

Response to the Call for Evidence - David Davies

I am just an ordinary UK citizen. There are always occasions when as reported in the media someone appears to be using the human rights act to claim safeguards or rights that can be made to be unfair or unjust. To use such examples to suggest that there is something wrong with the HRA is to miss the point. Human rights apply to all of us and act as a safeguard against arbitrary acts by the state or its agents. It is important to at least retain or even strengthen the HRA even if cases may arise that appear to be an abuse of the system. The rights are important and if they only apply to 'good' people they are not rights but privileges - discretionary protections are not really protections.