

Review of: "From Baking Competitions To Forced Repatriations: Patriotic Alternative And The Hybridity Of The Radical Right"

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This is an interesting and carefully researched paper, investigating the most prominent extraparliamentary organisation on the contemporary British far right. There is no doubt that it could become a notable point of reference for recent developments in this segment of the political spectrum. Conceptually, I would like to have seen some more careful development of PA's identitarian roots (especially through the likes of Generation Identity), both as an ideological and organisational backdrop. I also feel that the neat 'good' and 'bad' dichotomy established at the outset is a good entry point for catching the attention of the reader, but it does somewhat delimit the discussion into (in my view) more focus on 'hybridity' than really warrants attention. In this sense, I think the paper would benefit from a broader, more expansive conceptual discussion on the emergent role of identitarianism on the British far right, and with it, a more civic orientation to its activism (e.g., litter picking). Avoiding the conceptual limitations of hybridity could also open up a more incisive consideration of future prospects - not only considering PA's chances of success but also scoping the wider ideological and political-economic landscape in which they find themselves, and antifascist horizons for meaningful action against these developments. Finally, in an ideal world, it would have been a more empirically rich discussion if it had a greater focus on direct quotes from PA activists or public communications, to give the reader a more fine-grained understanding of how they operationalise their distinct positions. Overall, however, this was an interesting and highly topical overview with some important insights to take forward in future research in this field.