

Don't Vote for Reform UK

A vote for Reform UK is not a vote to reject the Tories. It is not a vote for something different

People looking for a change from the Tories' cuts and scandals shouldn't look to Reform UK. Not only is Reform UK building off of the decades of Tories' racist scapegoating and "anti-woke" politics, but the party's president, Nigel Farage, has said he would be willing to lead a Tory and Reform merged party following the election.

As it stands, Reform UK have ten councillors and a single MP. None of them were elected as Reform UK and all defected from the Tory party, many after being hit by scandals. Lee Anderson was kicked out of the Tories after his Islamophobic rant that "Islamists" had "got control" of the mayor of London. Philip Rose, a Derbyshire councillor, was suspended from the Tories after sharing antisemitic posts about "Jewish supremacism". Rejected racists by the Tory party—which itself has intensified a racist offensive—are welcomed with open arms into Reform UK.

Their multi-millionaire leadership and pro-corporate policies show they are very much not an anti-establishment party either. Don't be conned into voting for the far-right Reform UK. They have nothing to offer ordinary people.

Don't blame migrants, don't buy the lies

Reform UK pushes a politics that exploits ordinary people's anger and blames the cost of living crisis on refugees, migrants and some of the most vulnerable people in society. It is about trying to point the finger away from the bosses and the rich, who Reform UK promise to protect and cut taxes for. Migrants have helped to build our NHS, Reform UK wants to destroy it.



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Part of the establishment

Reform UK's president, Nigel Farage, models himself as a man of the people and yet he is a stockbroker, like his father, who went to Dulwich College, one of the most expensive private schools in Britain.

Farage has made his money working for European banks and currently has £1.3 million in assets, as well as being the majority shareholder of Reform UK. Farage has previously been exposed for tax evasion by opening a trust fund in an offshore tax haven, in a bid to save thousands of pounds in tax.

Reform UK's leader, Richard Tice is a multi-millionaire CEO and ex-Tory donor. Reform UK's co-deputy leaders are David Bull, a TV presenter for Murdoch-owned TalkTV, and Ben Habib, CEO of a property investment company and another ex-Tory donor.

These are not exactly men of the people.



Cutting taxes for big business

Reform UK claims to be on the side of the ordinary people, but it has pledged to cut corporation tax for the largest corporations in Britain. At a time when corporations are making billions in profits, and public services are in desperate need of investment, they want to give a hand-out to big business.

A threat to the NHS

Nigel Farage has said, “I think we are going to have to move to an insurance based system of healthcare”. Reform UK want to give tax breaks for private health insurance and pledge to increase the use of private healthcare in Britain. This is a policy only for the rich who can afford it.

Reform UK will savage public services to pay for tax cuts for private schools and private healthcare. He wants to impose £50 billion of cuts to the NHS, the education system and social care, sending them into an even deeper crisis.

More money for war

Reform UK has pledged to spend tens of billions of pounds on the military. Every penny of this could be used on hiring more nurses, creating more affordable housing or building more schools. Instead, Farage wants the money to be spent on weapons of destruction.

Nigel Farage - Reform UK's president

Farage said that women with children were “worth far less” than men in the financial sector and described unequal pay for women returning from maternity leave as a “fact of life.” He previously backed a policy to remove required maternity pay, stating his views may be “because I’ve got so many women pregnant over the years”

Farage is known for his use of far right language and scapegoating of minorities. He has suggested that Muslims “lack British values”, want to form “a fifth column and kill us” and are trying to “change who we are and what we are”. He has also said that “any normal and fairminded person would have a perfect right to be concerned if a group of Romanian people suddenly moved in next door”.

Farage says his political hero is Enoch Powell whose 1969 “Rivers of Blood” speech has been a touchstone for racists and fascists ever since. His campaign

announcement also got support from fascists Tommy Robinson and Paul Golding of Britain First.

Even in school, Farage was reported by a former friend at Dulwich to have celebrated the fact his initials were NF—like the Nazi National Front—and to have sang violently antisemitic Nazi songs. This is not a man who represents ordinary people.

Riddled with racists

Reform UK is riddled with racists, sexists, homophobes and bigots, so much so that around 100 of its candidates were disqualified from standing.

A series of candidates have dropped after being exposed for vile racist remarks such as Muslims “never coexist with others” and should be deported. The same candidate claimed Africans had IQs “among the lowest in the world”.

Another candidate tweeted that “the only solution” was to “remove the Muslims from our territory” and said that Ashkenazi Jews had “caused the world massive misery”.

Another dropped Reform UK candidate was found to have called for “millions of foreigners and their dependents” to be deported from Britain.

A current Reform UK candidate in West London has claimed that “Islam; Nazis - they’re the same thing”.

Paul Carnell, who was a Reform UK candidate in the local elections, spoke alongside Sam Melia, who is currently in prison for race hate-related charges, at a far right demonstration co-organised by Nazi group Patriotic Alternative. Several other candidates have been found to have liked and supported tweets by fascist, Tommy Robinson.

During this election campaign, a Reform UK candidate said that Britain should have taken up the Nazis’ “offer of neutrality” rather than fighting World War Two. The Reform UK’s party spokesperson agreed, saying it was “probably true”. The candidate also wrote online that women are the “sponging gender” and should be “deprived of healthcare”.

Use your vote - stop Reform UK. Use your vote against racism and the far right.