

Pens as Swords

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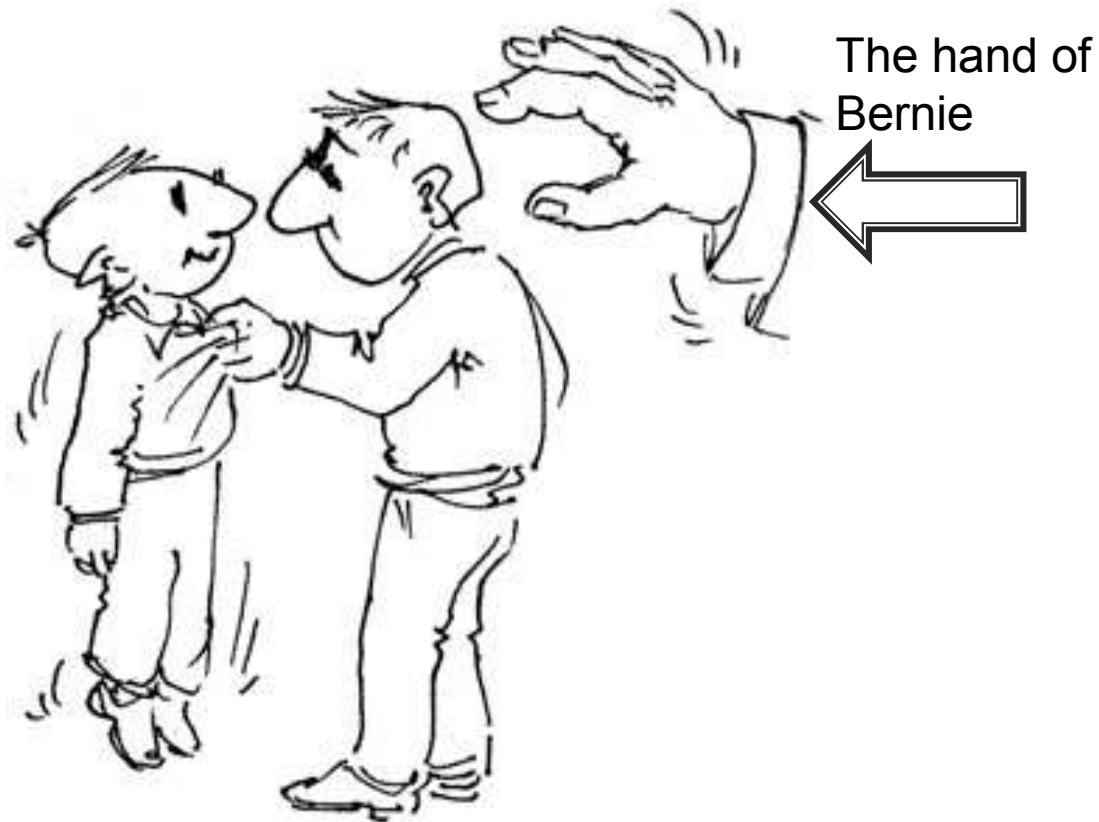
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Bernie 'the bully buster' Altohofer



<http://www.tc5goodvibrations.ca/images/Bullying%20Pictures/Cartoon%20grayscale.jpg>

Clive 'the rocker' Small



Frank Clarke

Substantial corruption lies in the betrayal of *corporate trust*. It's likely most listed companies' financials are misleading, not because they deviate from prescribed Standards, but *because they comply with them*.

Accounting and auditing are fractured systems. Accountants are on a *hiding to nothing*, auditors on a *mission impossible*.

Bernie Althofer

- Bullying are everywhere. Bullying was the No. 1 source of investigations for IAB Services from NSWG agencies.
- Bullies cost orgs \$\$\$\$ although we can't know
- Also cost **Staff time; Overheads , Resources, Resource support –Performance and productivity, Sickness, Medical costs, Administrative costs etc**
- Bullies are relatively safe from prosecution, and can continue using electronic devices to bully and harass targets, without understanding the consequences of their action.
- It's time bullies and their bosses are made aware that they alone are the cause of the escalating costs of bullying deaths & psychological injury claims. Shouldn't any death or serious injury (including psychological) be investigated as breach of health and safety legislation?

Clive Small...

- Between \$4 billion and \$12 billion in drug money is being laundered offshore every year.

Alistair Milroy, Australian Crime

Commission

- The greatest trick the Devil ever pulled was convincing the world he didn't exist.

Verbal, The Usual Suspects (1995)

- Political cowardice and community apathy are as indispensable to the survival of organised crime as police corruption
- If we don't stand up now against organised crime, the battle will be lost, and it will be our own fault.

Questions....

- What are the links between bullying, corruption and organised crime?
- What is the place of auditors and accountants, bullies and crims in each of the phenomena?
- Is [organised crime; corporate fraud/ bullying] growing /on the wane? Why?
- What can be done to address the spread of [organised crime; corporate fraud/ bullying]?
- What can we do as individuals? At the community level? At the macro level?
- What is the role of authors such as you?