

# UKIP Leader Gerard Batten Criticized by Nigel Farage for Telling the Truth (Part Two)

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Gerard Batten

Robert Spencer noted in June:

*At a recent dinner of the UK Independence Party (UKIP), which he formerly headed, Farage said: "If dealing with Islamic fundamentalism becomes a battle between us and the entire religion, I'll tell you the result: we'll lose. We will simply lose...We absolutely have to get that Muslim majority living in many of our towns and cities on our side, more attuned to Western values than some pretty hardline*

*interpretations of the Qur'an."*

*Sure. Now how does Farage propose to do that? His warning against making the resistance to jihad a "battle between us and the entire religion" is odd. No sane person is saying that the West should go to war with the entire Islamic world. The likeliest interpretation of his statement is that he is saying that we must not speak about how jihadis find justification for their actions in the Qur'an and Sunnah, as that will alienate the "moderates."*

*But if we don't speak about such facts, how will we ever convince Muslims not to follow "hardline interpretations of the Qur'an"?*

*Another problem with Farage's statement is that it manifests a remarkable ignorance of history. While he is deeply concerned that British people not begin to think that resisting jihad terror means that they are in a "battle" with the "entire religion" of Islam, he appears unaware of the fact that many Muslims throughout history have considered their entire religion to be at war with the entire non-Muslim world.*

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