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RACISM,
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FASCISM**

**Unite against
the far right**



**Know your
enemy...
the new fascist
threat**

The government is ramping up its divide and rule tactics, and the far right sense an opportunity to ride on coattails of the Tories' racism. Fearing the backlash from ordinary people as inflation spikes and living standards tumble, the Tories are deploying racism and transphobia as weapons of mass distraction.

The dangers became clear in mid-February when a mob, including far-right activists, attacked a hotel housing refugees in Knowsley, Merseyside.

The racist rabble screamed about refugees being "invaders", directly mirroring Tory home secretary Suella Braverman's disgusting description of asylum seekers as an "invasion" in Parliament in late 2022.

The new Nazi menace

Amid the crowd were fascists from Patriotic Alternative, a new fascist group that wants to use the atmosphere whipped up by Tory racism to start a race war.

Patriotic Alternative stand in the tradition of Hitler and the Nazis. Their leader, Mark Collett, is an open Nazi who is obsessed with fantasies of a global Jewish conspiracy.

His 2017 book, *The Fall of Western Man*, pours praise on Nazism, claiming, "National Socialism is an ideology of discipline and order that seeks to establish a perfect homogenous society...that strives for excellence."

The book also refers to the Holocaust as "the alleged extermination of six million Jews".



Patriotic Alternative member and terrorist
Kristofer Kearney

Patriotic Alternative have been the heart of anti-refugee demonstrations in towns such as Cannock in Staffordshire and Skegness in Lincolnshire.

At a local level, the group tries to present itself as merely "concerned" about migration, but it pushes far-right ideas such as the Great Replacement – a dark, antisemitic conspiracy theory about a shadowy plan to replace the white race.

It is also infested with violent Nazis and terrorists.

In early March, a key Patriotic Alternative activist, Kristofer Kearney, pleaded guilty to terrorism charges after he distributed the manifestos of a number of fascist mass shooters from the United States.

This included the manifesto of the man who opened fire with an assault rifle in a synagogue in Poway, California in 2019.

Kearney, who hid behind the pseudonym "Charlie Big Potatoes", is just as obsessed with Jews as Collett is. In one video, he can be heard saying, "F**k the Jews! The Jews are the real problem."

He was previously a member of National Action, a banned terror group that unfurled banners reading, "Hitler was right." Another National Action member, Jack Renshaw, was convicted of planning to murder a Labour MP with a machete as well as grooming minors for child sexual abuse on the internet.

Despite Kearney's conviction, Patriotic Alternative's leaders think they are now on the cusp of a big step forward.

In the past, the group was fearful of holding public events because of antifascist groups such as Unite Against Fascism. Instead, they organised small-scale gatherings and camping trips where they propound Nazi ideals.

They see racist protests against refugees as a chance to step out of the shadows of their sick Nazi underworld. Their leaders hope to develop into a bigger and more public organisation that can stage major street demonstrations.

Indeed, Collett has experience of building big organisations—before becoming the Führer of Patriotic Alternative, he was the leader of youth division of the Nazi British National Party, which won nearly one million votes in 2009.

So, Patriotic Alternative are a threat.

Yet, they can be beaten. In February, they tried to disrupt a Drag Queen Story Hour event at the Tate Britain gallery in London but were driven off by anti-racists from Stand Up To Racism, Unite Against Fascism and other groups.

The group brags about its fitness training and supposed fighting prowess, but these are no match



Same hatred: Patriotic Alternative's Alek Yerbury (left) imitates Hitler while speaking at an anti-refugee rally in Hull, East Yorkshire

for the overwhelming numbers that anti-racists can mobilise on the streets when we reach out to trade unionists, Muslims, Jews, LGBT+ people and all the other sections of society that Patriotic Alternative hates.

We need to work in every community where Patriotic Alternative rears its head in order to expose it as a Nazi organisation that praises Hitler. This is how we push a wedge between the fascists and softer racist elements.

Britain First seeking electoral breakthrough

Patriotic Alternative are not the only danger.

Britain First are also hoping to ride the wave of Tory racism, standing candidates in local elections in May 2023.

Since the demise of the British National Party after 2010, the British extreme right has failed to make significant electoral breakthroughs.

Instead, figures such as football hooligan and fascist "Tommy Robinson" refocused the far right on street demonstrations and racist violence.

Britain First embraces both tactics – provocative actions as well as the electoral route.

They are driven by extreme hatred of Muslims and deploy bizarre iconography from the crusades.

The group is led by Paul Golding, a former senior member of the British National Party.

He was chucked out of the party in 2008, allegedly for attacking another member who had some Turkish heritage.

Golding is campaigning in Dartford, Kent, for a seat on the local council, and it is likely Britain First will also target Salford, Greater Manchester, in the upcoming local elections, which take place on 4 May. They won over 500 votes in this area in 2022.

Beating the fascists

It is possible to break the momentum of the fascist wave. Recent antifascist mobilisations in Rotherham and Liverpool have outnumbered and marginalised the far right.

In Honor Oak, South London, a demonstration against a Drag Queen Story Hour event ended in disaster for the far-right Turning Point UK organisation when 700 local people came out onto the streets against them.

Just a dozen Turning Point supporters turned out. Yet, despite the tiny numbers, their ranks were riddled with Nazis.

Among them was Brian Stovell, who was arrested for throwing up a Nazi salute – only to have himself photographed with friends also making the disgusting gesture a couple of weeks later at a fascist demonstration in Dover.

The far right is fractured into small groups such as Voice of Wales and Yorkshire Patriots. That is a sign of its weakness, but it also means being alert in every local area to ensure that fascists don't successfully organise under different guises. Vigilance is the price of defeating the fascists.

The far right want to capitalise on the putrid atmosphere of racism and bigotry pumped out by the Tories, but they also feed off bizarre conspiracy theories such as those surrounding Covid-19 and so-called 15 Minute Cities.

In Oxford, opposition to new traffic regulations



Croydon racist Brian Stovell surrounded by Sieg Heil-ing friends at a fascist demonstration in Dover in March 2023

has been hijacked by far-right conspiracy theorists, who allege traffic filters are part of a global scheme to introduce communism.

A large demonstration through Oxford was joined by far-right conspiracy theorists as well as Patriotic Alternative. Many sought to push idea related to notorious conspiracy theorist and antisemite David Icke, who alleges a global plot by the Jewish Rothschilds family.

Fascist rats in a Tory sewer

The far right are useful idiots for a Tory government that wants to blame migrants and refugees for sinking living standards.

The Tories hope that escalating racist rhetoric and stoking a culture war against trans people will distract from sky-high energy bills, food inflation and other economic woes.

Events like those in Knowsley help to feed the Tory narrative that the majority of people oppose refugees settling in Britain.

Yet, recent polling has shown that some 42 percent of people believe that the government is treating refugees cruelly. Polls also suggest that hostility towards migrants has been in decline since 2016.

Movements like Black Lives Matter in 2020, when tens of thousands protested around the country, show that there is an anti-racist majority in Britain that can be mobilised.

The risks of not doing so are great. In October 2022, Andrew Leak drove to Dover and threw petrol bombs at a migrant processing centre.

In Europe, the anti-migrant propaganda pumped out by mainstream parties has created the space for strong far-right parties to emerge.

The Italian government is now led by Giorgia Meloni, a fascist who has praised Mussolini. The fascist Marine Le Pen won 41 percent of the vote in the 2022 French presidential election. Alternative für Deutschland, the fascist party in Germany, has support from around one in six voters.

In Britain, the antifascist movement destroyed the National Front in the 1970s, the British National Party and the English Defence League in the 2010s and, more recently, the Football Lads' Alliance.

We can beat Patriotic Alternative and their ilk too.

But that means combining antifascism with fighting the Tories' toxic racism.

It's not enough to chase away the fascist rats – we need to clear out the racist Tory sewer that breeds them.



Turning Point UK is the group behind the LGBT+phobic protests against Drag Time Story Hour events in London.

The group was founded by a group of far-right businessmen and social media influencers, aiming to pull students and young people towards the right.

Yet, Turning Point has been riddled with far-right oddballs from the very start.

One of its founding members is John Mappin, a wealthy businessman who supports the antisemitic QAnon conspiracy theory and owns a hotel in Cornwall called Camelot Castle.

Mappin suggests that he used the superpowers he gained from studying Scientology to predict the



outcome of the 2016 US presidential election.

He subsequently met with Donald Trump, conferring a "knighthood" on him and naming him "Sir Trump of Camelot".

Turning Point acts as a bridge between the far right and the Tory Party. Many of its leading members, contributors and speakers are members of the Tory Party or Tory student societies.