

London: The July Riots

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Thousands gathering in Trafalgar Square, 27 July

American readers will have seen reports on the news of riots by so-called 'far-right' and 'racist' thugs spurred on by so-called 'hooligan' Tommy Robinson. What the main British news outlets tell you is not necessarily what is happening; they are obliged to further an agenda.

In the years since the Islamic-motivated suicide bombings on London's transport network (7th July, 2005), attacks and crime have steadily increased. Not all are jihad attacks. General crime is common and some mass stabbing attacks have mimicked a terrorist attack while not being perpetrated by a Muslim with a jihad agenda.

The phenomenon of the Muslim rape and prostitution gangs and the cover-up by the authorities is an abomination almost

beyond description in the scale. The official Jay [report](#) estimated that in just one small town—Rotherham in South Yorkshire—[1400](#) young white girls (aged ten to mid-teens) were drugged, raped, and passed round as sex slaves.

These abuses of girl children were known about by the police, local and national government, and the newspapers, but nothing was done for fear of appearing racist by proceeding against Muslims. Rotherham is just one town. Now that trials have started, at last the public is aware of gangs in towns and cities the length of the country.

But for a long time, the people trying to make the abuse known were shouted down and derided as racists. Tommy Robinson was one such. He is a prophet without honour in his own country. I believe that, thanks to Canadian author Jordan Peterson's recent podcast [interview](#), his patriotism is much more favourably appreciated in North American than in Britain.

At first the trials were widely reported in the press. But public anger was so great that now, if reported at all, it will merely be a terse statement that men were convicted and sentenced on a certain date.

Jihad attacks occur regularly. The murder of Fusilier Lee Rigby a serving soldier beheaded outside the Royal Artillery Barracks in Woolwich will be known to American readers, as will the murder by a Libyan suicide bomber at the Manchester Arena. He killed 22 members of the audience (mostly girls and young women) who had just seen Ariana Grande perform.

Other low-key attacks have been under reported, with terrorism dismissed as a potential motive within hours and a mental health problem declared instead. Again, the authorities seem to fear public wrath.

But the one thing the authorities cannot hide is the number of young men of military service age having to be housed, fed, and maintained in every city, town, and village. Whether they

come legally or as thousands do every year illegally on a small boat crossing the English Channel from France, they are a burden on every community where they are billeted. Girls and women are molested and worse in our town centres and general crimes of theft and assaults increase.

Each party promised to bring the immigration figures down and deal with the applications, returning those unsuccessful to their country of origin. They promise much; they never deliver.

Since October last year when Hamas attacked Israel, there have been weekly demonstrations by supporters of Palestine calling for death to Israel and the Jews. Americans will also be familiar with such demonstrations, and the distasteful slogans exhibited or the burning of flags.

In a similar way to the BLM demonstrations of a few years back, or the various Eco- inspired groups, these have been policed gently with all help given to the demonstrators no matter how much of a nuisance to public order they are. By comparison, anything involving the local English population—be it a non-political football match or a more political patriotic rally—is policed much more vigorously.

During July, police at Manchester Airport were seen on camera to be robustly dealing with two men who had attacked them, breaking a police officer's nose and injuring others. This sparked riots in Rochdale for several nights (another town notorious for its rape gangs) but this was policed without mass arrests. The two men originally arrested have not even been charged with assaulting a police officer yet. They were last seen giving a press conference about police brutality.

In Leeds, Muslims and Roma Gypsies united to riot when some neglected children were taken into care. The police were observed running from a pursuing mob.

On Saturday 27th July, Tommy Robinson held a march to London's

Trafalgar Square with a rally under the banner Uniting the Kingdom. I was there. It was a great afternoon of speakers, music and a showing of the film *Silenced*, which deals with some of the issues angering us outlined above. The attendance was huge—one estimate was that there were 100,000 people in and around the square. The 'Stand Up to Racism' counter protest was small, out-numbered by the police and over in an hour.

So far, so good. On Sunday 28th, Tommy was arrested and charged with, of all things, an offence under the Terrorism Act, although he is now released on bail. The numbers supporting him the previous day must have made somebody sit up and take notice.

Then on Monday 29th July came terrible news from Southport, a seaside town on the North west coast near Liverpool. A young man armed with a knife had entered a community hall where a children's dance activity was taking place. He killed three little girls (aged 6, 7 and 9) and injured eight, plus three adults who tried to protect the children. He was arrested on the spot and is in custody awaiting trial.

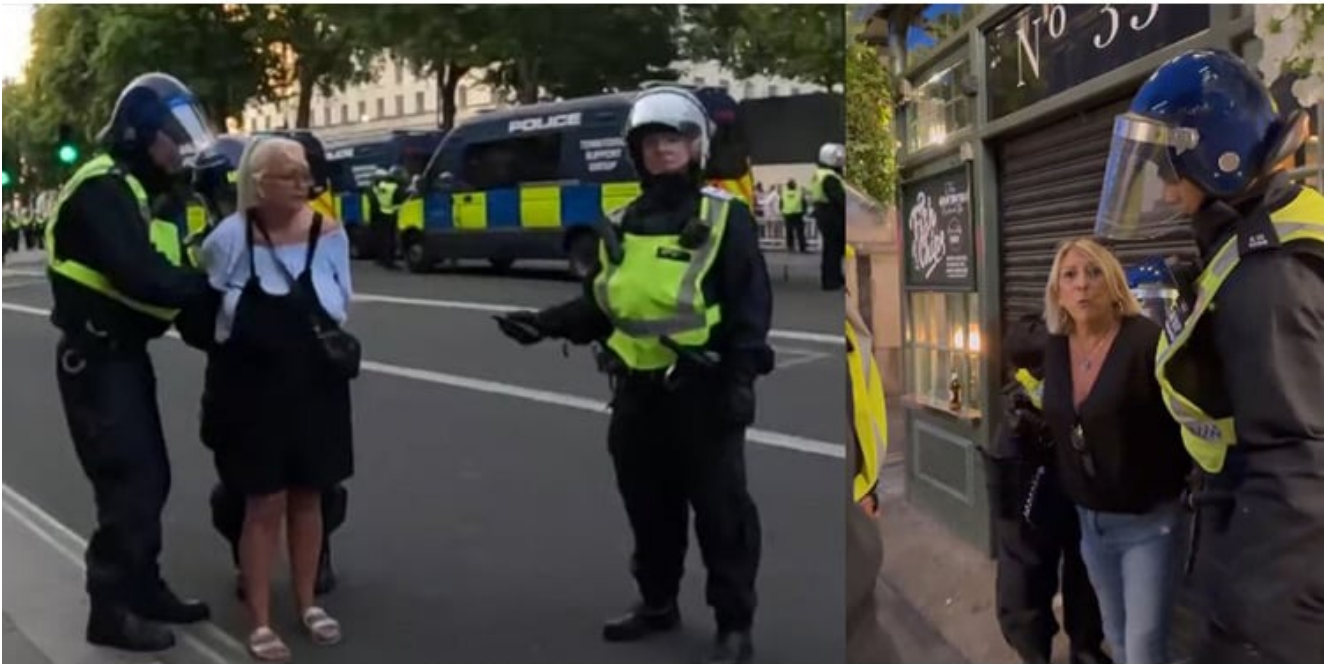
The attack had the hallmarks of jihad terrorism. A name started to circulate, of a middle eastern type, with plausible background details, the source purporting to be a legitimate continental English language news channel. This turned out to be wrong and there is a suggestion that the news channel, Channel3 Now, is run by the Russian secret service. The accused is not an illegal immigrant from the middle east but was born in Wales of Rwandan parents, and is being assessed for the state of his mental health.



Southport

But the murder of three little girls was too much for the English public. A demonstration against crime, poor policing, indiscriminate immigration etc exploded in Southport and grief erupted into anger. Although this knifeman was not Muslim (so far as we know), too many murderers have been. The mosque was attacked, as was a police car and a garden wall demolished to use as missiles.

A demonstration in support of these same principles took place in London outside Downing Street on the evening of Wednesday 31st July. Things got lively. Video shows police in riot gear marching down Whitehall sweeping bystanders along including bemused tourists. Later two elderly women were shown being handcuffed by riot police; the inference being that they could not move along as quickly as the police demanded. Englishwomen in their 70s handcuffed was not a good sight.



Nonviolent pensioners arrested near Downing Street, Westminster

Sir [Keir Starmer](#) knew what to do. He called a press conference and blamed the incidents in Southport and Whitehall on “The Far Right” and the English Defence League. If necessary, the EDL will be proscribed. I do not know where he is getting his intelligence from; God help us if the same agents are in charge of defence. The EDL is long defunct. Their last demo that I remember was June 2017.

He then said he would “take every step that is necessary” to protect Muslim communities after the Muslim Council of Britain urged mosques to strengthen security measures ahead of Friday prayers.

So, knowing where they stood in the government’s priorities, more demonstrations were arranged in dozens of towns. Some passed without incident, others did turn violent. We are a peaceable people, until a line is crossed, and now we were not.

Kier Starmer used to be called Sir Kneeler because of the

notorious photograph taken to show his support of BLM after one of their riots. Now that he is PM, even Elon Musk is calling him Two-Tier Kier.

Night courts are not a normal feature of the English Court Service. But they have been brought into use for the 400+ arrests following these demonstrations. The men and women arrested have not been granted bail, have been taken before the Magistrates immediately, many committed to the higher Crown Court where a more substantial sentence can be delivered the next day. This would usually take some weeks and bail would be granted, especially to a person of good character. The sentences being handed down are more severe than one would be used to hearing. Judges have declared that an example must be set to make a deterrent. That several hundred prisoners have been released from prison early to make room for those recently convicted is disturbing.

On the evening of Wednesday 8th August, a strange thing occurred. A list circulated of 30 sites where a 'far-right' demonstration was expected. It did not look genuine. However, the various anti-racism organisations and trade unions mobilised suspiciously quickly and were in place in great numbers ready to repel the fascists who, surprise, did not turn up. But they were able to congratulate themselves that their presence defeated the 'Far-Right.'

Alternatively, of course it was a hoax, but every newspaper next morning was full of SUtR activists taking the anti-fascist message into every home. And for them, this is a good thing. Was this another psyop? This time instigated by the government or whoever controls SUtR and Antifa?

In Walthamstow the demonstration was huge. There were hundreds of ready-printed placards and a programme of speakers. One, an ex-Labour councillor for Dartford in Kent (he was suspended shortly after his speech was broadcast on X) is now in custody having called for 'all fascists' to have their throats slit

and 'be thrown away'; he had made the appropriate gesture so there was no doubt.

Sentencing has been draconian. At time of writing the police boast of over 900 arrests and so far 466 people charged. Not everybody was actually rioting. Some wrote messages on social media and are now in prison.

One such is a 53-year-old woman, of good character who lived a "quiet, sheltered life." She has been told by a judge that "even people like you need to go prison."

In Plymouth, sentencing a military veteran, a judge said 'You are the person that provides me with the most difficulty because it cannot be levelled that you hit anyone, neither have you thrown anything, neither is it said that you spat at anybody ... (but) anybody party to this disorder has to receive a custodial sentence.' He had said a rude word and gesticulated.

A woman of 52 who described herself as 'nosy' is in custody awaiting a hearing at the Crown Court in September. She denies that the eggs and water she had purchased at a corner shop were to be used as missiles against the police.

A 13 year-old girl who banged on the door of an asylum centre will be sentenced in September; she, thankfully, is on bail.

In Belfast (not England but the comment will reverberate) a judge told a man who had 'gone to take a look,' "Anybody involving themselves in this type of behaviour, this type of disorder—be an active participant or a curious observer—can expect to be, save for the most exceptional circumstances, remanded into custody..."

So I, or any of the numerous citizen journalists out there, could be arrested for reporting for this *New English Review*. I am being very careful.

So far the authorities are congratulating themselves and claiming that 'prison works!'

It is my opinion that anger will not dissipate under a regime of overtly visible two-tier unfairness. The government two-tier clampdown is unlikely to work. It will only confirm that we have reason to be angry and that our concerns are real and dangerous.

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