

What is "Thought Crime"?

*"A **thoughtcrime** is an occurrence or instance of controversial or [socially unacceptable](#) thoughts."*

The term comes from the novel '1984' by George Orwell. 1984 is the story of a man, and a society, that eroded into a cycle of forced control, blind routine and ultimately a total loss of free will. Out of fear, the citizens fight their natural instincts to think and act freely, and, also out of fear, the rulers of the society fight to suppress them.

As it applies today, in our perception: Much of society has devolved to a state of near mindlessness. Between the instant access, constant contact, and faceless unaccountability of our digital and pre-programmed lives, autonomy and independence are replaced too often and too easily by convenience and thoughtless pattern. Thought crime is simply a counterpoint to the herd mentality, and a call to arms towards reaching true potential by never being led blindly.

Dissent and questioning lead to evolution,
while complacency leads to loss of control.

Think, act, and become a stronger, more independent version of yourself than our modern society wants you to be.

Thought crime does not equal death, as the villains in '1984' (*and many of the dominant influences in our current society*) would lead you to believe.