STAND UP TO RACISM FACTSHEET ②



Nigel Farage's Reform UK party is a danger to us all

The party whips up racism and Islamophobia. It threatens everyone except the very rich elite.

Less than a month after they won five MPs at the general election we saw the far right riots and the fierce attacks on mosques and hotels where refugees were housed. The demonisation of migrants, Muslims and refugees by Farage and Reform UK MPs has given confidence to racists and fascists on the streets.

Reform UK looks with admiration at fascists in Europe. Their party chair Zia Yusuf pointed to Germany's Alternative for Germany (AfD) and to Marine Le Pen's National Rally in France as inspiration for the future.

Their multi-millionaire leadership and pro-corporate policies show they are very much not an anti-establishment party. They have nothing to offer ordinary people – except scapegoating.

The blame game

Reform UK pushes a politics that exploits ordinary people's anger and blames the cost of living crisis on refugees, Muslims and migrants.

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 helped to build our NHS. Reform UK wants to destroy it.



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.

Farage went to Dulwich College, one of the most expensive private schools in Britain. He has since 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 deputy leader, Richard Tice is a multi-millionaire CEO and 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 many corporations are making billions in profits, while 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 said, "I think we are going to have to move to an insurance based system of healthcare". Reform UK wants to give tax breaks for private health insurance and pledges to increase the use of private healthcare in Britain. This is a policy only for the rich who can afford it.

Reform UK wishes to savage public services to pay for tax cuts for private schools and private healthcare.

Their election manifesto laid out £50 billion of cuts to the NHS, the education system and social care.

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Riddled with racists

Farage has played with racism since his earliest days in politics. In 2008 he named Enoch Powell, whose 1969 "Rivers of Blood" speech has been a touchstone for racists and fascists ever since, as his political hero.

In 2014 at the Ukip party conference, he said that "parts of Britain are now unrecognisable and look like a foreign land" because of migration and that "having whole areas taken over is unacceptable".

Farage also said in 2014, "Any normal and fair-minded person would have a perfect right to be concerned if a group of Romanian people suddenly moved in next door."

During the 2015 general election, Farage suggested Muslims in Britain



"lack British values" and described them as wanting to form "a fifth column and kill us".

In 2020, in response to Black Lives Matter protests in London, Farage said, "A new form of the Taliban was born

in the UK today. Unless we get moral leadership quickly our cities won't be worth living in."

Reform UK is riddled with racism, sexism, homophobia, bigotry - and some of the most extreme views.

During the 2024 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".

One Reform UK councillor shared posts that spread racist conspiracy theories about "Zionist controllers" and "Jewish supremacism".

Another of their councillors defended a politician who described the Covid-19 vaccination as "the biggest crime against humanity since the Holocaust".

MEET THE MONSTERS

THE CREAM OF THE CROP? HERE ARE REFORM UK'S FIVE MPS...

Nigel Farage

Clacton

Farage claims he is a man of the people and yet he is a stockbroker who went to Dulwich College, one of the most expensive private schools in Britain. His father was a stockbroker too.



Farage has made his money working for European banks. He currently has at least £1.3 million in assets.

He is Britain's highest paid MP. The official parliamentary register in 2024 showed him pocketing almost £1.2m a year from GB News. That's for 32 hours 'work' a month, presenting its TV channel.

He was also paid £16,597.22 for recording personalised video messages for individuals.

Richard Tice

Boston & Skegness

In January 2024, Tice argued Britain is facing "cultural pillage". "We've got to freeze non-essential immigration—one in, one out," he said.

"We should live and operate under one single British culture." It's "about being British. It's about who we are, where we've come from, our way of life."

And in November 2023, he said migration is "changing the nature of our country" -"making us poorer financially and making us poorer culturally".

James McMurdock

South Basildon & Fast Thurrock

McMurdock was jailed for violence against a former girlfriend. He pleaded guilty to assault and spent a week in a young offender institution. The victim's mother said he had "left marks" on her daughter's body.



Lee Anderson

Ashfield

In 2023, Anderson said he sympathised with racists who were attacking refugees in former hotels. Anderson said protesters were "just normal family people" with concerns about the safety of



their community.

Anderson was suspended as a Labour Party councillor after he received a community protection warning from the council for using boulders to block Travellers from setting up camp at a site in the area.

Anderson was then kicked out of the Tories after his Islamophobic rant that "Islamists" had "got control" of the mayor of London.

In March 2023 he claimed to have spied, "One particular family going to the food bank two or three times a week to get their groceries and then, you know, I see them in McDonald's two or three times a week."

Rupert Lowe

Great Yarmouth

Lowe went to private school and then took plush jobs in the City of London for companies such as Morgan Grenfell, Deutsche Bank and Barings Bank.

He says, "Diversity and inclusion should not have a role in any job application process. This woke nonsense needs to be driven out."

In 2020, he denounced the scientific consensus on man-made climate change in the European Parliament, calling it a "cult" which "marches on with no definitive evidence".