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Sir,

YOUR BOOK: REJOICE, REJOICE.

I enjoyed this, especially as I remember the 1980's (with regret). I do, however, have two quibbles.

You state that the absence of regulation of videos was never likely to remain for very long. Untrue! On the Continent it did not happen and, while Mrs Thatcher was clamping down on pornography in the UK, it was being legalised throughout Western Europe.

In addition you failed to mention the abolition of corporal punishment in British State schools in 1986 (by one vote in the House of Commons). It was not abolished in UK private schools until 1999, but had been unknown in Continental Europe since Sweden abolished it in 1955.

To evaluate Britain in the 1980s, (and 1990s) it is important to demonstrate how insular and un-European it was. Anyway, thank you for writing such an informative book. It is much better that the two other books on the same subject that I have read!

Yours,

E. Goodman Chair of CAC.