

In a Nearby Universe: BBC "Regrets" Anti-Kilroy Outburst

The BBC has backed down from its threat to **axe** Robert Kilroy-Silk's popular chat show after he wrote a **column** accurately criticising the Arab states as "barbarous and corrupt".

The BBC had described Mr Kilroy-Silk's column as "racist", but today a BBC spokesman said:

"Our hasty reaction has obviously caused great distress and offence and I can only reiterate that everyone here at the BBC deeply regrets that. It also contains clear factual errors which we also regret."

In response to similar accusations from the so-called Commission for Racial Equality, Mr Kilroy-Silk said:

"My lawyers have considered the Commissions's outburst and, in the light of widespread concern, I considered referring it to the police to consider whether it might constitute an offence under the Public Order Act. But then I decided that I wasn't interested in suppressing their right to free speech, regardless of the odious uses to which they put it, and decided to drop the matter."

The Muslim Council of Britain called upon the Sunday Express, which runs Mr Kilroy-Silk's column, to give him more space, saying that his frankness in describing the evils of Islamofascism was a "much-needed breath of fresh air in a world full of fatuous Islamofascist organisations peddling hatred of the West and promoting the oppression of Muslims under the guise of political correctness".

Update: Meanwhile, there is some good news in *this* universe. Ibrahim Nawar, of **Arab Press Freedom Watch**, writes in the **Daily Telegraph**:

"I fully support Robert Kilroy-Silk and salute him as an advocate of freedom of expression. I would like to voice my solidarity with him and with all those who face the censorship of such a basic human right.

I agree with much of what he says about Arab regimes.

There is a very long history of oppression in the Arab world, particularly in the states he mentions..."

Read the whole thing.

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KILROY WAS HERE!

Back in 1943 and 1944 when I was taking some delightful cruises across the North Atlantic, and through the Mediterranean, Red Sea, Indian Ocean and into the Persian Gulf, every **Head** in every port seemed to have that funny little drawing, two eyes looking over a wall and two hands atop it, saying **Kilroy was here.**

So, the Arabs have known for years that Kilroy was watching them. Now they still can't get rid of the guy! I'm sure a hell of a lot of Arabs agree with his viewpoint, especially those Arab (Muslim) women who are still beaten with switches as they walk down the street because some religious zealot (nut) doesn't think they're dressed right. Every American who was overseas knew Kilroy then! **More should know the one today.**

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Re: Kilroy was here!

Howard e. wrote

Back in 1943 and 1944 when I was taking some delightful cruises across the North Atlantic, and through the Mediterranean

However delightful or educational those cruises must have been, that was a dark and dangerous time to be in those places.

We want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for being there.

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