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PLEASE REPLY TO:-

23 Budgen Drive Redhill Surrey RHI 2QB 5th October 2005

To: Trevor Phillips Chair Commission for Racial Equality

Sir,

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

You are reported (4th October) as stating that perhaps freedom of expression should be sacrificed in some circumstances to protect minorities from ridicule. Why?

Bernard Shaw said that the role of the artist is to shock. You appear to suggest that in Britain this should only apply to indigenous white people, whereas other races should be privileged by being legally "protected" from "ridicule" by an Orwellian "Thought Police." This would provoke, not lessen, racial hostility because humour is a social safety-valve, as well as a human right. Cui bono? (Who stands to gain).

Yours,

E Goodman Chair of CAC