

Don't be fooled by fascist Patriotic Alternative

The racist riot in Knowsley, Merseyside and other anti refugee mobilisations have shown where the government's scapegoating of refugees leads.

The Tories' anti-asylum seeker agenda is creating a climate of fear and opening the door to fascist groups such as Patriotic Alternative.

Home secretary Suella Braverman spoke of refugees as an "invasion" last year. This very same rhetoric was parroted on the racist demonstration that attacked a hotel housing refugees in Knowsley.

The government are stoking tensions and blaming refugees for overstretched public services, lack of housing and the crisis in the NHS.

But it's not the handful of people crossing the Channel in small boats who are to blame!

The government is still giving handouts to their super-rich friends while ordinary people pay the price for the cost of living crisis.

Who are Patriotic Alternative?

Knowsley shows how far-right and fascist groups are trying to use the government's racist rhetoric to give themselves a veneer of legitimacy as they organise and build.

We have to expose organisations such as Patriotic Alternative and Britain First for the fascists they are.

Patriotic Alternative's leaders are open Nazis who have their roots in previous fascist groups such as the British National Party - a group who denies the Holocaust.

Leader Mark Collett was formerly the chair of the BNP's youth division and has publicly stated his admiration for Hitler.

In 2002, a Channel 4 documentary captured Collett remarking that AIDS is a "friendly disease" because "blacks, drug users and gays have it" and that "Hitler will live on forever".

Since then, he built a following online by making videos alleging a Jewish conspiracy to undermine the "white race" before being banned by YouTube for inciting antisemitism.

Collett regularly collaborates with former Klu Klux Klan

leader David Duke and wants to secure funding from far-right organisations in the United States.

Patriotic Alternative is also linked to National Action, a banned terrorist group whose members planned numerous violent attacks.

Alex Davies, one of the founders of National Action, was active in Patriotic Alternative before being jailed for eight and a half years in 2022.

Another National Action member, Jack Renshaw, has been convicted of plotting to kill a Labour MP as well as grooming underage children for sexual abuse.

Just like Collett, Renshaw started his political life in the youth section of the BNP.

We should never be fooled by fascists attempting to appear as the 'saviours' of working class communities.

These people have a vile racist and violent agenda – they are opposed to democracy and want to see their own Hitler figure in charge.

It's not refugees that are the problem, it's a government that cares nothing for ordinary people – and the likes of Patriotic Alternative, who want to stir up violence and hate.

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