

Second Comment on Robson's Vaccinating against viruses of the mind.

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The original version of this Comment comes up if you click on <https://thepsychologist.bps.org.uk/volume-33/summer-2020/vaccinating-against-viruses-mind> and scroll down to Comments.

Further to the discussion in the link cited in the above *Comment*ⁱ, my attention has recently been drawnⁱⁱ to the way in which the UK government has used its Emergency Powers Act to require and empower Ofcom to require the media, against the threat of fines and imprisonment, to eliminate all questioning of current government policy and the misinformation and disinformation it propagates – disinformation which it creates, in part, by silencing alternative points of view. As Robson says, it is vital for psychologists to play a part in understanding and rectifying this situation ... but not in the way he proposes!

ⁱ i.e. <http://eyeonsociety.co.uk/resources/Robson-Comment.pdf>

ⁱⁱ Monteith, B. (2021) Ofcom's mission creep is a threat to our liberty and more. The Scotsman, 7 June 2021. <https://www.scotsman.com/news/opinion/ofcoms-mission-creep-is-a-threat-to-our-liberty-and-more-brian-monteith-3262905>