Public Order Act 1986

1986 CHAPTER 64

[F1PART 3A E+W

HATRED AGAINST PERSONS ON RELIGIOUS GROUNDS
[F1OR GROUNDS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION]

Acts intended to stir up religious hatred [F1or hatred on the grounds of sexual orientation]

[F129E Distributing, showing or playing a recording E+W

(1) A person who distributes, or shows or plays, a recording of visual images or sounds which are threatening is guilty of an offence if he intends thereby to stir up religious hatred [F2or hatred on the grounds of sexual orientation].

(2) In this Part "recording" means any record from which visual images or sounds may, by any means, be reproduced; and references to the distribution, showing or playing of a recording are to its distribution, showing or playing to the public or a section of the public.

(3) This section does not apply to the showing or playing of a recording solely for the purpose of enabling the recording to be included in a programme service.]

Textual Amendments

F1 Pt. 3A inserted (E.W.) (1.10.2007 except so far as relating to the insertion of ss. 29B(3), 29H(2), 29I(2)(b)(4)) by Racial and Religious Hatred Act 2006 (c. 1), ss. 1, 3(2), **Sch.**; S.I. 2007/2490, **art. 2**

F2 Words in s. 29E(1) inserted (23.3.2010) by Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 (c. 4), ss. 74, 153(7), **Sch. 16 para. 9**; S.I. 2010/712, **art. 2(d)**

Changes to legislation:
Public Order Act 1986, Section 29E is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 17 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.
View outstanding changes

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:
Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

– s. 4B inserted by 2023 c. 47 s. 1