system to cease practising their religion or belief system.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Pt. 3A inserted (E.W.) (1.10.2007 except so far as relating to the insertion of ss. 29B(3), 29H(2), 29I(2) (b)(4)) by [Racial and Religious Hatred Act 2006 \(c. 1\)](#), ss. 1, 3(2), [Sch.](#); S.I. 2007/2490, [art. 2](#)

Status:

Point in time view as at 01/02/1991. This version of this provision is not valid for this point in time.

Changes to legislation:

Public Order Act 1986, Section 29J is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 15 July 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.