



KICK UKIP OUT OF OUR TOWNS



UKIP's manifesto blames immigrants for "crippling local services". THIS IS A LIE. Government cuts and all round "austerity" are crippling local services. But the Tories and their more extreme stalking horse UKIP would prefer you blamed foreigners.

As sure as night follows day, when a society is in the midst of an economic crisis, those that helped cause it try to get off the hook by finding an easy scapegoat. UKIP, formed by ex-stockbroker Nigel Farage and fellow former Conservatives, is using the same tried and tested blame tactics that led to the Holocaust and World War II.

The super-rich, using the media they control, create a tide of exaggerated half-truths which demonise a minority, promoting divisions among the population. The rich get richer – the richest 150 people's incomes are rising at the fastest rate ever – as they wage war on the poor with heartless austerity measures, brutal cuts in vital public services and rising food costs. Instead of targeting their oppressors, embattled people are persuaded to turn on each other.

A similar scenario happened in the 1930s when Oswald Mosley's British Union of Fascists launched attacks on Jews, in parallel with Hitler in Germany – with the Daily Mail cheering him on. In the late 1960s, Tory politician Enoch Powell's racist "rivers of blood" speech spurred the rise of the National Front.

The main difference between these two prior occasions and now is that this time a much greater proportion of people in Britain are sleepwalking into the realm of fascism – wrapped up in a cloak of respectability, given front-page coverage by the Sun, Mail, and most of the mainstream media – like a wolf in sheep's clothing.

Across Europe, blatant fascism is on the march. The universal scapegoat this time is people from Eastern Europe, as well as Muslims. In Greece, hate-filled right-wingers the Golden Dawn are openly fascist; in Britain, UKIP disavows white supremacism, though you can find plenty of racism in its

fringes. UKIP officially calls itself “a patriotic party that believes in putting Britain first”, that “believes in civic nationalism”, “opposes multiculturalism and political correctness and promotes uniculturalism”, “recognising the numerous threats to British identity and culture”.

The immigration issue is only one element of UKIP’s far-right, opportunist agenda. Many people perhaps aren’t aware of the danger UKIP poses to education, public services, the NHS, our civil freedoms and human rights – as none of it appears in their election campaign.

In the European Parliament, UKIP is a member of a far-right group which contains fascist and neo-Nazi parties, is openly admired by the French National Front, and UKIP candidates have been revealed as having links with fascist and Nazi groups in Britain; one candidate called for the euthanasia of Down’s Syndrome babies, and another for every British town to have prison cells to contain “rounded up” immigrants. Of course, UKIP’s David Silvester claimed in January that legalising gay marriage led to floods and God’s wrath, so there you go.

UKIP claims to be “democratic” and “libertarian”, it claims to put local and national interests before anything else... UKIP now even claims it is against the Bedroom Tax. UKIP will say anything and jump on any populist bandwagon to win votes. UKIP is riddled with contradictions as it pretends to be all things to all people (as long as they’re British). But lurking not far below its surface is a cold-hearted dystopian vision that makes the Con-Dem Coalition’s war on the poor seem like a picnic!

We, THE PEOPLE, are the alternative to ALL POLITICIANS. We can create our own change by working together, not against each other.

On Tuesday the 29th April, Nigel Farage will speak in Bath at the Forum at 7.30pm. There will be protests both inside and outside the venue on the night. It’s time to let yet another in a long line of smarmy, elite hypocrites know that peddling racism to fuel your bank balance just isn’t cricket. Why don’t you come along and join us on the night – last month we ran Iain Duncan Smith out of the city – heckling politicians is fun!

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