

Re: RFD: create unmoderated newsgroup uk.politics.id-cards

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Fukken go for it, dude.

On Thu, 26 May 2005 03:25:05 +0100, A. J. Moss wrote:

> -----BEGIN PGP SIGNED MESSAGE-----
>
> *REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION (RFD)*
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> *This is a formal Request For Discussion (RFD) for the following changes*
> *in the uk.* Usenet hierarchy:*
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> *create unmoderated newsgroup uk.politics.id-cards*
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> *Newsgroup line:*
> *uk.politics.id-cards The Government bill to create a national ID register.*
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> ***** ALL DISCUSSION MUST TAKE PLACE IN UK.NET.NEWS.CONFIG *****
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> *This is not a Call for Votes (CFV); you cannot vote at this time.*
> *Further procedural details are given below.*
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> *RATIONALE: uk.politics.id-cards*
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> *For several decades now, Home Office civil servants have been*
> *advocating the creation of a compulsory system of identity cards in*
> *Great Britain. Following the events of 11 September 2001, this idea*
> *has been taken up by a government desperate to be seen to be doing*
> *something to counter a vague threat of terrorist attacks.*
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> *Numerous outlandish claims have been put forward by the proponents of*
> *ID cards, none of which stand up to scrutiny: for example, that they*
> *would prevent terrorist attacks (a similar system of ID cards failed*
> *to prevent the bombings in Madrid on the eve of the last election),*
> *and that they would help protect people against violent crime (this*
> *from the same government that refuses to countenance the sale of*
> *pepper sprays or Tasers).*

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- > *One oft-quoted statistic for which there is little evidence either way*
- > *is that 80% of the public are in favour of the introduction of ID*
- > *cards. This may mirror the previous experience of an Australian ID*
- > *cards bill: most of the public were initially in favour of it, but*
- > *when its Draconian implications became widely known, public pressure*
- > *forced the government to abandon it.*
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- > *Campaigners against the British ID cards bill need somewhere to air*
- > *their politics. At present, there is a campaigning announcements*
- > *mailing list, a few web sites devoted to the subject (none of them*
- > *with web fora), and the occasional thread on the subject in uk.legal*
- > *and uk.politics.misc. These discussions, although heated and vibrant,*
- > *cannot be sustained indefinitely in a large group devoted to a wide*
- > *range of other subjects.*
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- > *An open discussion forum will be particularly useful in educating*
- > *people as to what the ID cards bill truly implies. It could be argued*
- > *that without it, the process of informing the public about this*
- > *particularly pernicious bill would be stymied.*
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- > *Note also that previous hare-brained Government bills were the direct*
- > *cause of the creation of uk.politics.guns and uk.politics.animals.*
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- > *CHARTER: uk.politics.id-cards*
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- > *This group is for the discussion of all aspects of the UK bill to*
- > *create a National Identity Register and associated identity cards.*
- > *Historical (e.g. wartime ID cards and their repeal) and possible*
- > *future (e.g. implanted RFID tags) developments may also be discussed.*
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- > *Advertising*
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- > *Advertising is forbidden. However, announcements of relevant political*
- > *campaigns are welcome.*
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- > *Binaries & Formatting*
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- > *Encoded binaries (e.g. pictures, compressed files, etc.) are*
- > *forbidden. Such material belongs on a web or FTP site to which*
- > *a pointer may be posted. Cryptographic signatures (e.g. PGP)*
- > *may be used where authentication is important and should be as*
- > *short as possible.*
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- > *Posts must be readable as plain text. HTML, RTF and similarly*
- > *formatted messages are prohibited. To see how to make some*
- > *common newsreaders comply with this, read*
- > *<<http://www.usenet.org.uk/ukpost.html>>.*
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- > *END CHARTER*
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> *PROCEDURE:*

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> *This is a request for discussion, not a call for votes. In this phase of*
> *the process, any potential problems with the proposal should be raised*
> *and resolved. The discussion period will continue for a minimum of 10*
> *days, starting from when this RFD is posted to uk.net.news.announce*
> *(i.e. until June 6th) after which a Call For Votes (CFV) may be*
> *posted by a neutral vote taker if the discussion warrants it.*
> *Alternatively, the proposal may proceed by the fast-track method. Please*
> *do not attempt to vote until this happens.*

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> *This RFD attempts to comply fully with the "Guidelines for Group Creation*
> *within the UK Hierarchy" as published regularly in uk.net.news.announce.*
> *Please refer to this document if you have any questions about the process.*

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> *DISTRIBUTION:*

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> *This RFD has been posted to the following newsgroups:*

> *uk.net.news.announce*

> *uk.net.news.config*

> *uk.legal*

> *uk.politics.misc*

> *alt.privacy*

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