

Why are we listening to Fiona Hill?

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As the [Guardian reports](#) this morning:

Russia is at war with Britain, the US is no longer a reliable ally and the UK has to respond by becoming more cohesive and more resilient, according to one of the three authors of the strategic defence review.

Fiona Hill, from County Durham, became the White House's chief Russia adviser during Donald Trump's first term and contributed to the British government's strategy. She made the remarks in an interview with the Guardian.

Very politely, why are we listening to this person who is deeply aligned to the far-right and the military-industrial complex?

I can only presume she grew up reading those booklets about the threat from nuclear attack and diligently built her shelter under the stairs, as people were instructed to do, and has since never got over the emotional scars that she suffered as a result.

It's a basis of her judgment that we are, apparently, to have more missiles aimed at Russia but not tackle poverty in the UK.

I despair.