

CENSOR / BAN

Discussion At The Park

Wednesday 14th November 2018, 7.30pm at *The Park Tavern*, Macclesfield

Introduction

According to the Longman's Modern English Dictionary Editor Owen Watson - The definition of Censor is as follows:

1. Censor: A person empowered to suppress public opinion on any matter of them thought to be: immoral; Seditious. Or otherwise. In the military - an officer who ensures they contain nothing that could interfere with the conduct of others. In the media - to suppress ideas and memories from the public.

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2. Censorship - the act of censoring or the office of censoring. (e.g. books, literature etc.) in the capacity of a censor. To delete (offensive material) from a work, or to ban a work. Censure - adverse criticism, blame, vote of censure. Censure - to reprove, to criticise severely.
3. Ban means a formal prohibition.

1. This dictionary was published in 1968. Can you think of any examples of censorship that were enforceable in the 1960s but today no longer apply?
2. Now there are new censors in place - can you think of any?
3. Is censoring necessary?
4. Is it a good thing or bad thing?
5. What are the repercussions?
6. Using your imagination - it can be crazy or serious - what would you censor?
7. Have you ever been censored from doing anything?
8. Have you placed a mental censor on yourself, or censored those close to you?
9. To finish, going back to item 6, as a group, let's take a vote on what we feel ought to be passed through Government for censoring?