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From: 9(2)(a)
Sent: Wednesday, 5 October 2022 7:12 pm
To: Enquiries National
Subject: Concern about glorification of Nazism, neo-Nazism and others

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Dear Ministry,

I'm writing in concern about what my family has been noticing in the North and South Island school environments lately in the Gen Z of today.

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witnessed kids doing Nazi salutes in and outside of the classroom. The teachers seem to not notice or do not care about the behaviour. This is most likely happening at schools all around the country.

Furthermore, this generation who spends too much time on the Internet are using usernames related to Hitler or racist phrases and following hate speeches leaders, such as the misogynistic Andrew Tate. Unfortunately, thousands of teenagers who do not have supervision, support, and dialog from their families are being easy prey for extremist ideological groups that use the Internet as a tool for their strategy of communication and recruitment.

The glamorization of the Nazi, neo-Nazi and other practices that are fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, and related intolerance, has the potential of creating a generation of radicals that can harm our society, mainly the students at schools.. New Zealand schools already have one of the highest bullying levels among developed countries and this can boost the violence.

The schools around New Zealand need to say clearly and loudly that the glorification of Nazis, Neo-Nazis and others IS NOT "COOL"! It's time for the schools to have an open chat about it with the students. This action needs to be a national and long-term Campaign. The communities around the schools should be involved. Otherwise, radicalism will keep growing and making victims as it's happening around the world.

My question is:

Is the Ministry of Education already aware of this problem? If yes, what are the actions to combat the problem?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

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From: MOE Governance Team
Sent: Tuesday, 11 October 2022 3:31 pm
To: 9(2)(a) MOE.governance@education.govt.nz
Subject: Concerns about glorification of Nazism, neo-Nazism and others

Kia ora 9(2)(a)

Thank you for contacting us regarding your concerns about school environments.

Schools in New Zealand are self-governing through their boards, and each board is responsible for ensure students and staff are physically and emotionally safe at school. Under Section 127 of the Education and Training Act 2020 school boards are responsible for ensuring that schools are

- a physically and emotionally safe place for all students and staff,
- gives effect to relevant student rights set out in this Act, the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, and the Human Rights Act 1993; and
- takes all reasonable steps to eliminate racism, stigma, bullying, and any other forms of discrimination within the school;
- is inclusive of, and caters for, students with differing needs.

Boards are also responsible for school policies and procedures. If you wish, you can raise your concerns through the school's concerns and complaints process. You should contact the principal in the first instance.

The Ministry of Education is committed to supporting schools to provide safe and inclusive environments for children from all cultures and backgrounds, and we believe every child in New Zealand has the right to learn and flourish free from discrimination, including within our education system. There is further information available on the health, safety, and wellbeing pages on the information we have available to support schools.

Ngā mihi,

Helen Greaney | Senior Adviser: School Governance
Te Pae Aronui

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From: Enquiries National
Sent: Monday, 20 March 2023 3:12 pm
To: 9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: Official information request

Kia ora 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email on 8 March regarding Andrew Tate and his influence on young people. We appreciate that you have recognised and responded to this in your own school.

We are aware of the influence of Andrew Tate and want to assure you that we are taking the issue seriously. The Ministry has been working with our Networks of Expertise in Health Education, and our Curriculum Lead workforce to gather information about examples of his influence and spread awareness of the harmful nature of this type of messaging.

It is important for us to address the underlying systems and policies, as well as teaching and learning that can build protective factors around the spread of harmful influences. As part of our wider programme of curriculum wellbeing work, we have developed guidelines for both Relationships and Sexuality Education, and Mental Health Education. We have an expectation that schools are using these to develop robust programmes for their akonga to help address school wide cultures that combat misogyny and promote strong messages and understanding of respect and consent. These guidelines, and resources to support their implementation can be found at <https://hpe.tki.org.nz/>.

As we prepare to release additional resources to support Health Education, we will be considering what direct communications to school leaders will look like regarding the issue you have raised.

We'd like to thank you again for raising this issue with us. Hearing directly from teachers is vital to understanding what is happening in schools in regard to emerging and ongoing trends on social media.

Ngā mihi

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From: 9(2)(a)
Sent: Wednesday, 8 March 2023 9:48 am
To: Enquiries National <Enquiries.National@education.govt.nz>
Subject: Official information request

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- Dear Ministry of Education,
Thank you for the option to ask you directly about any educational issues.

I work with a 9(2)(a) School and can notice that more and more male students support the person of Andrew Tate, a misogynist according to the Guardian's investigations. This trend is also noticeable in the UK, the US and Australia. I want to know what is the Ministry of Education doing in response to him and your responsibility to react to this international phenomenon and development. Do you plan to survey teachers nationally? Do you schedule to inform parents to talk about him if they notice changes in their behaviour? I am genuinely asking you to take this and your responsibility seriously - quite often, schools have waited for official actions of the ministry, but there is no time left. Every day, more and more students get indoctrinated by his worldview. 9(2)(a)

It's a disgrace in the face of International Women's day. Please, take action for all our sisters, mothers and grandmothers.
Best wishes,

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Ps: Please keep my name unclear when it comes to the publication of this request.

Some information sources:

- o https://en.as.com/latest_news/5-most-controversial-things-said-by-andrew-tate-n-3/
- o <https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2022/aug/06/andrew-tate-violent-misogynistic-world-of-tiktok-new-star>