

STOP FARAGE AND ROBINSON

**FIGHT BACK AGAINST RACISM,
MISOGYNY, TRANSPHOBIA AND
CLIMATE CHANGE DENIALISM!**



**ANTI★CAPITALIST
RESISTANCE**

Fighting creeping fascism with ecosocialism

Together Alliance – we need to go further to defeat the right

The dramatic growth of support for Reform – driven by a racist platform – and the 150,000 that turned out for Tommy Robinson’s Unite The Kingdom (UTK) demo, show we are in a dangerous period

The tiny counterprotest to the UTK demo setback the workers’ movement, demonstrating the strength of a political force violently opposed to working-class solidarity and equality. Reform’s strong polling and likely gains in the May 2026 elections demonstrates the problem.

The erosion of post-war social democracy, the defeat of the vanguard of the trade union movement in the 1980s, deliberate deindustrialisation where these were strongest, and austerity created the basis for the growth of the far-right.

While Labour in government has reluctantly made concessions including reintroducing the winter fuel allowance and scrapping the two-child cap, it has also launched attacks on disabled people – in work and out – over benefits and reckless pushed its on anti immigration agenda.

With refugees and ‘illegal immigrants’ under daily attack from the press and far-right politicians. Immigration is the primary question driving support for reactionaries, from opposition to illegal immigration to demands for remigration and an all-white Britain.

The development of the ‘protect our (white) women and girls’ and the Pink Ladies as a key theme of the summer hotel protests shows how the misogyny of the MAGA movement is central to the far-right in Britain.

The response of the Labour government is to move further to the right, which is problematic even in electoral terms – why vote for an imitator? As Tony Benn said, “The way a government treats refugees is very instructive because it shows how they would treat the rest of us if they could

get away with it.” We could add the struggle of trans people for dignity and rights to that.

This racism, in Britain and internationally, is driven by complex factors. They are increasingly congealing around:

- The clash of civilisation worldview, that Islam is inherently or uniquely barbaric, and multicultural integration impossible;
- Scarcity politics, that money spent on refugees is not spent on what the ‘natives’ need;
- A return of race science and eugenics with the so-called Dark Enlightenment, and increasing popularity of Nazis like Nick Fuentes, who are openly pro-Hitler

Their movement in Britain is a coalition chiefly mobilised around immigration, from some who don’t mind Black people but oppose ‘illegal immigration’ to outright white supremacists. The fascists’ goal is to use wedge issues, common talking points in the right-wing press, and generalise towards a more consistently violent, supremacist ideology. Their hatred of the left as ‘traitors’ who helped facilitate mass migration (as they see it) and ‘gender ideology’ for them justifies violence against our movement.

The fight back so far

Socialists and those with progressive politics are on the backfoot but there are serious social forces on our side. The mobilisations against the hotel attacks in the summer show the strength of local organising and the popularity of solidarity.

The emergence of Your Party and the growth of the Green Party of England and Wales shows that there remain hundreds of thousands of people, particularly young people and women, who want to get organised and build a fairer society.

The 100,000-plus who came out for Trans Pride in London in 2025, as well as sizable protests in other cities, show the widespread sentiment to resist the government’s attacks, as does the strength of the Palestine solidarity movement, which can draw numbers that dwarf Robinson’s protests. But we cannot be complacent.

Problems of the anti-fascist movement

Stand Up to Racism (SUTR) was launched in 2014 and is largely run by the SWP with nominal support from trade unions and left political leaders. Several weaknesses stand out.

Its focus is often on racism from the far-right and not the state. Moreover, SUTR has no real democracy. Its 2025 AGM did not take resolutions from affiliated organisations, there are no minutes of its leadership, and so on.

There is a bad taste, particularly in Scotland, when SUTR Scotland allowed a Zionist group to participate in a march carrying Israeli flags, conflating the fight against antisemitism with support for Israel. Finally, SUTR’s tactics on the street seesaw – sometimes more confrontational than the balance of forces safely allow, then making agreements with the police behind the backs of local groups.

At the national level, SUTR may have largely run out of steam and is still seen mainly as a front for the SWP. The call for a new anti-racist umbrella – The Together Alliance – is intended to revive the fight against the fascists.

Zack Polanski from the Greens alongside the leadership of Your Party have backed the protest on 28 March. Anti fascism and socially progressive views are still in the majority across Britain among the working class. We must show that the far right can be isolated and beaten, and this march is part – but not the conclusion – to that struggle.

We need class politics

A mass anti-racist mobilisation today which rivals or dwarfs the Unite the Right demonstration will be a huge boost for progressive forces and help reset the narrative about the direction of political travel. This is an opportunity to really build in workplaces, trade unions and

communities against the growth of the far-right – and the threat of what will happen in May’s election.

AntiCapitalist Resistance has some criticisms of the Together Alliance. It is pitched as a celebrity initiative that unites political forces and trade unions, but on very liberal terms. Together calls for us to “unite our communities in love, hope and unity” – nice, ideals that don’t address what is driving support for the far-right.

The far-right’s argument against the left is that they are all middle-class liberals who hang out with rich actors or musicians and are out of touch with ‘ordinary [white] working-class concerns’. Farage and the far-right have done a lot of work, as has the hard right of the Tory Party, to make the case that only they represent [white] working-class interests, and that defending immigration is a ‘luxury elite’ position held by better-off people in North London. Farage has even been trying to cosy up to trade union members. Together fails to challenge that narrative.

We must bring trade unions and the TUC into a common anti-racist cause. However, unions too often outsource their ‘activism’ to these campaigns, avoiding the work of challenging racism in places where only they have much influence amongst working-class communities.

They sign up to anti racist campaigns so union leaders look good at the annual conference, but do little to mobilise members. We must challenge this approach and build alliances between trade union branches and antiracist groups.

Trans groups have criticised that figureheads of the protest are also prominent transphobes; for instance, Mark Serwotka and Kevin Courtney. Opposing anti-trans ideas is at the core of our work; however, we believe we are better placed to oppose transphobia by having a presence in this formation. The far-right attacks trans people as well as refugees and Black people. Transphobia exists within the workers’ movement, so their ideas must be challenged. That is why boycotting is a mistake.

A mass, class-based anti-racist movement does not currently exist in Britain. We need to continue discussing and exploring opportunities and organising to create such a movement in every workplace and community.

PUBLIC MEETING: THE FIGHT AGAINST CREEPING FASCISM

Reform might be in government in 2029. Attacks on refugees, women’s rights, transgender existence and the left are growing. Meanwhile the billionaire class are getting richer and the climate crisis is deepening. Come to the AntiCapitalist Resistance public meeting, in person in London and online on Zoom to hear how we can start to turn the tide and build a movement for a better future for all.

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