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People for Proper Policing in North Wales

NETCU, WECTU and NPOIU:

One of our supporters drew our attention to the following document (link below) which we think should be critically studied by anybody with concerns about the erosion of our democracy from within and via the EU.

In my Council Tax demand the Police Summary said, and I quote.

"Terrorism and Domestic Extremism - During 2007/08, much attention has been focussed on enhancing protection of the key economic sights in the Force area. Work undertaken is not solely focussed on the threat posed from International terrorists.

Attention has also been paid to the potential threat that domestic extremists and campaigners can pose.

Collaborative work with other Welsh Forces led to the establishment of the Wales Extremism and Counter Terrorism Unit (WECTU) in April 2008."

What Policies or Directives does the Government have that categorises campaigners as extremists?

What evidence do the police have that 'campaigners' pose a potential threat, and can they give examples to demonstrate this, rather than rumour or supposition? Why are **campaigners mentioned in the same breath as 'Domestic Extremist/Terrorists'?**

Who are WECTU, and who are they accountable to?

If they claim to be serving the public, why are they unaccountable to the public? Why are they not subject to freedom of information enquiries?

It seems elements of the police are now trying to bad mouth, slander, the good name and proud traditions of protest/campaigners/public expression in the UK. If dissent is criminalised there will be no democracy. To crack down on dissent is therefore in my mind a crime against democracy.

Our human rights (freedom of expression) are being threatened/undermined by actions the police are taking towards campaigners and by what appears to be the emergence of a new secretive policing force in the UK.

http://www.fraw.org.uk/download/ehippies/q02/q02britains secretive police force.pdf

The PPP comments ... We have frequently highlighted the strange activities of ACPO and here are more details of the ACPO web of influence. We may soon be talking about the freedom of Parliament and the public from the machinations of these Police organisations than the other way round. Ask Damien Green MP for his views!

Ironically these covert branches of the police organisation arose under the umbrella of protecting the Police from Political manipulation.