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### DUP NEWS

#### Latest News:

### "UUP downright deceitful on victims definition" says Hamilton

Strangford DUP MLA Simon Hamilton has accused the UUP of peddling lies and seeking to deceive the public over the definition of a victim in legislation. Commenting, Simon Hamilton said,

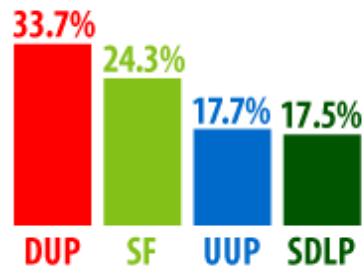
*"It would seem that certain members of the Ulster Unionist Party are fans of the Joseph Goebbels style of propaganda seeking to deliberately distort the truth about the legislative definition of a victim in the hope that by if they tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it.*



*This time, UUP MLA Tom Elliott has claimed that the DUP refused "to support the Ulster Unionist Party in our attempts to change the definition of a victim". This sort of tactic from the UUP is downright deceitful. Nowhere but nowhere will anyone find the DUP refusing to change the present abhorrent definition which equates the innocent victims of violence with perpetrators.*

*The DUP rejected the current definition whenever the Victims and Survivors (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 when it passed Parliament in 2006. During the debate in the*

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**Assembly on the creation of a Victims Commission, both the DUP and the UUP attempted to amend the legislation with respect to the definition of a victim. Neither of these amendments ever made it to the floor of the Assembly and, thus, were never voted upon. The Assembly's own website at [http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/legislation/primary/2007/nia12\\_07.htm](http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/legislation/primary/2007/nia12_07.htm) shows if ever anyone had any doubt that these two amendments were not debated or voted on. How then can the UUP credibly accuse the DUP of not supporting their attempts to amend the definition of a victim whenever the Assembly didn't get a chance to vote on it? Their accusation is as deceitful as it is groundless.**

**Once again, the UUP conveniently ignore the fact that the Victims Strategy published in 2001 by the then UUP inhabited OFMDFM used a definition that made no distinction between innocent victim and terrorist and the Ulster Unionist Junior Minister at the time signed a foreword to the document which said he was "delighted to endorse its content".**

**And of course, how could anyone forget their track record on other victims related issue. Was it not the UUP who voted for the Belfast Agreement which let mass murderers out of the Maze early? Was it not the UUP who acquiesced in the destruction of the Royal Ulster Constabulary? How easily they might forget but the rest of us won't forget the UUP's disgraceful treatment of the innocent victims of terrorist violence."**

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