

**CANCEL CULTURE.** Cancel culture is a modern form of ostracism in which someone is thrust out of social or professional circles ... whether it be online, on social media, or in person. Those subjected to this ostracism are said to be 'cancelled'. The expression has mostly negative connotations and is commonly used in debates on free speech and censorship. The notion of cancel culture is a variant on 'call-out culture', a form of boycotting, involving an individual who is deemed to have acted or spoken in a questionable or controversial manner.

*An example of cancel or call-out culture is the ousting of Liz Cheney from her job of House Republican Conference chair, after her truth-telling re. Donald Trump's role in the 6 Jan 2021 riot at the Capitol:*

*"The President of the United States summoned this mob, assembled the mob, and lit the flame of this attack. All that followed was his doing. None of this would have happened without the President.*

*"The President could have instantly intervened to stop the violence. He did not. There has never been a greater betrayal by a President of the United States of his office and his oath to the Constitution."*

*with Wikipedia*

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**CREATIVITY.** "... do me a favour, ol' son. If you are anything, you are an antenna. If you turn it on, something will beam it on to you. Then you work on it, reorganise it and transmit it. **T**o think you created it is the height of egotistical big-headedness."

*Keith Richards*

*see also METAPHYSICS*

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**CRIME.** I recently had a visitor who was on a fact-finding mission, trying to work out what our penal system was all about, its methods and what results were achieved - that sort of thing. He's just gone back to his planet - bemused, if not confused. In his world there is no crime. Anyone criminally inclined is taken into the custody of their most exalted personalities; their case is thoroughly researched and their custodians will find measures that restore the deviants to the community. So this advanced being took a look at our planet's societies. We have worrying crime rates: Overt, violent crime - as well as antisocial conduct by some in positions of influence and power. Our visitor made a baffling observation: Once convicted, we put criminals into institutions - universities of crime, so to speak - where they find the motivation and the opportunities to confirm, consolidate and develop their criminal tendencies, with the result that they grow scope and intensity of their criminality. My alien friend could not come to any conclusion other than that in our world crime is accepted as an expression of our cultures and for some reason deemed worthy of nurturing.