

Freedom from their Press

Freedom for whom? Freedom from whom? Freedom against whom?

Freedoms are questions of class power.

Can there be too much freedom of the press?

Yes, in the hands of Mass Murdoch.

News Ltd is the 24/7 enemy of a free press.

The self-serving 'redacted pages' marketing operation neglects to say that every page of the capitalist press is redacted in the interest of their owners and advertisers.

The AFP raids on a Canberra hack for the Sydney *Smelly-gaff* and on the government broadcaster spotlight that the threat from the covert dictatorship of the boss class comes from state apparatuses far, far more than a mob of yobbos.

The AFP

Did the AFP raid to intimidate whistle-blowers and journalists on behalf of Dutton's gang?

Servants of power seek to consolidate their own power by doing what they discern to be their masters' bidding before being asked.

But the AFP has more than enough skeletons in its own cupboards to be anxious to 'scare the monkeys'.

The AFP's own high crimes and misdemeanors include:

1. The thirty-year persecution of David Eastman for the murder of Deputy Commissioner Winchester in 1989. The Force needed a patsy like Eastman to direct attention from the dirty drug dealings of other top cops with the mafia who did carry out the hit.
2. Chief Commissioner Kelty's persecution of Dr Haneef over the 2007 London and Glasgow bombings.
3. The suicides of Deputy-Commissioners Audrey Fagan in 2007 and Samantha Baglin in 2018.
4. A recent run of suicides out of the AFP's culture of intimidation, including Superintendent Roberts also in 2018.
5. Who in the AFP wants a whistle-blower to help anyone investigating whether any of the coke or cash might just happen to stick to the wallopers during one of their billion-dollar drug busts?

Below are a few quotations to spruce up the twitter-sphere's latest distraction:

The first freedom of the Press is not to be a business.

Karl Marx, *Rheinische Zeitung*, May 1842.

The media - stenographers to power.

Amy Goodman

Doctors bury their mistakes. Politicians stamp theirs TOP SECRET.

One cannot hope
to bribe or twist
thank God!
the British journalist.

But seeing what
the man will do
unbribed, there's
no occasion to.

Humbert Wolfe (1930).

Guarded drinkers in the Wello
on the point of growing mellow
sometimes whisper to the Press
facts which could not matter less.

Les Murray, 'Rhymes for a Small Capital' (1974)

Write boldly, cut and thrust,
'gainst some unseen land;
Denounce the Blubber Trust
That paralyses Greenland.

Be hard on Ancient Rome –
Things dead, or at distance
Are safe – but, take at home
The line of least resistance.

Pose as the People's Friend
Its candid, calm advisor
But never dare offend
The Lord God Advertiser.

From 'The Model Journalist' by Victor Daley (c. 1900)

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Remember Assange, Manning and Snowden.

What has 'Professor' Peter Greste ever exposed beyond his own subservience to the power who wants Assange dead? Greste was jailed by one murderous dictatorship (Egypt) while being a keypad-for-hire to another murdering dictator in Qatar.

For a reminder of what Assange did to attract his death sentence read Clinton Fernandes's latest book: *What Uncle Sam Wants* (Palgrave Macmillan)