bully /ˈbʊli/ verb

frighten or hurt a weaker person; to use your strength or power to make sb do sth

***Government bullying journalists, says Abbott:***

**Opposition Leader Tony Abbott has called on the Government to reject recent recommendations to tighten media regulation, saying it is effectively censoring the media.**

***Smear tactics hit local polls:***

**Councillors Rosemary West, Trevor Shewan and Steve Staikos say they have been cleared by the local government inspectorate of any wrongdoing over allegations they misused council funds and this week expect to be cleared of bullying claims.**