



THE DEFENCE OF LITERATURE AND THE ARTS SOCIETY)

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Dear Sirs,

DO WE NEED A BILL OF RIGHTS?

CAC believes that a Bill of Rights is unnecessary. If it duplicates the European Convention on Human Rights it is superfluous and confusing. If it contradicts the Convention it is illegal for being in violation of the United Kingdom's treaty obligation. The Convention was drafted by English lawyers after the Second World War to prevent a repetition of Nazi atrocities. For this country to now repudiate it would be a national disgrace and isolate Britain form the rest of Europe which has adopted the Convention.

To re-enact the Convention under the title British Bill of Rights is a mere exercise in misplaced xenophobia , given that the Convention was drafted in the United Kingdom!

yours,

Chair of CAC