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Remembering Vaclav Havel

"The manager of a fruit-and-vegetable shop places in his window, among the onions and carrots, the slogan: “Workers of the world, unite!” Why does he do it? What is he trying to communicate to the world?"

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"I think it can safely be assumed that the overwhelming majority of shopkeepers never think about the slogans they put in their windows, nor do they use them to express their real opinions."

"That poster was delivered to our greengrocer from the enterprise headquarters along with the onions and carrots. He put them all into the window simply because it has been done that way for years, because everyone does it, and because that is the way it has to be."

"If he were to refuse, there could be trouble. He could be reproached for not having the proper decoration in his window; someone might even accuse him of disloyalty. He does it because these things must be done if one is to get along in life."

Got yer pronouns on yer profile and in yer email signatures, boys and girls?

Don't want tae be accused a being *disloyal* dae ye!

Got get on, keep that salary coming in. Wullnae daere upset the wee plooky ranty tyrannical 15 year auld son a the boss, eh!

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"Obviously the greengrocer . . . does not put the slogan in his window from any personal desire to acquaint the public with the ideal it expresses. The slogan is really a sign, and as such it contains a subliminal but very definite message."

"Verbally, it might be expressed this way: “I, the greengrocer XY, live here and I know what I must do. I behave in the manner expected of me. I am obedient and therefore I have the right to be left in peace.”."

I am obedient
I'm a good wee person
I jist dae whit I'm telt,
I just say whit I'm telt

No need to bully me, plooky yooth
Please, Nicola's Battalion, please, walk on by.
Pwease! Am awfie good so I am

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"Let us take note: if the greengrocer had been instructed to display the slogan “I am afraid and therefore unquestioningly obedient;’ he would not be nearly as indifferent to its semantics, even though the statement would reflect the truth."

How many of Scotland's politicians have the sign

"I am afraid and therefore unquestioningly obedient"

Yer no elected tae be bloody feart!

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"The greengrocer would be embarrassed and ashamed to put such an unequivocal statement of his own degradation in the shop window, and quite naturally so, for he is a human being and thus has a sense of his own dignity."

"To overcome this complication, his expression of loyalty must take the form of a sign which, at least on its textual surface, indicates a level of disinterested conviction."

"Thus the sign helps the greengrocer to conceal from himself the low foundations of his obedience, at the same time concealing the low foundations of power. It hides them behind the facade of something high. And that something is ideology."

All the little busy bee shop keepers of Scotland's professional management and political classes wi their wee "I am obedient" pronoun signs trying tae conceal fae THEMSELS they're just wee obedient feartie worker ants

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And it's no fuckin working oot too well, is it?

Aye, well, it widnae, no when yer enabling the abuse of wumin and weans in the jails and the refuges and the toilets, wid it

Soooo

Wee problem for the wee obedient souls, eh

Wee problem needing a wee fix
and up pops yer man Humza wi the solution

"Just jail a' the fuckers that wullane obey like us wee obedient perfect people!"

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That's no working too well either is it?

Jailing folk for knowing about the birds and the bees?

Ye aff yer fucking heids?

*Nawe, we're a virgnal monks and nuns aboot here? Breed like a rabbit? Whit's that?"

Soooo

New problem

Only tae be expected, really

Needing a new solution

"LET'S JUST BLOCK THE SCOTTISH FOLK AND THEN THAT WAY THEY'LL NO EVER KNOW HOW OBEDIENT WE ARE!"

Fucking genius

Bye Bye Democracy

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