

# On 4 July use your vote to reject the poisonous far right

**It is up to us all to ensure the far right does not make electoral gains from the general election on Thursday 4 July.**

Over the last few years we have witnessed a ratcheting up of state racism. This has been set against the backdrop of a cost-of-living emergency, a crisis in the NHS and continued underfunding of public services.

The government's "Stop the Boats" campaign, Rwanda deportation policy and Islamophobic scaremongering have been a deliberate attempt to deflect public anger towards asylum seekers, migrants and Muslim communities.

The rising level of state racism has emboldened the far right. Whilst the far right sits on the political fringes in Britain, it seeks to capitalise on a polarised climate by further entrenching hatred and division.

Across Europe its counterparts, the AFD in Germany, the National Rally in France, and the Freedom Party in Austria, all made significant gains during the recent European Parliament election.

This should act as a warning sign of the need to redouble our efforts in opposing fascist and racist populist groups in Britain.



## Attacks on migrants

Over the last couple of years the fascist organisations Patriotic Alternative and Britain First, both founded by former members of the Nazi British National Party, have cynically targeted and stirred up hostility towards asylum seekers placed in hotels by the Home Office.

Other far-right groups have set up encampments outside disused army barracks housing asylum seekers as a way of sowing division within communities and building a base of support for their fascist ideas.

## Anti-Muslim street movement

Amidst the climate of state racism, Tommy Robinson, aka Stephen Yaxley-Lennon, has sought to rebuild a far right street movement. Robinson previously founded the Islamophobic English Defence League (EDL), supported largely by football hooligans, led intimidating marches in areas with Muslim communities during the early 2000s. Responding to former Home Secretary Suella Braverman's unfounded comments that pro-Palestine marchers were

threatening Armistice Day, Robinson organised up to two thousand far right thugs who violently rampaged across central London and clashed with police at the Cenotaph memorial in November 2023. Worryingly, Robinson followed this up with another anti-Muslim march at the start of June this year, where he was able to mobilise over five thousand of his supporters to Parliament Square.

Although these numbers are half of the turnout Robinson assembled in central London in 2018, it nevertheless underlines the importance of building a broad-based coalition of anti-racists and anti-fascists to oppose the far right on the streets and at the ballot box ahead of the general election.

## Farage: A Poundshop Enoch Powell

Alongside fascists standing in the election and Robinson's attempts at rebuilding a street movement, Nigel Farage's decision to run as the candidate for Reform UK in Clacton-On-Sea is yet more evidence that the far right believes it can exploit the climate of state racism in Britain.

Farage wasted no time after announcing his candidacy in attacking migrants and whipping up hatred and bigotry. Rather than being a 'man of the people' Farage is very much part of the political establishment in Britain as an ex-City trader from an expensive private school. Like others on the far right, he hopes to redirect anger in society towards scapegoats, including migrants, asylum seekers and the Muslim community. Use your vote on Thursday 4 July to send a clear message to racist and fascist candidates that we reject their hateful politics.

## Don't vote for these Hitler-lovers on 4 July

**Joey Owens** standing as an independent in Liverpool Wavertree; is a former organiser of the Nazi British National Party.

**Thomas Bryer** standing for the English Democrats in Makerfield, near Wigan; is an activist of the fascist Patriotic Alternative.

**Stan Robinson** standing for UKIP in Llanelli but also co-runs far right webcast Voice for Wales. Robinson liked a social media post referring to gay people as "pervs" and referred to London Muslim Mayor Sadiq Khan as a "rat".

**Chris Bateman** standing in Basildon and Billericay for the far right British Democrats; former activist of Nazi British National Party.

**Frank Calladine** is running in Darlington North for the far right British Democrats; has drifted around various far right groups, including UKIP.

**Lawrence Rustem** standing in Faversham and Mid Kent for the British Democrats; is a former activist of Nazi British National Party.

**Craig Buckley** standing in Leigh and Atherton in the North West; is a member of the fascist Patriotic Alternative.

**Matthew Darrington** running in Newark-on-Trent; previously active in the EDL and now East Midlands regional organiser with the fascist Patriotic Alternative.

**Patrick McGrath** standing in Bolton West; is a member of the fascist Patriotic Alternative.

**Monty Brack** an independent candidate in Stockton on Tees West; was involved in the far right For Britain party in the North East.

**Ian Gribbin** Reform UK candidate standing in Bexhill and Battle; was recently exposed for claiming Britain would be "far better" if it had "taken Hitler up on his offer of neutrality".



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