

Personal Data relating to Request TS5JVPQXVV

Item 1: Personal data extracted from minutes from Wealth Reputational Risk Committee on 17th November 2022

Content

Seeking approval to continue the relationship with Nigel Farage (NF) subject to annual reviews

Referred to NF's controversial profile in public life and politics, reflected in the adverse press outlined in the paper presented.

Despite the adverse press, **from a legal perspective NF had not been formally charged of any wrongdoing, and is not subject to any regulatory censure.**

In terms of any potential connections to Russia, NF had not been sanctioned and had no known direct/indirect Russian connections.

NF is already a Coutts customer which he had made public knowledge.

Recommendation is to retain NF for now. However, it was noted that NF currently has a mortgage with Coutts, which is due to expire in July 2023 and which, on a commercial basis, we would not look to renew and so would suggest winding down the connection on that basis.

The paper was right to mention the Russian allegations and potential Russian connections NF had, but there was nothing substantive in that regard.

There were reputational risks to consider of banking NF given he was such a high profile figure and had been the subject of significant adverse press.

We needed to be in a position to convene and react quickly if NF made public comments that created an increased reputational risk of Coutts continuing to bank him.

Six months before the expiry of NF's mortgage with Coutts, they would indicate to NF that we are not renewing the mortgage, but were such a 'flash point' to arise before then in relation to NF which we are uncomfortable with, [third-party personal data removed] would escalate quickly to this Committee.

Exiting NF next year on commercial grounds when the mortgage rolls off

[Third-party data removed] commented that there is an extra cost attached to managing the accounts of high profile individuals such as NF

The Committee did not think continuing to bank NF was compatible with Coutts given his publicly-stated views that were at odds with our position as an inclusive organisation.

this was not a political decision but one centred around inclusivity and Purpose.

With the support of the Committee, [the Chair] concluded as follows:

After the expiry of the mortgage with Coutts, NF would not be a criteria client, and we should set a glide path to exiting NF when that mortgage expires.

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However, whilst the mortgage is in place we should continue to monitor NF, and if there is a 'flash point' involving NF which would increase the reputational risk to the bank, it should be escalated to this Committee promptly.

Therefore, the decision was to **EXIT** Nigel Farage (including business accounts), that exit to be on a glide path to coincide with the expiry of the mortgage, but an earlier exit to be considered if an event occurs that amplifies the reputational risks associated with banking NF. [third-party personal data removed] **team would undertake monthly Adverse Press Checks on NF.**

It was also agreed that [third-party personal data removed] and Group Reputational Risk Committee should be made aware of the decision to exit Nigel Farage to ensure they did not have any concerns with this.

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Item 2: Personal data extracted from papers presented to Wealth Reputational Risk Committee 17 November 2022

Continue Relationship

- Throughout 2022 we have seen negative /adverse press reports on NF, but alleged Russian Ties/Connections allegations increased post the invasion of Ukraine.
- NF was reviewed by RRF in 2018 with the paper focusing solely on NF's alleged "Russian Ties". At that time, the allegations were unproven, and agreement was given to retain the connection and monitor relevant press activity closely in order to re-assess the situation in light of any further information.
- We have reviewed the connection again on a more "holistic" basis not just around the Russian connections and we are seeking approval to continue the relationship.

Background and key risks to retaining the connection

Background to Connection with Nat West Group

1. In account with Coutts [REDACTED]
2. Personal account and his media work company - Thorn in The Side Ltd
3. Personal [REDACTED]

- Business accounts with Coutts [REDACTED]

- EC for connection is about £ [REDACTED]

1. Client has recently been declassified from Higher Risk PEP to Lower Risk PEP – he will be declassified completely at next review if he remains out of politics for the next 12 months.
2. Following the declassification, the client's EC is now sufficient to retain on commercial basis.
3. No other group connections in evidence.

Background to client

- Nigel Paul Farage is a well known and at times a controversial figure in public life.
- NF (born 3 April 1964) is a British broadcaster and former politician who was Leader of the UK Independence Party (UKIP) from 2006 to 2009 and 2010 to 2016 and Leader of the Brexit Party (renamed Reform UK in 2021) from 2019 to 2021.
- He was Member of the European Parliament (MEP) for Southeast England from 1999 until the United Kingdom's exit from the EU in 2020.
- He was the host of The Nigel Farage Show, a radio phone-in on the global-owned talk radio station LBC, from 2017 to 2020.

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- NF is currently the Honorary President of Reform UK (a right-wing populist political party) and a presenter for GB News on the- “Farage at Large” show.

Key Risks

1. Reputational Risk

- NF is “high profile” and actively courts controversy, this leads to more profile and maintains his presence in the spotlight.
- He has operated like this throughout his political and media careers.

2. Financial crime risk

- Principally this arises because of the alleged “Russian connection”

3. Reputational Risk if we exit

- It is very likely that the client would “go public” if we exited him.

We have considered whether there are further risks for example tax motivated transactions, higher risk trading activities and ESE. These do not appear relevant here and have been discounted.

1. Team uncovered adverse press. This included various reports that claimed NF incited race hate when he compared the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement to the Taliban and Islamic extremists in relation to the toppling of the Colston statue in Bristol. This was presented to PB Triage in January 2022, and it was agreed that the client should be referred to RRC.
2. The client was again referred to PB Triage in April 2022 due to adverse press in relation to allegations from Labour MP [third-party personal data removed] that he received £548,573 from Russia Today in 2018. It was again decided at PB triage that this case should be referred to RRC noting the re-emergence of the allegation of “Russian ties”.

There is a lot of adverse press relating to NF

This list is not exhaustive, for example it does not capture most of NF’s Twitter feed – which is extensive.

Racism / Xenophobia / BLM / Antisemitism

1. 20 October 2022 – The Guardian – Jewish groups criticise Nigel Farage for calling Grant Shapps ‘globalist’

“Jewish groups and campaigners have condemned commentators and media including Nigel Farage and GB News for calling Grant Shapps a “globalist”, a term which has associations with antisemitism and the far right.

... After Shapps, who is Jewish, was appointed in place of Suella Braverman, a series of rightwing commentators and politicians used Twitter to paint his elevation as part of a plot in which anti-Brexit “globalists” were taking over Liz Truss’s government.

Tweeting about Braverman’s exit, Farage called it a “a coup”, and labelled Shapps “Remainer and Globalist”

... Farage told the Guardian: “Since last Friday I have described events in government as a globalist coup. Jeremy Hunt is pro-EU, pro-CCP [Chinese Communist party], pro-WEF [World Economic Forum] and is a globalist politician. Grant Shapps is cut from the same cloth and is also an open border, pro-EU globalist.

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"The OED of a globalist is 'advocating the operation or planning of economic and foreign policy on a global basis'. I had no idea that Mr Shapps had Jewish roots. In this confected outrage, I can only think that people are worried that I might make a political return."

Farage has been criticised several times before for using this and similar tropes associated with antisemitism, such as references to supposed plots by Goldman Sachs and the financier George Soros.

The former Ukip leader repeatedly aired such views in interviews with Alex Jones, the far-right US radio host and conspiracy theorist, who had recently been ordered to pay vast damages for claiming the Sandy Hook US school shooting was faked."

2. 22 September 2022 – Eastern Eye commented on a recent Tweet by Nigel Farage in an article titled Lawmakers who 'promoted multiculturalism and diversity' are responsible for Leicester violence

"Farage said that Leicester violence was the result of the 'immigration crisis'.

Virtually every single MP in Westminster is responsible for the ethnic and religious violence seen in Leicester, Farage wrote on Twitter on Wednesday (21).

"They decided to go down the road of diversity and multiculturalism. Our politicians have done this to our great country," he tweeted."

3. 11 June 2020 Business Insider - Nigel Farage leaves LBC radio show 'with immediate effect' after comparing Black Lives Matter protesters to the Taliban

"Nigel Farage has left his LBC radio show with "immediate effect," the station confirmed on Thursday, amid anger among his former colleagues over comments he'd made this week about Black Lives Matter protesters.

The Brexit Party leader and ally of President Donald Trump had his microphone muted during an appearance on ITV's "Good Morning Britain" this week after he compared Black Lives Matter protesters who downed a statue of British slave trader Edward Colston to the Taliban.

...sources at the station told Business Insider that Farage's time there had been brought to an end because of widespread anger among Black, Asian, and minority ethnic (BAME) staff about Farage's comments. One source said there had been "so much anger" among staff about the station publicly endorsing the Black Lives Matter movement "while promoting a man that likened it to the Taliban."

It should be noted that other articles suggest that the LBC work was terminated because of a "cease and desist letter" sent to NF from the USA rock band "Rage Against The Machine" as he had used their name for a play on words [his programme being called Farage Against the Machine] – apparently he would not change the name and LBC cancelled the show – although he was at the end of his contract.

4. Earlier articles from 9 June 2020 on the Mail Online and in the Metro highlighted the following key comments from NF in relation to BLM and the toppling of the Colston statue:

When told by Dr Mos-Shogbamimu that "...BLM represents a fight against racism in this country" and that NF was "...inciting evil racism" NF refused to back down, adding: "The Taliban love to blow up and destroy historical monuments from a different time that they do not approve of."

...Mr Farage had previously tweeted: "A new form of the Taliban was born in the UK today. Unless we get moral leadership quickly our cities won't be worth living in." – Mail Online

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“...When Piers Morgan told him that slave trader Colston was ‘responsible for the deaths of 20,000 people’ Farage described him as a ‘big philanthropist’...” – Metro

5. 4 July 2016 The Independent - Nigel Farage resigns: The outgoing Ukip leader’s most controversial moments

Mr Farage has been accused of racism, sexism, and xenophobia... This article in Appendix 1 goes on to list examples of perceived racial slurs and claims NF used “Nazi-style propaganda” in a Leave.EU campaign poster.

Russia / Pro Putin / RT links

1. 25 February 2022 – the Indy - All of the times that Nigel Farage has praised Putin have resurfaced

“A damning video of all the times Nigel Farage has praised Vladimir Putin is going viral on Twitter.

Farage has been a vocal supporter of the Russian leader who has waged war on Ukraine and is launching an attack from land, sea and air. Right-wing former politician Farage has previously said Putin was the world leader he most admired as an operator.

Now, all the times Farage has praised the warmongering leader have been stitched together in a video that was shared on social media by Adam Bienkov, the political editor and correspondent for the BylineTimes.

Bienkov wrote: “Nigel Farage has spent years praising Putin and blaming Europeans for attempting to defend themselves against him. No surprise he’s still at it today.”

In one clip, Farage said: “If you poke the Russian bear with a stick, don’t be surprised when he reacts.”

Another clip showed Farage being challenged by David Dimbleby about when he said Putin was the leader he most admired.

Farage also blamed the EU and the expansion of NATO for allegedly starting some of the violence, calling the expansion “provocative” and claiming it was “encircling” Russia.”

2. 24 Feb 2022 – London Economic Article quoting Farage’s Twitter account (not condemning Putin/blaming EU/NATO for the invasion of Ukraine)

Well, I was wrong. Putin has gone much further than I thought he would.

A consequence of EU and NATO expansion, which came to a head in 2014. It made no sense to poke the Russian bear with a stick.

These are dark days for Europe.

— Nigel Farage (@Nigel_Farage) February 24, 2022

Wading into the issue last week, former UKIP leader Nigel Farage called for Putin’s demands to be met – rather than allow NATO to expand even further east.

He said: “I thought for 30 years that the NATO policy, the EU policy of expanding ever eastwards was a huge strategic error.

3. Allegations from Labour MP [third-party personal data removed] that Nigel Farage received £548,573 from Russia Today (RT) in 2018 alone.

According to The Spectator – “...The basis for this claim seems to be Farage’s declaration of outside earnings when he was an MEP in the European Parliament figure. Company accounts for his media vehicle, Thorn In the Side Ltd, show that its assets exceeded £548,000 for the year to May 2018, compared with about £157,000 the previous year. But

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this figure was his total sum for all media appearances, at a time when Farage had never been more in demand.

...Any fees from Russia Today would have been a small part of the overall total sum, with Farage appearing infrequently on the broadcaster in the months after the Brexit vote in June 2016.

A quick search ...suggests that Farage's last appearance on RT was 3 March 2017 ...Farage himself says that in 2016 and 2017 'I had two small appearance fees back then, well under £5,000. Not appeared since.'

There is no further evidence to back up the claims made by [third-party personal data removed]

Climate denying / Anti Net Zero

1. 13 March 2022 The Guardian – NF campaigning for a referendum on the government's Net Zero policy to decarbonise the economy by 2050

Nigel Farage's hard-right faction won Brexit. Now net zero is in its sights

First it was Brexit, followed by a spurt of very successful campaigning to ensure that Britain left Europe on the most stringent and self-harming terms. For a while, Nigel Farage then opposed Covid restrictions. Now, he is reviving his old hostility to action on the climate emergency, with a new vehicle called Britain Means Business, which has spawned a campaign called Vote Power Not Poverty. Both were recently launched by an article in the Mail on Sunday. "Net zero is net stupid," wrote Farage, who drew a line from the government's green targets to the rising cost of living and made the case not just for a referendum on the issue, but also the return of fracking and coal-mining.

Other

There is also other adverse press relating to NF which does not fall into the first 3 categories outlined. A few examples of this include:

- **NF advocating for the Government to leave the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR)** (an international convention to protect human rights and political freedoms in Europe),
- **Endorsements of Donald Trump** including defending Trump's "grab them by the pussy" remarks as "locker room banter" and stating that Trump was "not running to be Pope". Adverse press shows that NF continues to support Trump despite the many new legal issues he faces.
- In 2010, when asked about women's football, NF gave the following answer: *"Here's the bigger question. Do we think, chaps, when we're there in the front line, when the balloon goes up, with fixed bayonets, when the whistle's about to blow to go over the top, do we actually want to be there with women beside us? Do we? What an extraordinarily bizarre idea! I certainly don't think so. But maybe it's because I've got so many women pregnant over the years that I have a different view. I find it very difficult to think that we could stand up and run over the top together, into the machine guns or whatever. Men and women are different – thank God!"*
- Appearances on InfoWars (the American conspiracy show run by far-right pundit Alex Jones) and continued support for Alex Jones despite the record award of \$1 billion in damages to the families of the Sandy Hook victims for lying about the 2012 mass shooting

Risk Mitigation

- There is no evidence of regulator or legal censure of the client.

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Russia / Pro Putin / RT links

Risk Mitigation

1. We cannot find any evidence of a direct “Russian regime “connection aside from the payments received in relation to media work for the Russian TV channel RT (which is ultimately Russian state owned). We note however that NF has not appeared on RT since 2017.

While NF appears to have no direct links with the following points warrant consideration:

- He has regularly been seen to be pro Russia / pro Putin. Even following the Russian invasion, he did not criticise Putin but instead blamed the invasion of the EU and NATO.
 - He questioned the sanctioning of Russian individuals.
 - He appeared regularly on RT (up until around 2016/2017 although was offered his own show on RT in 2018).
 - He is very closely linked to [third-party personal data removed]. [third-party personal data removed] supported Farage financially and also funded the Leave.EU Brexit campaign.
 - Farage has been labelled a “useful idiot” for Russian influence in the UK.
2. It doesn't appear that the claim made [third-party personal data removed] about the income NF received from RT was correct. He apparently only received “two small appearance fees” from RT and this was in 2016/2017.

Climate denying / Anti Net Zero

Risk Mitigation

- He is professional in his dealing with us – we have no reported issues
- He has not received any legal or other censure that we can establish.
- Although he does not align with our views, is likely to be the same for a number of the bank's customers. We do note that NF is a public figure and therefore the comments he makes are likely to reported more widely than other clients

Other

Risk Mitigation

These remarks are distasteful & appear increasingly out of touch with wider society.

The mitigants are limited:

- There is no evidence of regulator or legal censure of the client.
- He has not made any reference to the bank in any of his press comments – even though he has made it public that he banks with us.
- NF has referenced support for DT's comments, and he is not alone in that respect in the media and in many cases the general public. Given the public nature of the relationship he has with us, there is a risk that if we use this commentary [or the other commentary] to take action it may well be

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positioned [by NF] to appear to be taking political sides on this debate as the comments are not related to the Bank.

Reputational Risk

Given NF's high profile and the substantial amount of adverse press connected to him, there are significant reputational risks to the bank in being associated with him. While it is accepted that no criminal convictions have resulted, commentary and behaviours that do not align to the bank's purpose and values have been demonstrated.

individuals that convey pro-Russian sentiment or excuse Putin's behaviour - which NF "appears" to have done on various occasions.

we note that NF ceased his involvement with RT in 2017 and appears to have no direct links to the Russian government. Conversely however, NF is very publicly linked to [third party personal data removed]

This is not the case in this instance as there are various press articles highlighting NF as being a client of Coutts (for example an article on the Times website dated 9 June 2019 titled 'Everyman' Nigel Farage banks with Coutts).

It is also noted that given NF's public profile and penchant for courting controversy, it is highly likely that there will be further adverse press in the future. Accordingly, we are proposing NF be subject to annual reviews.

Financial crime risk

Principally this arises because of the alleged "Russian connection", and we have identified no direct or specific issues arising from the data collected so we have discounted this risk.

Our recommendation is not to exit but if we did decide to do this then we would need to accept that there is a significant reputational risk to the bank in doing so. It is likely that NF would perceive a decision to exit him as 'unfair' and he would almost certainly use his public platform to communicate this dissatisfaction.

it is acknowledged that many of the behaviours demonstrated by NF do not align with our values and that there are reputational risks to the bank in being associated with him

Recommendation and rationale:

Here is that while NF's views do not align to our values, his engagement with us is in line with what we expect – professional polite and respectful.

The EC though is low

Accordingly, we are recommending that the approval be given to continue the relationship. Subject to an annual review.

Alignment to purpose*

The bank purpose:

There are several factors and behaviours demonstrated by NF which arguably do not align with values that serve the common good and that treat people with dignity and respect.

When viewed from our perspective however, we are considering him as an individual and to some extent that does include expecting not all views will be the same as ours

However, when considering our stance specifically on ESG/Diversity and inclusion

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ESG – supporting diversity and inclusion; Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) equality, LGBTQ rights and social mobility.

The comments /articles are not in line with our views or our purpose

Climate Change/B CORPs/ Carbon Net Zero

The comments uncovered are not in line with banks views on the above.

However, it is fair to say this is a finely balanced case and which has looked to assess how he treats the staff, the business and spending significant amount of time examining the more recent press coverage

Whilst there is significant adverse press relating to 'NF' in the public domain particularly in relation to their association with 'Russia' there has been no evidence of direct links. However he does have strongly and in many cases controversial, publicly held views on many aspects of policy particularly climate & race, and although no legal or other censure has occurred it is clear they do not align with our purpose. These views do however present a reputational risk to the bank in being associated with NF.

cannot see any strong rationale to exit

Clearly NF is a someone who likes to be in the public eye and sees himself as an “alternative, plain speaking” view – which he would argue is not available^[sp?] elsewhere. This creates a lot of media attention which arguably at least in part is its purpose.

There has not been a legal or regulatory censure

- There is no evidence that he has direct “connections” with the Russian political infrastructure, either through our accounts or via further investigation in the press /the internet. He has not been sanctioned by the authorities in this regard.
- The original remarks on his LBC radio show have not been taken further by the authorities/regulators although he did leave the show soon after, he has not been prevented from further media work and is now employed at GB news. Part of his “media appeal” is of course the direct/controversial approach and this at times will come with remarks that many people would find unsupportable/unacceptable.

However, he has not made any inappropriate remarks to our staff and treats them professionally and with courtesy.

Although he is now declassified from higher risk PEP status and so with his current risk status, he meets the EC criteria for commercial retention.

the media consequences are unknown should he chose to go “public” – and given he already has disclosed the association with us

the repayment of the debt however will mean the EC is likely to fall significantly in 24 months' time

Reputational incl. Environmental Social & Ethical (ESE)
the recommendation to continue the banking relationship with NF

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No Financial Crime Risk

We have selected 'No Financial Crime' here as consideration was given to potential financial crime risks that may have arisen as a consequence of the alleged Russian links, but **no current direct links or other financial crime concerns were identified**

Financial Crime Customer Risk Assessment (CRA) rating*

High

Has Client Due Diligence (CDD) been completed?*

Yes – Last Lower risk PEP review undertaken 2022 and signed off 21/6/2022

Is customer or beneficial owner / significant controller a Politically Exposed Person (PEP), Public Official, Politically Exposed Person Relative/Close Associate, Special Interest Client Group?*

Yes **Currently a Lower Risk PEP** however AML team will be looking to **declassify him as a PEP on the next review as he is no longer associated with any political party** and the parties he has been associated with do not hold any representation any longer.

Transactional analysis outcome where applicable*

We have reviewed the account activity for both NF and Thorn in the side limited and can see nothing that appears to be a payment in relation to Russia, work in Russia or anything pro Putin.

The values NF actively and publicly promotes/champions, do not align with the bank's. Particularly given the manner in which he states (and monetises) those views - deliberately using extreme, hateful^[sp?] and emotive language (often with a dose of misinformation) - at best he is seen as xenophobic and pandering to racists, and at worst, he is seen as xenophobic and racist. He is considered by many to be a disingenuous grifter and is regularly (almost constantly) the subject of adverse media.

Conversely, it's acknowledged that NF's commentary remains within the law regarding hate speech and arguably on the right side of 'glorifying or promoting harmful behaviour' (although we should be mindful of the role the 'illegal immigrant / invasion' rhetoric plays in contributing to discrimination and in some instances, violence, against migrants).

Being associated with NF presents a material and ongoing reputational risk to the bank.

the banking relationship is public knowledge

The view that NF has not broken any law, has the right to free speech, is polite to staff

NF's very public profile and propensity for self-promotion. A decision to exit may result in NF using his platform on GB News/social media to air his grievances (unless he was too proud or embarrassed to publicise it). Given the extent to which NF polarises public opinion. As NF moves on his next grievance/bigger issues.

In the interests of treating NF fairly and minimising reputational risk, if decision to exit is agreed, I recommend giving advanced notice that we do not have appetite to renew his mortgage or provide banking facilities after the fixed period expires in July 2023.

that annual reviews are not sufficient for the amount of adverse press being generated by NF

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1. From an international affairs perspective, NF's reputational harm to the bank could stem from two areas. First, any relationship with Putin's regime, or endorsement of the illegal invasion of Ukraine. The paper suggests that we haven't found evidence of the former (beyond 'useful idiot' admiration) and his comments about the invasion fall short of endorsement. A second area would be his broad attitude to foreign countries and their peoples. Here, **it's clear to me that NF has – and projects - xenophobic, chauvinistic and racist views**, even though this is done within the law, or framed with sufficient ambiguity to claim malicious misquoting by his critics.
2. Unless/until NF makes a statement that glorifies or promotes harmful behaviour, we need to consider his default, ambient reputation – which I agree is captured for many as 'disingenuous grifter'. **I agree we should consider exit to coincide with the end of the mortgage term and on a long glide-path that reduces the risk of counter-criticism.**

Customer unique identifier*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[third-party personal data removed] had picked up the lower risk PEP review who he believed we could declassify as clients last actual political position was as a MEP which ended in 2019. Since then he started the Brexit Party, now known as Reform UK. He stepped down as leader on 6th March 2021

client had been downgraded to a lower risk PEP

a 25 page document detailing some of the adverse press associated with Nigel Farage back to 2016 – The main themes highlighted being;

- **Racism / Xenophobia / BLM**
- **Russia / Pro Putin / RT links**
- **Climate denying / Anti Net Zero**

Nature of relationship to the bank and commercial considerations*

The below article indicates that the client's relationship with Coutts is public/common knowledge;

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/everyman-farage-banks-with-coutts-09jkrm2k9>

Nigel Farage currently holds the following personal accounts with Coutts with the current balances [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NF has business accounts with Coutts [REDACTED]

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Economic Contribution is £

Customer's own internal controls and mitigating factors/plans

Nothing identified

Is there any adverse press?

Yes – significant adverse press was found in relation to NF and a summary of those findings was compiled

the links for the relevant articles can be found below:

Racism/Xenophobia/BLM

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2022/oct/20/jewish-groups-criticise-nigel-farage-for-calling-grant-shapps-globalist>

<https://www.easterneye.biz/nigel-farage-lawmakers-who-promoted-multiculturalism-are-responsible-for-leicester-violence/>

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-8401767/Nigel-Farage-blasted-inciting-racism-comparing-Black-Lives-Matter-group-Taliban.html>

<https://metro.co.uk/2020/06/09/nigel-farages-mic-cut-compares-black-lives-matter-taliban-12824411/>

<https://www.businessinsider.com/nigel-farage-leaves-lbc-show-black-lives-matter-taliban-comments-2020-6?r=US&IR=T>

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/nigel-farage-resigns-ukip-leader-brexit-leave-most-controversial-moments-racism-sexism-immigration-a7118801.html>

Pro-Russia / Putin / RT links

<https://www.indy100.com/politics/nigel-farage-vladimir-putin-praise>

<https://www.thelondoneconomic.com/politics/farage-i-was-wrong-about-putin-313403/>

<https://bylinetimes.com/2022/03/08/putin-plot-against-great-britain-and-how-he-got-away-with-it/>

<https://www.thearticle.com/the-russia-report-who-paid-for-brexit>

<https://www.spectator.co.uk/article/fact-check-did-farage-get-548-000-from-russia->

Climate denying / Anti Net Zero

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2022/mar/13/nigel-farage-hard-right-faction-brexit-net-zero-tory>

Other:

<https://www.gbnews.uk/news/nigel-farage-blasts-dominic-raabs-bill-of-rights-as-un-british-why-not-just-leave-the-echr/323163>

<https://hopenothate.org.uk/chapter/who-is-nigel-farage/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nigel_Farage

Confirm other Bank Franchises / Legal Entities with exposure to customer identified in the Group-Wide Search*

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Retail Commercial

Impacted Bank Franchise / Legal Entity unique identifier

[Redacted]

Details of other Bank Franchise / Legal Entity exposure to customer

[Redacted]

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Item 3: Personal data extracted from adverse press associated with Nigel Farage from 2016 made available to Wealth Reputational Risk Committee 17 November 2022

Racism / Xenophobia / BLM

Specific BLM comments

9 June 2020 - Nigel Farage is blasted for 'inciting racism' after comparing Black Lives Matter protesters to the Taliban sparking furious row live on GMB

Nigel Farage has been accused of inciting racism after he sensationally claimed the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement to be a 'far-left Marxist organisation whose chief aim is to close down police forces' in a blazing television row this morning over the toppling of a slave trader statue in Bristol.

The Brexit Party leader also accused the group of 'unpicking history' and compared the anti-racism group to terrorist organisation The Taliban.

The accusations were made in a fiery row on Good Morning Britain today, in which he was debating the removal of the Edward Colston statue in Bristol during anti-racism protests over the weekend.

...The Colston statue, which had been in place since 1895, has been a subject of controversy in recent years - due to his history as a 17th century slave trader - with the most recent petition to remove it attracting more than 11,000 signatures.

... Asked why he thought the toppling of Colston was wrong, he said: 'Because they did it as a violent mob making their own decisions and what they thought was right and wrong.

'The point here is you start to unpick history you do not quite know where you are going to finish up.'

But it sparked Dr Mos-Shogbamimu to take a swipe at Mr Farage.

She said: 'Nigel Farage embodies that is wrong with this country he exemplifies how some white people will whitewash the oppression of black people as their own so they can accuse BLM of an anti-white agenda.

'There is no justification for statues that immortalise slavery immortalise imperialism.'

But Mr Farage then hit back, accusing the Black Lives Matter group behind the weekend's protests of attempting to close down police forces.

He said: 'Do you know the BBC have consistently over the last week refused to tell people the truth about Black Lives Matter, the slogan... is a laudable aim.

'The organisation BLM is a far-left Marxist organisation whose chief aim is to de-fund and close down police forces.'

Dr Mos-Shogbamimu hit back, saying: 'You are full of such nonsense Nigel Farage.

'...BLM represents a fight against racism in this country.'

...She added: 'You are inciting evil racism.'

But Mr Farage refused to back down, adding: 'The Taliban love to blow up and destroy historical monuments from a different time that they do not approve of.

...Mr Farage had previously tweeted: 'A new form of the Taliban was born in the UK today. Unless we get moral leadership quickly our cities won't be worth living in.'

9 June 2020 - Nigel Farage's mic cut after he compares Black Lives Matter to Taliban

Nigel Farage had his microphone muted during an appearance on Good Morning Britain today after he defended slave trader Edward Colston and compared Black Lives Matter protesters to terrorists.

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The Brexit Party leader was accused of inciting racism with 'outrageous' comments including calling the downing of Colston's statue in Bristol 'mob rule' and comparing anti-racist protests to the Taliban.

Farage's microphone was cut during clashes with host Piers Morgan as well as fellow guests, lawyer and activist Dr Shola Mos-Shogbamimu and historian professor Kate Williams.

When Piers Morgan told him that slave trader Colston was 'responsible for the deaths of 20,000 people' Farage described him as a 'big philanthropist'...

<https://metro.co.uk/2020/06/09/nigel-farages-mic-cut-compares-black-lives-matter-taliban-12824411/>

11 June 2020 - Nigel Farage leaves LBC radio show 'with immediate effect' after comparing Black Lives Matter protesters to the Taliban

Nigel Farage has left his LBC radio show with "immediate effect," the station confirmed on Thursday, amid anger among his former colleagues over comments he'd made this week about Black Lives Matter protesters.

The Brexit Party leader and ally of President Donald Trump had his microphone muted during an appearance on ITV's "Good Morning Britain" this week after he compared Black Lives Matter protesters who downed a statue of British slave trader Edward Colston to the Taliban.

...However, sources at the station told Business Insider that Farage's time there had been brought to an end because of widespread anger among Black, Asian, and minority ethnic (BAME) staff about Farage's comments. One source said there had been "so much anger" among staff about the station publicly endorsing the Black Lives Matter movement "while promoting a man that likened it to the Taliban."

<https://www.businessinsider.com/nigel-farage-leaves-lbc-show-black-lives-matter-taliban-comments-2020-6?r=US&IR=T>

25 February 2022 – Article about Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) speech / appearance in Florida

...Back to more tried-and-tested territory, Mr Brexit wanted everyone to know it wasn't OK that "people feel guilty about being white" these days, and that "we're all supposed to take a knee to an organization called Black Lives Matter" which is, by the way, "openly Marxist". The boos were loud and enthusiastic. With a slightly manic look in his eyes, he added that "if we're going to keep our history, our heritage, our culture, if we're going to defend our civilization then this is the battleground."

<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/nigel-farage-cpac-speech-putin-ukraine-b2023741.html>

11 March 2022 - Nigel Farage attacks 'woke Wales' over Black Lives Matter banners in National Museum

Nigel Farage has used his show on GB News to attack the National Museum of Wales for adding placards from 2020 Black Lives Matter protests to its museums.

The placards were donated to the National Museum of Wales collection following demonstrations in the summer of 2020 after George Floyd was killed by a Minneapolis police officer, sparking anti-racist protests around the world.

... Nigel Farage however went after the museum in a segment branded 'WFT – Woke Wales' by the GB News chyron.

"The what the Farage moment is that that National Museum of Wales have decided that it is appropriate to place on display banners that took part in demonstrations last year for black lives matter," he said.

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“There it is – the Black Power to the People, Black Lives Matter. And, you know, we know that in the wake of the horrible death of George Floyd, we know that this stuff swept the country.

“But now we know what the Black Lives Matter organisation is all about. They want to defund the police. It is Marxist, it has in America been extremely violent.

<https://nation.cymru/news/nigel-farage-attacks-woke-wales-over-black-lives-matter-banners-in-national-museum/>

22 March 2021 - Nigel Farage accused of ‘racism’ after blaming Bristol anti-policing bill riots on BLM protesters

Nigel Farage’s basic understanding of what is happening in the news reached new heights on Sunday when he appeared to be very confused about what was happening in Bristol.

The former leader of the Brexit Party and MEP was apoplectic about the violent scenes which rocked Bristol on Sunday night as a peaceful ‘Kill the Bill’ protest turned violent, leaving two police officers in hospital.

The protest was in opposition to the controversial new policing bill which the government voted through the House of Commons last week, but Farage thought it was something altogether different.

Perhaps showing how blinkered his mindset can be, Farage shared a video of the riot and blamed it on the Black Lives Matter movement adding ‘Wake up everyone, this is not about racial justice.’

<https://www.indy100.com/news/nigel-farage-bristol-riots-police-bill-blm-b1820444>

Other instances of racism and/or xenophobia

6 August 2020 - 'Completely dehumanising': Nigel Farage describes group of children and adults landing in Kent as 'invasion'

Charities and anti-racism campaigners point out people have right to claim asylum in the UK.

Nigel Farage has been accused of trying to inflame anti-migrant tensions after claiming a small group of people on a beach amounted to a "shocking invasion on the Kent Coast".

The Brexit Party leader made the comments as he posted an unverified video on social media of half a dozen people, some children, getting out of a dingy on a beach.

But anti-racism campaigners and charities pointed out that the people in the video were entitled to claim asylum, and accused the former MEP of needlessly whipping up hostility.

"Farage's comment is completely dehumanising and designed to inflame tension against people in the most desperate situations," Minnie Rahman, public affairs and campaigns manager at the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants said.

"Nobody would risk their life to make a dangerous journey unless they have run out of options.

Those making these crossings are often fleeing war, violence and persecution.

"They have a legal right to have their voice heard when they arrive and they deserve safe and legal routes of entry - these routes are almost non-existent for vulnerable people seeking sanctuary."

Steve Valdez-Symonds, Amnesty International UK’s refugee and migrant rights director, added:

“These are women, men and children exercising their right to seek asylum in dangerous circumstances that they more than anyone else would much rather avoid.

“Sadly, they remain easy targets for too many willing to exploit their distress and suffering for attention or political gain.

Fizza Qureshi, CEO of the Migrants' Rights Network said: "Farage clearly doesn't know what 'invasion' means, nor recognises how harmful and racist such language is when targeted at refugees searching for safety and protection.

...Mr Farage's apparent attempt to inflame tensions comes at low-point in public interest in immigration issues.

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While migration often topped polls as a key political issue from 2001 to 2016, since the EU referendum interest has fallen off dramatically.

The number of people mentioning immigration as an issue in a long-running poll by Ipsos MORI fell from 48 per cent in June 2016 to 13 per cent in November 2019. It is currently registering at levels not since the early noughties.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/nigel-farage-kent-beach-invasion-video-anti-migrant-immigration-a9658246.html>

22 July 2021 - Nigel Farage GB News report from English Channel branded 'revolting'

GB News presenter Nigel Farage has come under fire over a report on migrants crossing the English Channel.

Mr Farage and his crew took a boat out in the channel to film people trying to make their way to British shores.

During the segment, which was posted on social media, the former UKIP leader focussed on a dinghy which he claimed was carrying migrants.

Mr Farage speculated that the boat was “probably stolen”, and added that the vessel, which doesn’t appear to have an engine, would be in serious danger were the sea not so calm.

“They’ve got a lovely day,” Farage said. “If the weather was to puff up, that’d be the end of that lot.”

He ends by saying he will be talking about the situation with migrants crossing the channel on his GB News show later.

The comments have been condemned online, with SNP politicians criticising the "lack of humanity" and branding the segment "ghastly".

Scotland’s Constitution Secretary Angus Robertson Tweeted: “The lack of humanity on display here by both Nigel Farage and GB News is a disgrace.

“There was a time when the UK willingly helped refugees. Now the outriders for Little Brexit Britain film them like zoo animals.”

SNP colleague John Nicolson MP said: “He’s talking about human beings dying. Revolting man. “Sooner this ghastly channel falls off air the better.”

Mr Farage announced last week that he would be presenting a daily show on GB News, which has been rocked by a row over a presenter 'taking the knee' during a live broadcast.

Guto Harri was suspended by the channel after making the anti-racism gesture on air. He has since resigned.

In a video announcing Farage’s appointment, the former UKIP and Brexit party leader announced he would “not be taking the knee for anyone”.

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/19461093.nigel-farage-gb-news-report-english-channel-branded-revolting/>

4 July 2016 - Nigel Farage resigns: The outgoing Ukip leader’s most controversial moments

Mr Farage has been accused of racism, sexism, and xenophobia

...The MEP has courted his fair share of controversy during his career as leader, often being accused of being racist or expressing xenophobic sentiment.

...In May 2014 Mr Farage was accused of a “racial slur” against Romanians after he suggested he would be concerned living next to a house of them.

“I was asked if a group of Romanian men moved in next to you, would you be concerned? And if you lived in London, I think you would be,” he told LBC radio during an interview.

Asked whether he would also object to living next to German children, he said: “You know the difference.”

...Defending one of Ukip’s candidates, who used the word “ch**ky” to describe a Chinese person, Mr Farage said:

“If you and your mates were going out for a Chinese, what do you say you're going for?”

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When he was told by the presented that he “honestly would not” use the slur, Mr Farage replied: “A lot would”.

...The Ukup leader used his 2014 conference speech to declare parts of Britain as being “like a foreign land”.

He told his audience in Torquay that parts of the country were “unrecognisable” because of the number of foreigners there.

Mr Farage has also previously said he felt uncomfortable when people spoke other language on a train.

...Mr Farage was accused of deploying “Nazi-style propaganda” when he unveiled a poster showing Syrian refugees travelling to Europe under the next “Breaking point” [a Leave.EU poster unveiled during the referendum].

Users on social media were quick to compare the advert to a Nazi propaganda film with similar visuals and featuring Jewish refugees.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/nigel-farage-resigns-ukip-leader-brexit-leave-most-controversial-moments-racism-sexism-immigration-a7118801.html>

22 December 2016

A spokesman for Britain’s Hope Not Hate organization told the Guardian thousands of people had donated money to fund legal action against former UKIP leader Nigel Farage after he called the group extremist.

Farage on Tuesday said organizations like Hope Not Hate, an anti-racism group, “masquerade as being lovely and peaceful, but actually pursue violent and very undemocratic means.” Farage also insinuated Brendan Cox, the widower of murdered British Labour MP Jo Cox, supported extremism through his involvement with the organization.

<https://www.politico.eu/article/cash-pours-in-for-anti-racism-charitys-nigel-farage-lawsuit-hope-not-hate/>

18 August 2018 - Palliative care doctor calls out Nigel Farage over ‘racism, abuse and hate’

A palliative care doctor has called out the racism, abuse, and hate that was unleashed for NHS workers the leave campaign.

The former UKIP leader, Nigel Farage, has raised his head from the parapet once again calling out the British Medical Associations warning that a ‘no deal’ Brexit could have catastrophic consequences for both the NHS and its patients.

The BMA warned that we could see fewer doctors and other medical staff, at a time when there are already huge shortages of these roles, due to uncertainty over future immigration status.

Mr. Farage called the warning an ‘extreme form of project fear’ adding ‘these people are an absolute disgrace’.

But a palliative care doctor has called out Mr. Farage and challenged him to a debate of the facts on his LBC show.

Disgraceful is the racism, abuse & hate.

In response to Nigel Farage’ original tweet, Dr Rachel Clarke said; “Disgraceful is an NHS hospice forced to close a *third* of its beds because some its nurses – wonderful, extraordinarily kind individuals – feel so unwelcome now in Britain they have been driven home to Spain, Portugal, Italy etc.

Disgraceful is the racism, abuse & hate unleashed by your foul & toxic referendum campaign – and, in particular, the racism towards EU staff we have witnessed, post referendum, in my own NHS hospital.

Disgraceful is dying patients trapped in their homes, in desperate need of an NHS hospice bed, who I cannot treat – because the beds are closed – because EU nurses have been driven away by post-Brexit hate.

Disgraceful is having to look a World War Two veteran in the eyes, as he weeps and trembles with relief that at last – at last – a hospice bed became available for his dying, desperate wife.

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Disgraceful is an NHS *already* short of 40k nurses and 10k doctors, yet haemorrhaging more daily thanks to the hateful impact of Brexit.

Disgraceful is the staggering – and sustained – 96% reduction in applications to the NHS from EU nurses since the referendum.

Disgraceful is people like you whipping up the hate that has caused all this misery – then trolling doctors like me who bear witness to its horrible, inhumane fallout, every day at work.

So, Mr. Farage, next time you talk about disgrace, and seek to denigrate doctors like me, wash your mouth out and wind your neck in.

Because patients are vulnerable – so incredibly vulnerable. And if you really were a man of the people, as opposed to the racist demagogue you are, you would show some goddamn humility about the human cost of what you've done.

And incidentally, @Nigel_Farage, if you want to debate the facts pertaining to Brexit and the NHS, please invite me onto your show to do so, rather than making ad hominem attacks on my profession.

<https://nursingnotes.co.uk/news/palliative-care-doctor-calls-nigel-farage-racism-abuse-hate/>

In July 2021 Farage criticised the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, accusing them of being a "taxi service" for illegal immigrants. This provoked a major public backlash – donations to the service rose 3000% in the wake of the remarks and a fundraiser on GoFundMe raised over £120,000 to purchase a new rescue hovercraft for the charity with a suggestion the boat be christened The Flying Farage.[188] In November 2021 Farage published an op-ed in The Daily Telegraph contemplating a return to frontline politics, due to the English Channel migrant crossings and what he perceived as the Prime Minister's indifference to the issue.[189]

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Farage has said that he supports Muslim immigrants who integrate to British society, but is against those who are "coming here to take us over", citing John Howard's Australia as a government to emulate in that regard.[252] He told a Channel 4 documentary in 2015 that there is a "fifth column" of Islamic extremists in the United Kingdom.[253] Farage has said that the "basic principle" of Enoch Powell's 'Rivers of blood' speech was correct: "What he was warning about was the large influx of people into an area, that change an area beyond recognition, there is tension," he said.[254]

Farage called on the British government in 2013 to accept more refugees from the Syrian Civil War.[259] He later said that those refugees should be of the country's Christian minority, due to the existence of nearer Muslim-majority safe countries. During the ensuing migration crisis, Farage alleged that the majority of people claiming to be refugees were economic migrants, and that some were Islamic State militants.

In an interview in 2014, Farage suggested that people with HIV should be banned from moving to the UK.[262] During the televised debates in advance of the 2015 election, he said that "You can come into Britain from anywhere in the world and get diagnosed with HIV and get the retro-viral drugs that cost up to £25,000 per year per patient... What we need to do is to put the NHS there for British people and families, who in many cases have paid into the system for decades." [263]

In a 2015 interview Farage stated that he had a "slight preference" for immigrants from countries such as India and Australia compared to those from Eastern Europe, as they "are in some ways more likely to speak English, understand common law and have a connection with this country".

Who is Nigel Farage

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Farage has used racism, xenophobia, sexism and Islamophobia to stir up division, has toxic connections to extreme and far-right figures across the world, and Thatcherite beliefs that he has tried to hide from communities in former industrial towns.

...Farage unveiled his infamous Breaking Point poster in the lead up to the EU referendum, which was compared to Nazi propaganda. Farage refused to apologise for it.

...During the Referendum Farage collaborated with Leave.EU, the unofficial Brexit campaign run by Farage's longtime ally [third-party personal data removed] and co-founded by Brexit Party chairman Richard Tice, which relentlessly sought to link immigrants and Muslims to violence and societal decline. Both Farage and Tice have distanced themselves from Leave.EU since the Referendum, as multiple scandals have struck the outfit.

...Farage is a well-known admirer of Enoch Powell, who is infamous for the "Rivers of Blood" speech [The "Rivers of Blood" speech was made by MP Enoch Powell on 20 April 1968, to a meeting of the Conservative Political Centre in Birmingham. His speech strongly criticised mass immigration, especially Commonwealth immigration to the United Kingdom and the proposed Race Relations Bill]. Farage asked Powell for his support in a by-election in 1994, and drove Powell to a UKIP rally in 1993, writing "That meeting, with a man who had achieved so much and sacrificed so much for his principles, awoke all sorts of aspirations in me which I had not even acknowledged before. It inspired me." Farage also claimed in 2008 that "While his language may seem out of date now, his principles remain good and true", and that "I would never say that Powell was racist in any way at all. Had we listened to him, we would have much better race relations now than we have got". He has elsewhere agreed with a section of the Rivers of Blood speech, claiming that the "basic principle" was correct, spoke glowingly of Powell, and has even recited sections of the speech from memory.

...Following the Westminster attack, Farage spoke of a "fifth column living inside these European countries" on Fox News. "If you open your door to uncontrolled immigration from Middle Eastern countries, you are inviting in terrorism", said Farage. He has elsewhere made "fifth column" comments in the wake of the 2015 Paris attack, here and here.

<https://hopenothate.org.uk/chapter/who-is-nigel-farage/>

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Russia / Pro Putin / RT links

Summary

NF seemingly has no direct links with Russia however:

- He has regularly been seen to be pro Russia / pro Putin. Even following the Russian invasion, he did not criticise Putin but instead blamed the invasion of the EU and NATO.
- He questioned the sanctioning of Russian individuals.
- He appeared regularly on RT (up until around 2016/2017 although was offered his own show on RT in 2018).
- He is very closely linked to [third-party personal data removed]. [third-party personal data removed] supported Farage financially and also funded the Leave.EU Brexit campaign. [third-party personal data removed] has strong links to Russia (and significant adverse press of his own).
The National Crime Agency investigated Leave.EU, [third-party personal data removed] and [third-party personal data removed]. The referral was announced amid concerns that [third-party personal data removed] was not the true source of £8m donated to Leave.EU. In September 2019 the National Crime Agency said it had found no evidence of criminality after investigating a series of claims against the Brexit campaign group Leave.EU and [third-party personal data removed]. The NCA said: "It will therefore take no further action against [third-party personal data removed], [third-party personal data removed], Better for the Country Ltd or Leave.EU in respect of this specific matter."
- Much speculation about Russian interference with Brexit remains. It was hoped the Russia Report would shed light on any potential involvement in the referendum however the report states that it was not instructed to investigate that. Committee members said they could not definitively conclude whether the Kremlin had or had not successfully interfered in the referendum that led to the UK quitting the European Union because no effort had been made to find out.
- Farage has been labelled a "useful idiot" for Russian influence in the UK.
- Doesn't appear the claim about the income he received from RT was correct. He apparently only received "two small appearance fees" from RT and this was in 2016/2017.

25 February 2022 – Article about CPAC speech / appearance

Farage clearly had realized ...that he should probably make a nod toward this [Russian tanks entering Ukraine], a globally significant moment. But, like many of his Republican-leaning friends, he also had a history of being publicly sympathetic with Putin. So how was he going to handle this one?

He started with the basics. "Vladimir Putin is a nationalist Russian. He wants to get back — at least I thought he wanted to get back — the Russian-speaking areas [of Ukraine] into his country. Those provinces in Ukraine, well, they are Russian-speaking... I always thought we were dealing with someone very logical, but now I don't think he is."

"I have no doubt that if Donald Trump had still been president, that invasion would not have happened."

<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/nigel-farage-cpac-speech-putin-ukraine-b2023741.html>

25 February 2022 - All of the times that Nigel Farage has praised Putin have resurfaced

A damning video of all the times Nigel Farage has praised Vladimir Putin is going viral on Twitter. Farage has been a vocal supporter of the Russian leader who has waged war on Ukraine and is launching an attack from land, sea and air.

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Right-wing former politician Farage has previously said Putin was the world leader he most admired as an operator.

Now, all the times Farage has praised the warmongering leader have been stitched together in a video that was shared on social media by Adam Bienkov, the political editor and correspondent for the BylineTimes.

Bienkov wrote: "Nigel Farage has spent years praising Putin and blaming Europeans for attempting to defend themselves against him. No surprise he's still at it today."

In one clip, Farage said: "If you poke the Russian bear with a stick, don't be surprised when he reacts."

Another clip showed Farage being challenged by David Dimbleby about when he said Putin was the leader he most admired.

Farage also blamed the EU and the expansion of NATO for allegedly starting some of the violence, calling the expansion "provocative" and claiming it was "encircling" Russia.

<https://www.indy100.com/politics/nigel-farage-vladimir-putin-praise>

24 Feb 2022 – Watch: Reactions as Nigel Farage defends Russia & blames EU for invasion of Ukraine

"Not so much GB News as KGB News," one Twitter user joked.

Reactions poured in after a video of Nigel Farage defending Russia's actions last week resurfaced. It comes as Russia has sent in what it says are peacekeeping troops in Ukraine, after weeks of tensions that it would invade the country following the deployment of tens of thousands of troops at the border.

But Farage warned in an interview with GB News last week that Russia president Vladimir Putin's demand that Ukraine does not join the western military alliance NATO should be met – rather than allow the group to expand even further east, right next to Russia.

<https://www.thelondoneconomic.com/news/nigel-farage-russia-eu-nato-gb-news-312951/>

24 Feb 2022 – London Economic Article quoting Farage's Twitter account – not condemning Putin, excusing his behaviour, again by blaming EU/NATO

Well, I was wrong. Putin has gone much further than I thought he would.

A consequence of EU and NATO expansion, which came to a head in 2014. It made no sense to poke the Russian bear with a stick.

These are dark days for Europe.

— Nigel Farage (@Nigel_Farage) February 24, 2022

Wading into the issue last week, former UKIP leader Nigel Farage called for Putin's demands to be met – rather than allow NATO to expand even further east.

He said: "I thought for 30 years that the NATO policy, the EU policy of expanding ever eastwards was a huge strategic error.

<https://www.thelondoneconomic.com/politics/farage-i-was-wrong-about-putin-313403/>

NF Wikipedia page

Farage said on 24 February 2022 that the 2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine was "A consequence of EU and NATO expansion, which came to a head in 2014. It made no sense to poke the Russian bear with a stick. These are dark days for Europe."^[235] His remarks led some commentators^[who?] to compare him to Lord Haw-Haw, the pro-Hitler broadcaster and propagandist of the 1940s who was subsequently tried and convicted for treason.^[236]

10 March 2022 - Nigel Farage's Not Sure About Those Sanctions On Russian Oligarchs

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Nigel Farage has set himself from the over-whelming majority of people involved in British politics by showing some sympathy for the Russian oligarchs facing sanctions for their alleged close links to Vladimir Putin.

... The government has cross-party support for the action, and has even faced criticism for not acting soon enough and sanctioning enough people, as Russia has been accused of war crimes and forced potentially millions of Ukrainians to flee their homeland.

But on his show on GB News on Thursday, the Brexit figurehead and friend of Donald Trump suggested ministers were not going about things the right way.

“I am beginning to ask myself the question – what are we trying to do?,” he said.

“I guess what we’re doing is we are trying to turn the rich Russian oligarchs against president Putin. That’s the game, I think, the government are engaged in.

“And yet, is it right to effectively seize people’s assets without any form ... any sense of due process.

“And will it really turn Russians against Vladimir Putin?

“I am concerned about the way in which this is being done.”

Farage got immediate pushback from guest Theo Paphitis, the entrepreneur and former chairman of Millwall FC.

“There’s no due process about moving into Ukraine and bombing innocent civilians,” he said.

https://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/entry/nigel-farage-sanctions-russian-oligarchs_uk_622a5ab3e4b06349371b039f

8 March 2022 - Peter Jukes tracks Putin’s long war against democracy and the West – and the Russian President’s allies in Britain’s pro-Brexit establishment

...It was Ambassador Yakovenko himself who first made overtures to the burgeoning UK Independence Party. The Ambassador was photographed meeting Nigel Farage in the Russian Embassy 2013, after which Farage was regularly featured on state-sponsored RT (formerly Russia Today) not only as a studio guest, but also in the news segments that covered Farage’s speeches in the European Parliament.

...Meanwhile, David Cameron’s promise to allow a referendum on EU membership during his successful 2015 election campaign presented an opportunity against the US’s major ally. Brexit would become a strategic blow against the EU, separating one of its most powerful economies from the rest of Europe.

Another Russian Embassy official in London, Counsellor Alexander Udod, a familiar presence at British army and university functions celebrating wartime alliances with the Soviet Union, was tasked with infiltrating the other key Brexit player, UKIP.

Udod approached two linchpins of the movement, [third-party personal data removed] and Andy Wigmore, at the 2015 UKIP conference in Doncaster, when they were planning their Leave.EU campaign. For the next year, from November 2015 through to the election of Donald Trump in 2016, there were multiple meetings with Leave.EU officials and Russian embassy staff, in which preferential access to state monopolies in Russian gold and diamond deals were discussed.

In retrospect, Nalobin and Udod represent a concerted and successful campaign to shape British politics using the wedge issue of Brexit.

...Yakovenko was recalled to Moscow after Boris Johnson took over the leadership of the Conservative Party in the summer of 2019. He was awarded the Order of Alexander Nevsky medal by Vladimir Putin himself and made President of the Diplomatic Academy. According to Luke Harding in his book *Shadow State: Murder, Mayhem, and Russia’s Remaking of the West*, Yakovenko told a fellow diplomat: “We have crushed the British to the ground. They are on their knees, and they will not rise for a very long time.”

Given this clear campaign of espionage and infiltration, designed to cause destruction to Britain’s prestige and international effectiveness, why did the security services or the UK Government fail to counter it?

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...Alarm about this prompted Tice's now partner, journalist Isabel Oakeshott, to go back over the material she had accumulated the previous year for her book on the Leave.EU campaign – *Bad Boys of Brexit: Tales of Mischief, Mayhem and Guerrilla Warfare in the EU Referendum Campaign*. In doing so, she discovered the cache of emails that I and Carole Cadwalladr published six months later in the Observer. In an indemnity deal with The Sunday Times dated 17 November in which she handed over a dossier to the Murdoch Sunday paper, Oakeshott said: "I am in no doubt [third-party personal data removed] and Wigmore have been acting as agents of influence for the Russian state".

<https://bylinetimes.com/2022/03/08/putin-plot-against-great-britain-and-how-he-got-away-with-it/>

15 March 2022 - EU politician says Nigel Farage defended Putin 'all the time'

A member of the European parliament has claimed Nigel Farage defended Russia's leader Vladimir Putin "all the time" during his stint in the EU.

Guy Verhofstadt, a Belgian politician, made the comments about Farage during an interview on LBC with Nick Ferrari.

They were prompted after Ferrari repeated claims made by Farage that the conflict we are seeing in Ukraine, perpetrated by the Russians, is because NATO "tried to poke the Russian bear with a stick".

In response, Verhofstadt spoke about Farage's behaviour when he too was a member of the European parliament (a position he held from 1999 until Britain left the EU), saying he was always "defending" Putin.

Verhofstadt said: "There he was all the time defending Putin. I found it a shame. I'm thinking [back] to Winston Churchill who had... another opinion about the responsibilities of Britain than Farage colluding with Putin."

Ferrari challenged Verhofstadt on the claim that Farage colluded with Putin.

Verhofstadt replied: "So he was simply defending the positions of Russia and denying, in fact, Ukrainians and Belarus and Georgians and Moldavia to chose their own path to democracy. "But he's not an exception, you know. Every extreme right-wing politician in Europe has one or other link with Russia and with Putin."

He also went on to say that Farage is one of Russia's right-wing European "cheerleaders".

<https://www.indy100.com/politics/nigel-farage-putin-guy-verhofstadt>

24 May 2022 - Nigel Farage joins pro-Putin Viktor Orban at conference of U.S conservatives

Nigel Farage was among a number of right-wing speakers who joined conservatives in Hungary on Thursday in an extraordinary session of America's Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC).

The former UKIP leader took part in the conference which also featured Hungary's pro-Putin and authoritarian demagogue Viktor Orban, as part of what are clearly wider efforts to cement bonds between far-right movements both in Europe and America.

<https://leftfootforward.org/2022/05/nigel-farage-joins-pro-putin-viktor-orban-at-conference-of-u-s-conservatives/>

21 July 2022 – The Russia Report — who paid for Brexit?

£8.4 million — it was the biggest ever political donation in British history, and made by an insurance salesman made uneasy by immigration and who opposed Britain's membership of the European Union. [third-party personal data removed] gave this enormous sum of money to the 2016 Brexit campaign.

If that money came direct from [third-party personal data removed] bank account, then it was perfectly legal. ([third-party personal data removed] has not been found to have breached electoral law). Foreign donations to elections and referendum campaigns have to be declared and

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identified. One of the biggest failures of the 1997 Labour government was not to adopt clear laws limiting political donations. Britain failed to ban donations by rich individuals or rich trade unions who want to buy influence.

Instead money continues to flow into political parties from the super rich, in exchange for access, peerages, and contracts.

[third-party personal data removed] close associations with the Russian government are not disputed. His own published accounts of his involvement in the Brexit campaign recorded meetings with the Russian ambassador Alexander Yakovenko, a close Putin associate. A Russian spy, Alexander Udod, was tasked with getting close to Nigel Farage, Ukip and [third-party personal data removed]. Udod was expelled from the UK in 2018 following the attempted murder of Sergei Skripal in Salisbury.

The Skripal killer squad came from the GRU, the Russian military intelligence agency, headed up to 2016 by Igor Sergun. He was a strong advocate of Brexit, not from any reasons of “taking back control” or other anti-EU arguments advanced over many years by British politicians and journalists of right and left but simply because Putin intensely disliked the role of the EU as a supra-national body which imposed sanctions on Russia after Putin’s invasion and annexation of Crimea.

Putin also disliked the EU Commission’s competition directorate using EU law to stop Gazprom’s monopolistic practices in EU energy supply chains. Putin’s foreign policy is easily summed up. “Russia up. America down. Europe out.”

Putin had funded other anti-EU politicians like Marine le Pen in France, the Alternative für Deutschland in Germany and the anti-EU Lega party of Matteo Salvini in Italy. In a sense this was no more than the continuation of a long-standing Russian practice since the 1920s of providing money for politicians and organisations which sympathised with Russian foreign policy objectives. In evidence to the House of Commons Select Committee on Culture, Media and Sport, [third-party personal data removed] and his associate, Andy Wigmore, denied any Russian connection.

[third-party personal data removed] had been in Moscow and at least three business deals were offered at the Russian embassy or by Russian agents to the pair. The Russian ambassador and the spy Udod were invited to parties hosted by [third-party personal data removed].

The Electoral Commission did refer [third-party personal data removed] to the National Crime Agency but Theresa May did not order the intelligence agencies help provide evidence. She refused to accept that any question mark might be placed over the very narrow win for Brexit when 36 per cent of the total registered electorate voted to leave the EU. Jeremy Corbyn has been a life-long opponent of EU membership and had voted against every EU treaty in the House of Commons since 1983.

With the arrival of Boris Johnson and a 100 per cent Brexit cabinet, the political establishment began to instinctively retreat from the notion that Russia may have influenced Brexit. Labour’s new leader, Sir Keir Starmer, also wants to shut down Brexit, believing that to challenge it would alienate Labour Red Wall voters who voted out in 2016.

In a new book *Going Dark*, Julia Ebner, a researcher at London’s Institute for Strategic Dialogue, reports on Russia’s Internet Research Agency, a Putin trolling operation that reached one in three Americans between 2015 and 2017 when Putin tried to get Trump elected. The Internet Research Agency set up 3,841 fake twitter accounts to pump out Kremlin lines on Trump and also Brexit.

The Russian state-controlled TV station, RT, and linked news agency, Sputnik, based in in Edinburgh, provided endless platforms for anti-EU commentators, economists and politicians. [third-party personal data removed] may have gone too far with the chutzpah of his latest demand that he be allowed to see and challenge the suppressed Russia report that the Intelligence and Security Committee of the House of Commons produced last year, and which is released today. Johnson delayed publication but after the farce of his failed efforts to impose Chris Grayling as ISC Chair, we will now get to read it. The ISC Chair is Julian Lewis, a pro-Brexit Tory MP who has spent his political life seeking to expose the baleful Russian interference in democratic politics.

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In the end [third-party personal data removed] will survive as it was his legal right to give money to a political campaign. The fate of Brexit will be settled not by uncovering the origins of that £8.4 million, but on whether in 12 or 24 months' time Brexit has brought us freedom, as the Brexiters always claimed it would, or whether we are left out in the cold.

<https://www.thearticle.com/the-russia-report-who-paid-for-brexit>

27 March 2019 - Did Russia make Brexit promoter Nigel Farage a 'YouTube star'?

As Brexit's uncertainty continues, former U.K. Independence Party (UKIP) leader and Brexit backer Nigel Farage is being criticized for putting "the future of ordinary citizens at risk." In a tweet, Dutch European Parliament member Esther de Lange shared a video of Farage leaving the European Union's legislature during a debate about Britain's future relationship with the E.U. According to de Lange, Farage only attended the debate to make his speech — which he recorded for YouTube — and then left.

De Lange's tweet has reignited claims made by a Guardian journalist that "these YouTube set-piece speeches ... are Farage's power base now." According to Carole Cadwalladr, the Russian state-funded international broadcaster RT (formerly Russia Today) lies "at the centre" of how these videos, and Farage's message, circulate online. In her words, "RT made Farage a YouTube star."

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2019/03/27/did-russias-rt-make-nigel-farage-brexit-promoter-youtube-star/>

16 May 2019 - Nigel Farage's funding secrets revealed

Channel 4 News investigation reveals how millionaire [third-party personal data removed] spent approximately £450,000 on Nigel Farage to fund lavish lifestyle the year following the EU referendum in summer 2016.

Millionaire insurance tycoon [third-party personal data removed] spent close to half a million pounds funding Nigel Farage, who is now the Brexit Party leader.

[third-party personal data removed] is currently under investigation by the National Crime Agency over the source of his funding for the Brexit campaign.

However, Nigel Farage claims [third-party personal data removed] has never funded The Brexit Party, which was founded in February this year.

An investigation by Channel 4 News reveals:

- [third-party personal data removed], through one of his companies, rented exclusive £4.4m Chelsea home for Mr Farage
- Gifts included furniture, council tax, water and electricity bills
- [third-party personal data removed] provided a £30k car and £20k for a driver
- [third-party personal data removed] also leased private office for £1,500 a month and paid Mr Farage's personal assistant
- Hundreds of thousands of pounds were spent promoting "Brand Farage" in America

...Mr Farage does not appear to have declared any of the visits funded by third parties to the European Parliament. It is not clear whether he was obliged to declare these costs under EU rules governing members of the European Parliament. Had Mr Farage been a Westminster MP, he would have had to declare the costs.

Mr Farage denies any wrongdoing.

The Brexit Party

[third-party personal data removed] is currently under investigation by the National Crime Agency over the source of money used to fund his Leave.EU referendum campaign.

His companies are also subject to an investigation by the Information Commissioner's Office.

Leave.EU has been found to have breached electoral rules and was fined by the Electoral Commission.

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Mr Farage has repeatedly denied [third-party personal data removed] has made any donations to the Brexit Party, or has any involvement with it.

He has previously refused to name a donor to the party claiming he would be "hounded" if his identity was revealed.

Another donor, Jeremy Hosking, has revealed he donated £200,000 to the group.

Farage has consistently defended [third-party personal data removed], claiming that the allegations surrounding his business deals, his campaign and his relationship with Russia are "unfounded".

Channel 4 News made repeated requests to Mr Farage for an interview to answer these questions raised by our investigation.

At an event in Merthyr Tydfil on Wednesday, Mr Farage again refused to answer questions saying: "No comment."

Mr Gunster declined to provide a statement but claimed our information was "not credible".

In a statement [third-party personal data removed] told us: "Channel 4 attempts to smear myself and Nigel, come at a time when the Brexit Party is riding high in the polls, so it should come as no surprise to anyone."

<https://www.channel4.com/news/nigel-farages-funding-secrets-revealed>

27 May 2019 - Nigel Farage Faces Allegations Of Taking Russian Money

In a devastating revelation, Alistair Campbell, former Press Secretary to Prime Minister Tony Blair, appears to have confirmed the suspicions of the Brussels press corps by suggesting that British MEP Nigel Farage is a Russian "asset".

Mr. Farage, who has previously referred to Vladimir Putin as the "world leader he most admires", will be very popular in the Kremlin at the moment for his undermining of European unity, should there be such a thing, and for his notable and somewhat suspicious failure to support NATO.

Kremlin propaganda outlet, RT, has referred to Farage as their favourite British politician.

Farage, whilst affecting to be a great admirer of all things relating to the First World War, has never served himself, a fact that has not been lost on those who surround him. "A complete phoney", as one former UKIP MEP describes him.

Farage is well known in the European institutions for his cynical attitude to his Parliamentary assistance allowance. The former leader of the UK Independence Party was outed by MEP Nikki Sinclair for employing both his wife, Kirsten, and his "former" lover Annabelle Fuller simultaneously at taxpayer's expense. Fuller was replaced in Farage's affections by one Laure Ferarri, also paid by the taxpayer, then to become politically involved with former Donald Trump adviser Steve Bannon, also widely suspected of being in receipt of Moscow Geld.

Recent revelations of Farage's financial dependence on businessman [third-party personal data removed], which appears not to have unduly embarrassed him, may be of continuing interest to the press, who are now taking an interest in [third-party personal data removed] [third-party personal data removed].

<https://eutoday.net/news/politics/2019/nigel-farage-faces-allegations-of-taking-russian-money>

31 March 2014 - Nigel Farage's relationship with Russian media comes under scrutiny

The Ukip leader's Euroscepticism makes him a shoo-in at the Russian state broadcaster that is often called Putin's mouthpiece.

Nigel Farage's near monthly appearances on state-owned Russia Today have come under scrutiny after his expression of admiration for Vladimir Putin this week.

In one of his 17 appearances on the channel seen by the Guardian and transmitted since December 2010, he claims Europe is governed not by elected democracies but instead "by the worst people we have seen in Europe since 1945".

... The Ukip leader did not issue a word of criticism of Russian democracy in any of the Russia Today interviews viewed by the Guardian.

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<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2014/mar/31/nigel-farage-relationship-russian-media-scrutiny>

8 September 2018 - Russian broadcaster offers Nigel Farage his own television show

Nigel Farage has apparently been offered his own show on Russian television.

Kremlin-backed broadcaster RT, formerly known as Russia Today, has entered talks with a range of outspoken public figures.

...Mr Farage, who has appeared regularly on the station, has said that an agreement has not yet been made.

"I've appeared on RT occasionally. They are a broadcaster with an audience. They may well have a political agenda, but you can't ignore them," he told the Telegraph.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/russian-broadcaster-offers-nigel-farage-own-television-show-rt-a7232876.html>

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Farage was listed as a person of interest by the FBI in their investigation into possible Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election.[209] Farage responded, "This hysterical attempt to associate me with the Putin regime is a result of the liberal elite being unable to accept Brexit and the election of President Trump... I consider it extremely doubtful that I could be a person of interest to the FBI as I have no connections to Russia." [210]

The Russia Report (Wikipedia)

"The Russia report" is the report of the British Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament (ISC) into allegations of Russian interference in British politics, including alleged Russian interference in the 2016 Brexit referendum and the 2014 Scottish independence referendum.

The committee completed the report in March 2019 and it was published in July 2020, after claims were made that delays to its publication were due to government machinations. According to the report, there is substantial evidence that Russian interference in British politics is commonplace.

21 July 2022 - Russia report reveals UK government failed to investigate Kremlin interference

The British government and intelligence agencies failed to conduct any proper assessment of Kremlin attempts to interfere with the 2016 Brexit referendum, according to the long-delayed Russia report.

The damning conclusion is contained within the 50-page document from parliament's intelligence and security committee, which said ministers in effect turned a blind eye to allegations of Russian disruption.

It said the government "had not seen or sought evidence of successful interference in UK democratic processes" at the time, and it made clear that no serious effort was made to do so.

"The report reveals that no one in government knew if Russia interfered in or sought to influence the referendum because they did not want to know," said Stewart Hosie, a Scottish National party MP who sits on the cross-party committee.

"The UK Government have actively avoided looking for evidence that Russia interfered. We were told that they hadn't seen any evidence, but that is meaningless if they hadn't looked for it."

The committee, which scrutinises the work of Britain's spy agencies, said: "We have not been provided with any post-referendum assessment of Russian attempts at interference". It contrasted the response with that of the US.

"This situation is in stark contrast to the US handling of allegations of Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election, where an intelligence community assessment was produced within two months of the vote, with an unclassified summary being made public."

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Committee members said they could not definitively conclude whether the Kremlin had or had not successfully interfered in the referendum that led to the UK quitting the European Union because no effort had been made to find out.

“Even if the conclusion of any such assessment were that there was minimal interference, this would nonetheless represent a helpful reassurance to the public that the UK’s democratic processes had remained relatively safe,” said the report.

...Committee members noted that publicly available studies have pointed to “the preponderance of pro-Brexit or anti-EU stories” on the Russia Today and Sputnik TV channels at the time of the vote, and “the use of ‘bots’ and ‘trolls’” on Twitter, as evidence of Russian attempts to influence the process.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/jul/21/russia-report-reveals-uk-government-failed-to-address-kremlin-interference-scottish-referendum-brexit>

21 July 2020 – Game, Set, Match for Putin in Russia Report

...In 2016 Putin helped get his friend Donald Trump elected, thus shutting down - for the first time since 1946 - any US criticism or action over Russian foreign policy adventurism.

And he helped deliver a serious blow to the European Union by helping win Brexit. Putin did not bother to use what Russians would call a ‘useful idiot’ like Boris Johnson. The then Tory MP had more than proven his fidelity to the Kremlin world view that the EU was a bad thing, as well as supporting handsome donations to the Tory Party by Russian oligarchs.

Instead, Putin worked through an even more ‘useful idiot’, Nigel Farage, and threw Russian money and influence to help push British voters over the line into agreeing with the official Russian hostility to the European Union.

https://www.labourmovementforeurope.uk/game_set_match_for_putin_in_isc_report

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Climate denying / Anti Net Zero

12 March 2022 - What are the motives behind the timing of Farage's new political campaign?

Is the launch of the anti-Net Zero group intended to be a distraction from Farage's Putin links and sympathies, a desperate bid by the former UKIP leader for relevance - or a bit of both?

On March 5, Farage took to Twitter – his favourite portal for communication – to announce the launch of a political movement to campaign for a referendum on the government's Net Zero policy to decarbonise the economy by 2050.

The former Brexit Party leader used an article in the Mail on Sunday to announce a new drive for a referendum on Net Zero, to “kill off Boris's ‘ruinous’ green agenda.” The pro-Brexit, anti-climate action, right-wing newspaper relished in saying: “He got us out of the EU. Now the former UKIP chief demands a referendum on Net Zero.”

Vote Power Not Poverty campaign

The campaign goes under the name of ‘Vote Power Not Poverty’ and mimics the memorable and highly successful ‘take back control’ slogan of the Leave campaign during the EU referendum, with ‘Let's take back control of our energy policies and prices!’

The group claims to be cross-party but as far as we can see it seems to be made up of the usual climate denier suspects, including Richard Tice, who also tweeted the Mail on Sunday's report, and is merely a project of Reform UK – the right-wing populist party of which Tice leads.

The launch of the Brexit-style campaign to fire up British coal mines and start drilling for shale gas in the UK has been slammed, with critics saying it would only make Britain more dependent on oil, at a time when, with the Russian invasion of Ukraine, calls are being made for the UK to become more energy independent and move towards a greener economy.

The timing of the ‘big launch’ of Farage's Brexit-style anti-Net Zero campaign should not be overlooked. It could be argued that the project is being used as a suspiciously convenient distraction to stop us focusing on the former UKIP leader's Putin links and sympathies.

<https://leftfootforward.org/2022/03/what-are-the-motives-behind-the-timing-of-farages-new-political-campaign/>

13 March 2022 - Nigel Farage's hard-right faction won Brexit. Now net zero is in its sights

First it was Brexit, followed by a spurt of very successful campaigning to ensure that Britain left Europe on the most stringent and self-harming terms. For a while, Nigel Farage then opposed Covid restrictions. Now, he is reviving his old hostility to action on the climate emergency, with a new vehicle called Britain Means Business, which has spawned a campaign called Vote Power Not Poverty. Both were recently launched by an article in the Mail on Sunday. “Net zero is net stupid,” wrote Farage, who drew a line from the government's green targets to the rising cost of living and made the case not just for a referendum on the issue, but also the return of fracking and coal-mining.

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2022/mar/13/nigel-farage-hard-right-faction-brexit-net-zero-tory>

Nigel Farage understates renewable energy generation

During his show on GB News, former UKIP and Reform UK leader Nigel Farage was discussing renewable energy and claimed that during September there was a three week period when renewables accounted for between just 2% and 3% of our electricity. A reader asked us to look into whether this was true.

It isn't.

The first three weeks of September did see relatively low levels of renewable electricity production, but far above the levels Mr Farage claimed. After that, renewable production rose substantially.

On each day from 1 September to 21 September, hydroelectricity, solar, and wind power (a conservative definition of “renewable energy”) produced 10%-19% of Great Britain's electricity.

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Even if Mr Farage had meant to talk about wind energy alone, this produced at least 4%-14% of Great Britain's electricity on each day during the first three weeks of September.

<https://fullfact.org/environment/renewable-energy-generation-farage/>

28 June 2022 - Prince Charles 'stupid enough' to let controversial politician into private residence

Brexit leader Nigel Farage says not only is Prince Charles has been spreading a "doomsday alarmist cult" but...

<https://www.skynews.com.au/opinion/paul-murray/prince-charles-stupid-enough-to-let-controversial-politician-into-private-residence/video/984ee5b10f9a3b1b614fea6026f69e3c>

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Other topic of adverse

Leaving the European Convention on Human Rights

(An international convention to protect human rights and political freedoms in Europe).

22 June 2022 - Nigel Farage blasts Dominic Raab's Bill of Rights as 'un-British' – 'why not just leave' the ECHR?

...But Nigel has questioned the new policy, instead urging the Government to leave the ECHR altogether.

<https://www.gbnews.uk/news/nigel-farage-blasts-dominic-raabs-bill-of-rights-as-un-british-why-not-just-leave-the-echr/323163>

His Twitter feed also features numerous anti Human Rights Act tweets advocating for leaving the ECHR.

Gender Issues:

At a Q&A on the European Union in January 2014 Mr Farage said there was no discrimination against women causing the gender pay gap.

Instead, he said, women were paid less because they were simply “worth far less” than many of their male counterparts.

“A woman who has a client base, has a child and takes two or three years off - she is worth far less to her employer when she comes back than when she went away because that client base won't be stuck as rigidly to her portfolio,” he said.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/nigel-farage-resigns-ukip-leader-brexiteer-leave-most-controversial-moments-racism-sexism-immigration-a7118801.html>

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... Farage defended Trump's “grab them by the pussy” remarks as “locker room banter” and “alpha-male boasting”.

... He claimed that, in banking, women were “worth far less” than men if they chose to have a family: “If a woman with a client base has a child and takes two or three years off work, she is worth far less to her employer when she comes back than when she went away because that client base won't be stuck as rigidly to her”. Upon being asked if this was fair, he replied: “I can't change biology”.

...Under his leadership, UKIP's 2010 manifesto had a policy to abolish statutory maternity pay (SMP).

... In 2010, when asked about women's football, Farage gave the following answer: “Here's the bigger question. Do we think, chaps, when we're there in the front line, when the balloon goes up, with fixed bayonets, when the whistle's about to blow to go over the top, do we actually want to be there with women beside us? Do we? What an extraordinarily bizarre idea! I certainly don't think so. But maybe it's because I've got so many women pregnant over the years that I have a different view. I find it very difficult to think that we could stand up and run over the top together, into the machine guns or whatever. Men and women are different – thank God!”

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In October 2016 Farage praised Trump for "dominating" Hillary Clinton, comparing him to a silverback gorilla.

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Following revelations of a 2005 audio recording in which Trump made lewd remarks about women, Farage said that Trump's comments were "ugly" but described them as "alpha male boasting" also stating that Trump was "not running to be Pope" and that women also make remarks they would not want to see reported. Farage's comments prompted several senior UKIP members to express concern privately, and resulted in public criticism of Farage from two UKIP MEPs, Jane Collins and William Dartmouth.

As more publicity appeared about Trump's alleged groping and as the criticisms increased, Farage said he disagreed with Trump's comments about groping women and his comments on Muslim immigration.[204]

Farage endorsed Roy Moore in the United States Senate special election in Alabama.[216] After numerous allegations of sexual misconduct were made against Moore,[217] Farage publicly expressed his scepticism over the allegations.[218] In May 2018, he expressed regret for having backed Moore, stating, "I should have thought about the whole thing far more deeply than I did, and it was a mistake."[219]

False Brexit Claims

When he said he actually couldn't guarantee £350m to the NHS after Brexit

...During the EU referendum campaign the Leave side pledged to spend £350 million a week on the National Health Service – claiming that this is what the UK sends to Brussels.

Nigel Farage didn't speak out against this figure and also pledged to spend EU cash on the health service and other public services himself.

Then the day of the election result he suddenly changed his tone, saying he couldn't guarantee the cash for the NHS and that to pledge to do so was "a mistake".

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/nigel-farage-resigns-ukip-leader-brexite-leave-most-controversial-moments-racism-sexism-immigration-a7118801.html>

When he said the EU campaign was won 'without a bullet being fired'

...Mr Farage was branded "shameful" for using his Brexit victory speech to say the referendum had been won "without a bullet being fired".

The comments came just days after MP Jo Cox was shot. At his trial Thomas Mair had introduced himself as 'my name is freedom for Britain, death to traitors'.

"We will have done it without having to fight, without a single bullet being fired, we'd have done it by damned hard work on the ground," he said.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/nigel-farage-resigns-ukip-leader-brexite-leave-most-controversial-moments-racism-sexism-immigration-a7118801.html>

Links to Trump

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...Farage has also defended Trump's Islamophobic outbursts. When Trump retweeted a post from Britain First, the far-right anti-Muslim street movement that has carried out "mosque invasions" in the UK, Farage called the outrage "out of all proportion" and "ridiculous". After Trump told four congresswomen of colour to "go back and help fix the totally broken and crime infested places from which they came," Farage said that whilst he initially felt uncomfortable, he then realised Trump's comments were "genius", that he "does things his way", and called him "a remarkably effective operator".

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Since April 2018 Farage has been a strong advocate for U.S. President Donald Trump to receive the Nobel Peace Prize on the basis of his attempt to bring better diplomatic relations between North Korea and South Korea as well as better diplomatic relations between North Korea and the United States. As a member of the European Parliament, Farage expressed his desire to begin an official petition for Trump to receive the award.[215]

After gaining no seats in the 2019 UK general election under the Brexit Party banner, Farage said he would leave the country to work as a warm-up speaker for Trump's 2020 campaign rallies.[225]

In June 2020, Farage was exempted by the US officials from the country's travel ban under a "national interest" clause, while Trump prepared for his first major election campaign rally since the COVID-19 pandemic. On 20 June, he posted a picture from the US and was later spotted at the Trump rally, taking part in a "Team Trump on Tour" panel discussion.[226]

Farage appeared in the audiences of rallies in states such as Michigan and Pennsylvania.[227] In an Arizona rally on 29 October, Trump called Farage "one of the most powerful men in Europe" and invited him to speak on the stage, where he described Trump as the "most resilient and brave person" he had ever met.[228] After the day of the election, Farage conceded that Trump lost "fair and square", but said "Donald Trump loses the odd battle, but he doesn't lose wars. He keeps fighting until he wins them".[229]

LGBT rights

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When asked on LBC in 2014, after same-sex marriage was legalised in England and Wales, whether he supported gay marriage, he answered that he does "not support the idea of same-sex marriages, all the while we're under the auspices of the European Court of Human Rights".[280][281] He added that he would not campaign to abolish same-sex marriage.[280] He also believes that people who oppose same-sex marriage, such as Christian and Muslim communities, should be allowed to speak out about their beliefs.[241]

In 2019 Farage defended Ann Widdecombe, a Brexit Party candidate, for remarks that were perceived to be supportive of gay conversion therapy. Widdecombe had stated that science may one day "produce an answer" to homosexuality. Farage later defended Widdecombe for these remarks, explaining that "these things are a matter of conscience".[282][283]

Conspiracy theories

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In 2014, Farage appeared in an online documentary, Bilderberg: The Movie, alongside a number of conspiracy theorists. In the film he said: "I've tried very hard not to believe in conspiracy theories," but accused the European Union of moving "towards supranationalism", adding: "I've got to know over the years the Van Rompuy, the Schulzes, you know, the Barrosos, even the Junckers, the Timmermans, and it's completely clear, they actually want to destroy the nation state as a unit". According to an investigation by the anti-racism group Hope Not Hate, Farage has retweeted Jack Posobiec, a promoter of the debunked Pizzagate conspiracy theory. A Brexit party spokesman dismissed the findings as "a series of tangential, transient retweets." [284] Farage has appeared alongside conspiracy theorists from the LaRouche movement and InfoWars.[285][286]

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In 2019, Farage described financier George Soros as "the biggest danger to the entire western world" and alleged Soros seeks "to undermine democracy and to fundamentally change the makeup, demographically, of the whole European continent". As Soros is of Jewish descent, the Jewish Community Security Trust said "Nigel Farage should ensure that his language does not help [antisemitic conspiracy theories] to spread in British politics".[287]

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Alex Jones:

Farage has made six appearances on InfoWars, the American conspiracy show run by far-right pundit Alex Jones. Jones has been described as "the most prolific conspiracy theorist in contemporary America" by the Southern Poverty Law Centre. Conspiracies forwarded by Jones include:

- The 7/7 bombings were a British government plot
- The Sandy Hook shooting was staged
- High ranking figures in the Democratic Party ran a child sex ring out of a pizza shop
- 9/11 was an inside job, carried out by the US government

<https://hopenothate.org.uk/chapter/who-is-nigel-farage/>

Fascism

14 May 2019 - Farage's fascist past? Nigel boasted about his NF initials and sang 'gas them all', claims schoolfriend

Nigel Farage was proud at the height of Britain's far right movement that his initials NF also stood for National Front, according to a close school friend who after years of silence says he now wants the public to understand more about the man.

He also claims the teenage Mr Farage sang "gas 'em all, gas 'em all", a neo-Nazi song about Jewish people.

The former friend attended fee-paying Dulwich College in south London with the ex-Ukip leader in the late Seventies and early Eighties and says he has kept quiet about his memories until now, in part out of a sense of loyalty.

...over the past several months the successful professional has become alarmed by divisions he believes are being created in Britain partly as a result of the rhetoric and imagery used by the MEP.

When he saw him standing in front of a Leave.EU poster of refugees with the words "Breaking Point" during the latter stages of the Brexit campaign, he thought it was time to speak out.

At that moment, he remembered the teenage Nigel who he says would provoke and "enchant" teachers and pupils alike and supported the British 1930s fascist Oswald Mosley.

... It is not the first time Mr Farage has faced accusations of holding fascist views at school. In 2013, a letter emerged from a former Dulwich College teacher, Chloe Deakin, to then headteacher Mr Emms, who died earlier this year. According to the letter written in June 1981 – two months after the Brixton riots a couple of miles away – she pleaded unsuccessfully with Mr Emms to reverse his decision to make Nigel a prefect. She said colleagues had told her he held "publicly professed racist and fascist views" and that he had once marched through a Sussex village singing Hitler Youth songs.

When confronted by these accusations in 2013, Mr Farage said: "I don't know any Hitler youth songs, in English or German... . Any accusation I was ever involved in far right politics is utterly untrue.

"Of course I said some ridiculous things, not necessarily racist things. It depends how you define it."

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<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/nigel-farage-fascist-nazi-song-gas-them-all-ukip-brexiteer-schoolfriend-dulwich-college-a7185236.html>

Djokovic

10 January 2022 - Nigel Farage is behaving like a competition winner around the Djokovic family

You can really feel the excitement, the sense of anticipation, as this lucky competition winner lives out his dream. “Oh wow,” he breathes, as he steps cautiously into Novak Djokovic’s trophy room in Belgrade. “This is pretty amazing.”

For a lifelong tennis fan, it doesn’t get much better than this. To the left, glass cabinets full of Grand Slam trophies. To the right, beautiful paintings of your Serbian hero. “Hi Nigel,” a woman calls out, beckoning the man forward. Everyone else ignores him – quick tour, obligatory selfie, get the next one in.

Nigel Farage will try and spin the story differently but this, really, is the extent of it. He has attached himself to a bandwagon and been rewarded with a quick peek inside Djokovic’s trophy room.

...All of which is interesting enough [Djokovic having his visa revoked and then a judge overruling it], but it does seem fair to ask what on earth it has to do with Nigel Farage? The answer, as it so often is, is nothing. Yet here he is, placing himself at the centre of the story and rubbing his grubby mits all over the ruling.

“A huge win for [Djokovic] this morning,” he wrote on Twitter. “If the Australian government fight[s] this they will look dreadful.”

And here he is on GB News. “The family can’t believe what’s going on,” he gurgled (did he mention he knows the family?). “Is Australia a country that is based on the rule of law? Or is it a country where governments can exercise arbitrary power? I mean, frankly, if that judgement this morning is overruled, what’s the difference between Australia and a banana republic?” It is, as Farage well knows, a question that doesn’t warrant an answer.

I made the point in a column last week that it is something of a surprise to watch Nigel Farage, former leader of Ukip and Dover-based migrant-botherer, berate a country for actually enforcing its border regulations.

Andy Murray made a similar observation this morning. “Please record the awkward moment when you tell them you’ve spent most of your career campaigning to have people from Eastern Europe deported,” he wrote on Twitter, commenting on the video of Farage in Djokovic’s trophy room. But I was wrong. It isn’t surprising at all. Nigel Farage cares about Nigel Farage, and will quite happily get behind anything that keeps him on the airwaves. If it’s not Brexit, it’s lockdowns. Don’t be picky, let’s keep this show on the road. So what if he’s championed Australia’s strict border rules for years? So what if he has insisted Australia is key to the success of Global Britain? Forget all that, this is now about vaccinations.

It’s the spineless, chaotic behaviour of a chancer – and it’s a fool’s errand to try and make any sense of it. You might as well try and bounce a tennis ball on a cobbled street.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/nigel-farage-novak-djokovic-why-b1989877.html>

Farage Twitter:

(just some of the most recent posts – someone might wish to consider reviewing his profile in more detail)

30/06/2022 – Says deportations of criminals to Nigeria wont work “all the while we have the Human Right Act.

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30/06/2022 – Says PM becomes more ridiculous and metropolitan liberal by the minute because he said “we need more women in power”

4 days ago – Prince Charles is even more stupid than I thought (in relation to the accepting suitcases of cash from Sheikh 10 years ago)

23/06/2022 – GB News and Farage praised by 17 year old for giving him a platform to tell ‘his’ story about being excluded from school for sharing a (racist) meme comparing Shamima Begum to the KKK. Farage states it as him being expelled from school for ‘expressing conservative views’

22/06/2022 – Claims “if we leave the ECHR we get back control of our borders”

16/06/2022 – **Supporting anti-vaxx stance in relation to Djokovic** – “it doesn’t matter how many times you get vaccinated, you can still catch Coronavirus. This is no longer about health – it’s about state control.”

15/06/2022 – “Left wing lawyers now dictate our immigration policy. Time to leave the ECHR and finally complete Brexit.”

09/06/2022 – Retweeted Peter Bone MP which says “it is time to send the economic migrants to Rwanda and stop the people smuggling gangs”

07/06/2022 – tweet mocking a tshirt sold on Amazon with the phrase “there are more than two genders”

24/05/2022 – retweets Laurance Fox who has tweeted Ricky Gervais **transphobic comedy sketch** with the caption “this is brilliant”

04/05/2022 – **Still pro Trump**

03/05/2022 – Opposes clamping down on ‘disinformation’ – ‘Elon Musk please hurry up, raise the money, get Twitter, we need you very badly’ – reacting to Biden establishing a disinformation government board to investigate social media.

22/04/2022 – “...By August 2016 I gave Trump my full support – and I have backed him ever since.”

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Item 4: Personal data extracted from internal email exchange regarding Nigel Farage - Wealth Exit Decision

Date & Time	Content
13 March 2023 09:40	Noted and OK to proceed according to the previously approved exit plan
10 March 2023 14:46	<p>I wanted to make you aware of a commercial exit decision we have made on the account of Nigel Farage. The relationship has been below commercial criteria for some time and upon review of Nigel's past public profile and connections, the perceived risks for the future weighed against the benefit of retention the decision was taken to exit upon repayment of an existing mortgage.</p> <p>In making the decision risk factors including accusations of links to Russia, controversial public statements which were felt to conflict with the bank's purpose and the possibility, speculated upon in the press and not denied, of re-entry to politics were taken into account. There is however also clearly a risk of negative publicity in exiting which was accepted.</p> <p>The exit was expected to be in Q3 2023 however the mortgage has now been repaid early and the security released which is triggering an earlier notification of exit to the client</p>

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Glossary

To help understand the data, we have provided a list of abbreviations and acronyms that appear.

Additionally, please note that:

- Where third party data has been removed this has been indicated as follows: [third-party personal data removed].
- Where a spelling errors were identified an acknowledgement note is added: [sp?].

Abbreviation/Acronyms	Full Description
AML	Anti-Money Laundering
BLM	Black Lives Matter
DR	Debit
DT	Donald Trump
EC	Economic Contribution
EUR	Euro
ESG	Environmental, Social and Governance
GBP	British Pound sterling
Mortgage PPR	Mortgage against principal private residence
NF	Nigel Farage
PB Triage	Private Banking Triage
PEP	Politically Exposed Person
RRC	Reputational Risk Committee
RRF	Reputational Risk Forum
USD	United States dollar