

## Is Tyranny Being Hatched in Canberra?

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The Letters Editor

Yesterday's news advises us that the Federal Government will begin trawling blog sites as part of a new media monitoring strategy, with official documents singling out a web site critical of the Communications Minister, Stephen Conroy.

The result of the State examining other peoples' mail was the catalyst that sent Alexander Solzhenitsyn to the Gulag Archipelago. It also sent many otherwise loyal Germans to Himmler's concentration camps.

Few ever returned from the Gulag or a concentration camp. Even Hitler's Finance Minister, Hjalmar Schacht the man who stopped the 1923 German hyper inflation, was sent to a concentration camp because he was critical of Hitler's policies.

He was there when the camps were liberated by the American forces. Tried for war crimes, he was exonerated at the Nuremberg trials.

The question is why is the Federal Government spending taxpayers' money monitoring peoples' web sites?

When public officials take offence at a contributor's remarks, one wonders where Australia's detention centre will be? And who will be in charge of it?

Will criticism of the Prime Minister's economic and climate change policies become the Nation's most heinous crime. Nothing that comes out of Canberra surprises me anymore. Are we witnessing tyranny being hatched?

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