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THE REAL ISSUES, THE WHOLE STORY

## THE TRUTH ABOUT IMMIGRATION

or [what your Boss doesn't want you to know]

There is no doubt that today immigration is a burning issue in both the British press and amongst the mainstream political parties. Issues over "cultural ghettos", social housing, jobs, and "integration" have never seemed so important in an age of an expanding European Union and increased feelings of vulnerability following the July 7<sup>th</sup> attacks and so called "War on Terror".

### The Choice

All the political parties claim to offer simple answers to these problems. As a voter we are greeted with a stark choice. Those on the centre-right (Labour, Conservative, Lib Dems) claim we are expected to simply sit tight and let these social problems occur. They claim that the poverty-waged, un-unionised jobs typically filled by immigrants are "good for our economy", that they facilitate "growth" and "expansion".

Whose economy?

This year saw an all time high for Christmas bonuses for "high-rolling" city executives (the value of bonuses paid to London's financial elite rose 18% to £8.8bn), while at the same time the gap between rich and poor in this country has never been larger. Immigrants typically live in appalling conditions with three or four families squashed into the one house, while our local councils are deprived of the funding to provide their children with an adequate education. At a local level, social housing and social benefits are pushed to the very limit as the government prioritizes its own interests over those of local people.

It is clear who is reaping the benefits of this new wave of immigration.



On the other hand, you have those on the extreme/ far-right who champion racist, backward attitudes towards those most vulnerable in our society. They irresponsibly encourage violence and hatred. We know from the experience of countries like the USA (who have some of the tightest border controls in the world and yet an estimated 8 to 11 million illegal immigrants) that simply "battening down the hatches" does not work.

BIN IT!!!!

It also serves to encourage tragedies such as that of the Chinese cockle pickers, where twenty-one men and women needlessly drowned on the sand banks of Morecambe Bay. These are the real dangers when migrant labour is forced underground and into the hands of criminals. (continued over)

## WOT A LOAD OF BALLOTS!!

MAY LOCAL ELECTIONS REPORT

We were treated once again this May to the political circus that are our local general elections. Not surprisingly, a fascination in the mainstream press with the "Punch and Judy" antics of the Labour party and its leadership contest resulted in little attention paid to New Labour's disastrous record in office and its real failure to help improve the lives of local people. The opposition parties proved just as bad. Cameron confirmed nothing more than the fact that the Tory party are still a bunch of out-of-touch, nobby farts. The Lib Dems floundered on the sidelines, failing to get in touch with the real needs of Sheffield residents. A further worrying development was the growing acceptance of the BNP as a "legitimate" alternative to these mainstream parties.

May's council elections turned out to be a bit hit and miss for the BNP. In Sheffield, local people came out in force to say "NO!" to racism and intolerance. The BNP were defeated in all eight posts and their only real success across the country was in strengthening councils in Burnley and Dagenham. The BNP exploits the complacency of other political parties on the extreme poverty that exists in these areas and uses it to "divide and rule" these communities. A lack of coverage in the media helped, but community campaigns have been the real driving force in preventing them exploiting more voters.

The BNP will claim coming second in Firth Park and Shiregreen as a victory. It is not a victory; it's a warning about complacency of their politics. Race does not cause unemployment, violence or poor housing - politicians do. New Labour are failing and the BNP are presenting themselves as the solution. But politics based on attacking ethnic minorities, trade unionists and anti-racist campaigners are not the answer. Sticking together regardless of race or nationality is.

COMMUNITY ACTION, COMMUNITY RESISTANCE

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or [what your Boss doesn't want you to know] continued...



Sheffield - proud to be different

### The Truth about Immigration

The truth is that this is not a choice at all. Multiculturalism is a wonderful thing. The notion of a free exchange of cultures and ideas among equals is truly admirable. But such an idea is choked and gagged under a system that encourages the exploitation of man over man. There are always losers in the market-place. Capitalism encourages the movement of people as they desperately seek to better their lives and flee collapsing and failing markets. As a result of our government's disastrous foreign policy there are also vast numbers of dispossessed people attempting to protect their families from the war and conflict that grip their regions. Capitalism is a brutal, uncaring system for all peoples of the world. It cares not for human stability or security but tosses peoples as mere flotsam in its search for ever more "lucrative" market places. The state cannot solve this problem. The state cannot solve this problem *because it is a part of this problem.*

### What your boss doesn't want you to know

There is one key thing that unites us as a community - we are all victims of this system. A system that is exploitative and inhumane, but most importantly, a system *we do not need.* We don't need the government's "community cohesion" programmes, whereby religious leaders and local councillors dictate what is in "our" interest.

Bollocks to community cohesion, we want community resistance!

Throughout Yorkshire during the Miners' Strike, local people came together in an extraordinary way. The working class worked together, displaying solidarity and offering mutual aid all to fight for a common cause. It was clear that despite the hardship and the intimidation, that we were stronger and more united as a community than ever before. This has been done once, it can be done again! We don't need "community leaders" to define our interests, we know our interests.

We also definitely don't need the BNP weakening us and trying to turn us against one another for their own cynical aims. We can solve all these social problems united as an *international* class. Show your boss that you have had enough! And once more, show their bosses as well! They seek to divide us to cover their failings, but united we will stand. Migrant labour will be a problem as long as your boss is still a problem. Immigration will cease to be a problem when capitalism ceases to be.

### But what can I do?

There are many ways you can act on a local level to help strengthen your community; below I have bullet-pointed a few, but there are many more:

- **Raise awareness** – Discuss the ideas in this article with a friend, perhaps bring it to your workplace or even talk about it with some mates down the pub.

- **Fight Fascism** – Fight intolerance and racism on your streets. The BNP will damage and divide your community, they encourage hatred and violence. Make clear that fascism is not welcome in your neighbourhood.

- **United in the workplace** – present a united front, joint-unionisation drives and solidarity strikes can be very effective at raising both the standards of immigrant labour and of natives. You are fighting the same system. Your bosses must not be allowed to exploit native or migrant labour.

## "I AM NOT A NAZI" BNP BLUNDER

Redditch, Birmingham, council candidate (pictured right in full costume) was forced to fight off claims that he was a Nazi, after attending a fancy dress party in full WWII German military uniform!!

His response to these allegations? "I'm not a Nazi", he says. Well he would say that wouldn't he?

The candidate is yet to respond to further allegations that he is also a very silly bastard.



Who are you fooling mate!?

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