



# Australian University Sued for Censuring a Professor for Criticizing Alarmism over the Great Barrier Reef

Australia: Professor Peter Ridd, a noted coral-reef expert, is suing his employer, James Cook University, for violating his academic freedom by censoring him for criticizing research hyping the 'death' of the Great Barrier Reef. Professor Ridd said that "the science is coming out not properly checked, tested, or replicated, and this is a great shame, because we really need to be able to trust our scientific institutions, and the fact is I do not think we can any more." The University claims that Ridd's comments denigrated the school's reputation. [It is our opinion that the remarks of Professor Ridd enhance the University's reputation. It's the censoring of Ridd's remarks plus the unscientific hype about the Reef that denigrate it.] -GEG

Professor Peter Ridd, a noted coral reef expert, is suing an Australian university for violating his academic freedom by censoring him for being critical of research hyping the "death" of the Great Barrier Reef.

James Cook University, where Ridd works, issued a "final censure" against the geophysicist for not acting in a "collegial" manner during an August interview with Sky News over the quality of science on the Great Barrier Reef.

This isn't the first time James Cook University has [censured](#) Ridd for being critical of scientists hyping the "[death](#)" of the Great Barrier Reef. But this time, Ridd is fighting back.

Ridd has filed suit against his employer, arguing they are violating his academic freedom. Ridd said the censure "is unacceptable" and "flies in the face of my instinct for truth and honesty, and my academic freedom," according to a [GoFundMe.com](#) page to raise money for his legal fight.

The whole controversy started in 2016 when a strong El Nino warming event pushed up ocean temperatures surrounding the Great Barrier Reef, causing a massive bleaching event that consumed much of its northern reaches.

Scientists studying the reef came out with [studies](#) warning the bleaching had affected 93 percent of the reef, and follow-up [studies](#) claimed 67 percent of northern shallow reefs had died. The news coverage only heightened the alarm, pointing the finger at man-made global warming.

ARC Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies put out some of the more alarming studies on the reef that got the most media coverage. ARC reef expert Terry Hughes was quoted in many papers warning about the impacts of global warming.

"Climate change is not a future threat," Hughes [told](#) The New York Times last year. "On the Great Barrier Reef, it's been happening for 18 years."

Ridd criticized the quality of ARC's research in an [interview](#) with Sky News in August 2017. Ridd was invited to come on air to discuss a chapter he wrote for the book "Climate Change: The Facts 2017," which was published by the Institute of Public Affairs, an Aussie think tank.

"The basic problem is that we can no longer trust the scientific organisations like the Australian Institute of Marine Science, even things like the ARC Centre of Excellence

for Coral Reef Studies – a lot of this is stuff is coming out, the science is coming out not properly checked, tested or replicated and this is a great shame because we really need to be able to trust our scientific institutions and the fact is I do not think we can any more,” Ridd told Sky News.

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## **22 House Intel Members Withheld FISA Memo Passed Vote to Expand NSA Powers**

Judge Napolitano accused the 22 House Intel members of delaying the release of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) memo to keep 500 Congressmen in the dark about domestic spying abuses. He contends that Congress would not have voted to expand the FISA program, as it did seven days earlier, if the memo had been released prior to the vote. He concludes that the intelligence community, which is supposed to be regulated by Congress, actually is controlling Congress.  
-GEG

Fox News legal analyst Judge Andrew Napolitano claimed that House members delayed the release of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) memo because they wanted to expand FISA powers and were afraid the political fallout from the memo would have killed the bill.

“Ignorant of the hot potato on which the House Intelligence Committee had been sitting, Congress recently passed and President Donald Trump signed a vast expansion of spying authorities,” Napolitano [wrote in a Wednesday op-ed](#). “The FISA expansion would never have passed the Senate had the House Intelligence Committee memo and the data on which it is based come to light seven days sooner than it did.”

“Why should 22 members of a House committee keep their 500-plus congressional colleagues in the dark about domestic spying abuses while those colleagues were debating the very subject matter of domestic spying and voting to expand the power of those who have abused it?” Napolitano added.

[Napolitano](#) thinks the culture of the intelligence community has taken a dark turn and has exerted its authority over America’s elected officials.

“The NSA shows its might to the legislators who supposedly regulate it. In reality, the NSA regulates them,” Napolitano wrote. “This is but one facet of the deep state – the unseen parts of the government that are not authorized by the Constitution and that never change, no matter which party controls the legislative or executive branch. This time, they almost blew it. If just one conscientious senator had changed her or his vote on the FISA expansion – had that senator known of the NSA and FBI abuses of FISA concealed by the House Intelligence Committee – the expansion would have failed.”

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# Poland to Forbid Language That Suggests Poles Helped Run Nazi Concentration Camps Inside Poland

Poland's conservative Law and Justice party authored a bill that calls for up to three years in prison for any intentional attempt to attribute the crimes of Nazi Germany to the Polish state or people. It passed in the legislature despite opposition by Israel and the US and is awaiting the president's signature. [The world has gone mad trying to eliminate free speech in the name of preventing 'hate'. Neither truth nor love can be created by law. In fact, they both become victims of it.]

Despite US pleas to rethink proposed legislation regulating Holocaust speech, Poland's Senate went ahead and passed the bill, reports the [BBC](#). The legislation has sparked a diplomatic dispute with Israel, and the US had argued that it could hurt freedom of speech as well as strategic relationships. US State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert voiced her government's concerns as the Polish Senate was preparing to approve the bill Wednesday; the bill later passed by 57 votes to 23. The measure next needs to be signed into law by the president, who supports it. Poland's conservative ruling Law and Justice party authored the bill, which calls for up to three years in prison for any intentional attempt to falsely attribute the crimes of Nazi Germany to the Polish

state or people, the [AP](#) reports.

Law and Justice says it is fighting against the use of phrases like “Polish death camps” to refer to death camps operated by Nazi Germany in occupied Poland during World War II. Israel, however, sees the move as an attempt to whitewash the role some Poles played in the killing of Jews during World War II. Nauert said the US understands that phrases like “Polish death camps” are “inaccurate, misleading, and hurtful,” but voiced concern the legislation could “undermine free speech and academic discourse.” Members of Poland’s Jewish community also weighed in Wednesday, saying in an open letter that they strongly oppose usage of the phrase “Polish death camps,” but also oppose the law.

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## Short Course on the Secret Bohemian Grove

Jake Morphonios used a drone to obtain footage of the 2,700-acre Bohemian Grove retreat in the California Redwoods for men-only who are in high-level positions in politics and industry. He reports that the men engage in drunkenness and orgies with each other and with male prostitutes during the annual retreat, and there is speculation that there also is pedophilia and ritual killing. Limo drivers told Morphonios

there are paramilitary snipers who guard the Grove, and security guards have severely beaten protesters. The annual Cremation-of-Care ceremony is a ritual that symbolizes killing one's conscience. -GEG



## President Trump Says He Wants to Unite America “Without a Major Event”

While dining with TV reporters, President Trump said: “I would love to be able to bring back our country into a great form of unity,” Then he added: “Without a major event where people pull together, that’s hard to do. But I would like to do it without that major event, because usually that major event is not a good thing.” [He is referring to an event like Pearl Harbor or 9/11. We agree with him wholeheartedly, but it is unnerving that a major event that is “not a good thing” is still on the table as his second choice. One can only wonder if the President has been briefed on the possibility of another Pearl Harbor or 9/11 with the result that he would have no choice, as the nation’s leader, but to establish the kind of unity that comes with public fear and martial law. From the perspective of the Deep State, Trump would be the ideal person for that task, because his supporters, who might vigorously object to such action administered by someone like Hillary Clinton, would meekly accept it if administered by him. Now we know that this possibility is on his mind.] -GEG

Hours before his first State of the Union, President Donald Trump said Tuesday that he wants to unite the country amid “tremendous divisiveness” and hopes he can do so without a traumatic event affecting Americans.

Trump spoke about creating a more united country during a lunch with a number of television news anchors. Trump said the United States has long been divided, including during the impeachment of former president Bill Clinton. Trump also said that Americans usually come together during times of suffering.

“I would love to be able to bring back our country into a great form of unity,” Trump said. “Without a major event where people pull together, that’s hard to do. But I would like to do it without that major event because usually that major event is not a good thing.”

The president also said the country’s divisions date back to both Republican and Democratic administrations, citing the scandals that led to Clinton’s impeachment by the House in 1998.

“I want to see our country united. I want to bring our country back from a tremendous divisiveness, which has taken place not just over one year, over many years, including the Bush years, not just Obama.” he said.

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