

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

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Thank you for this interesting and challenging article, Forced Repatriation: Patriotic Alternatives and the Hybridity of the Fast-Growing Radical Right Group in Britain. Following are the reviews and comments:

The author's point of view emphasizes that this research is actually new amidst limited or even non-existent scientific research, so that this article provides a timely and much-needed contribution: "As such, this article is not only the first of its kind, but so too does it make a timely and much needed scholarly contribution." This means that this research provides new information and opens the way for a wider investigation into the emergence, movement, direction, and phenomenon of the Radical Right, more specifically in England.

According to the author, Patriotic Alternative is a group that unites authentic and inauthentic forms and ideologies of traditional nationalism to unite its ideology and activities until the emergence of a new, completely contemporary, and inauthentic form of nationalism: "Patriotic Alternative's hybridity is considered to better understand how, as a radical-right organisation, it combines authentic forms of traditional nationalism with newer, wholly contemporary—and thereby inauthentic—forms in an attempt to reach and engage new and established audiences alike." Here the author succeeds in explaining that this contemporary ideology is actually a peak point to be achieved, even though it is actually moving further away from the roots of its formation. Until now, I appreciate the author's performance.

The author's assumption is that Patriotic Alternative is a highly original and innovative radical right-wing group limited by its hybrid adherents to authentic and inauthentic forms and ideologies of nationalism.

The methodology used to explore research problems tends to be based on findings from a content analysis of resources and materials available online and offline specific to Patriotic Alternative and its public-facing activities. This includes a full content analysis of the group's website content and all available resources, including non-specialist news reports and commentary, including a small number of reports and resources. Although I understand this method well, the sources analyzed should include quantities, trends, and, most importantly, community responses when available.

In its description, "Patriotic Alternative: Origins and history"; "Good nationalism: Authenticity repackaged"; "Bad nationalism: Inauthentic innovation, and Selection and mixing: Hybridity of patriotic alternatives, contain explanations, especially the factors behind their emergence in society. This means that the emergence of the Patriotic Alternative took

advantage of the current situation in England and designed it as a tool for people's struggle to achieve political goals. In my opinion, phenomena like this are massive and often occur everywhere. The difference is, why did England, which is one of the developed countries, do this? In contrast to Germany, Italy, the United States, Canada, Japan, and China, which are more moderate and comfortable?

Ultimately, I must note and emphasize these two important points: (1) the policies that make life in the UK unbearable for undocumented migrants in the hope that they choose to leave; and (2) deter others who are thinking of coming to the UK. This is the main reason for the birth of the Patriotic Alternative as the Radical Right Wing, especially post-Brexit.

I underlined this quote: Given that across the past two decades, 'race' has very much been the sole preserve of the extreme right-wing, the re-emergence of 'race' within the radical right has the potential to shorten the distance between them. The result is greater hybridity between the radical right and the extreme right-wing. Given the trajectory of the radical right as indeed the context of contemporary Britain, one might speculate that if there is to be any shortening of the distance between them, the direction of travel is most likely to be towards the extreme right-wing." The next consequence is forced repatriation.

What an interesting and moving article, especially understanding the emergence of forced repatriation: Patriotic alternatives and the hybridity of the radical right in England, which is currently continuing to spread its wings after Brexit.