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**In a time of universal
deceit - telling the truth
is a revolutionary act**

Did Neil Kinnock read too many of George Orwell books whilst masterminding the Reform of the Commission? If you have any doubts, read on ...

In George Orwell's novel "Animal Farm", after the pigs seized control of Animal Farm, they laid down a Statute with seven articles, including "All animals are equal" and "No animal shall kill any other animal." Unfortunately, just like our Statute, the Statute of Animal Farm was reformed, and those articles became "All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others" and, ominously, "No animal shall kill any other animal without cause." One cause for killing an animal was anti-pig criticism, which brought a pack of trained attack-dogs to the critic's throat.

Far be it from us to call "dogs" those who hounded **van Buitenen** and **Andreasen** out of the **Commission Farm** because they dared to oppose the establishment. Man's best friend deserves more respect...

Meanwhile, as in George Orwell's "1984", from the Commission we are hearing "Newspeak" - that synthetic language in which, for example, "peace" means "war".

Measures to save money at the expense of sick colleagues have been publicized by the Commission as the "**Wellbeing Reform**".

But only in "Newspeak", it is correct to conclude that SID is a conservative organisation that opposes "change".

Another good example of this is the Commission's position that respecting the host-country's health and safety regulations is generally bad for staff, and it therefore applies the minimum standards of all EU countries.

By relying on the "Protocol on Privileges and Immunities ...", the Commission gives itself the privilege of being immune from health and safety standards of EU Member States on their very soil. Thanks to this privileged immunity, the Commission can disregard Luxembourg's law by over-packing the day-care centre instead of enlarging

it, cramming pupils into porto-cabin school rooms for years on end, tolerating glass-wool levels that would be illegal in Germany, using office buildings that are ovens in summer and freezers in winter...

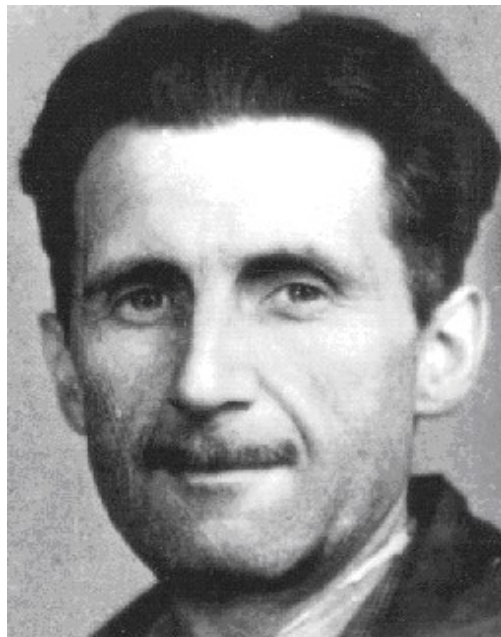
Of course, "Newspeak " can only be mastered together with "Doublethink", the ability to accept whatever "truth" the boss puts out, no matter how absurd it may be. The keyword here is "blackwhite". Like so many Newspeak words, this word has two mutually contradictory meanings. Applied to an opponent, it means the habit of impudently claiming that black is white, in contradiction of the plain facts. This demands a continuous alteration of the past, made possible by the system of thought which really embraces all the rest, and which is known in Newspeak as Doublethink. This is particularly useful during the CDR exercise! Just agree with everything your boss says if you don't want to end up with less points than last year!

In "1984" the "thought police" took care of those who got in Big Brother's way by committing "Thoughtcrime". To even *consider* any thought not in line with the principles of bosses. All crimes begin with a thought. So, if you control thought, you can control crime. "Thoughtcrime does not entail death, Thoughtcrime is death.... The essential crime that contains all others in itself." We did our best to prevent the formation of COMPASS (**CO**ordination of **M**edical, **P**sychological, **A**dministrative and **S**ocial **S**upport) because it is liable to turn into a "thought police" under the guise of psychologists "curing" colleagues who suffer from the hallucination of experiencing injustice.

Because we are fundamentalists for the **EU Charter of Fundamental Rights**, we will keep an eye on COMPASS.

SID also appreciates Orwell's literature.

However, our preferred quotation is
"In a time of universal deceit - telling the truth is a revolutionary act."



Eric Arthur Blair, better known as **George Orwell**