

Could Farage persuade people to give up their human rig...

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There are moments in political history that are mad, crazy, bonkers, seemingly beyond imagination, and then there was yesterday, when Nigel Farage stood up and said that he was going to abolish most human rights in the UK — all to achieve his racist desire to supposedly deport 600,000 people a year from the UK, when there is no evidence whatsoever that there are 600,000 people illegally living in the UK, or that he could deport them even if there were.

What Farage wants us to believe is that people in the UK do not care if the people he sends back to the countries they came from are tortured or murdered on their return.

What he also wants us to believe is that we do not care if these people are deported without any right to legal appeal, meaning that a significant number of mistakes will take place.

And he also wants us to believe that no one in the UK cares about any other aspect of our human rights legislation, which does, in summary, [provide us with 16 core protections](#), as follows:

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Right to life – Article 2

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Prohibition of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment – Article 3

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Prohibition of slavery and forced labour – Article 4

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Right to liberty and security – Article 5

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Right to a fair trial – Article 6

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No punishment without law – Article 7

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Right to respect for private and family life, home and correspondence – Article 8

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Freedom of thought, conscience and religion – Article 9

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Freedom of expression – Article 10

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Freedom of assembly and association – Article 11

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Right to marry and found a family – Article 12

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Prohibition of discrimination (in enjoyment of Convention rights) – Article 14

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Protection of property – Protocol 1, Article 1

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Right to education – Protocol 1, Article 2

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Right to free elections – Protocol 1, Article 3

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Abolition of the death penalty – Protocol 13 (and Protocol 6 in peacetime)

He also wants us to believe that we are indifferent to the fact that leaving the European Convention on Human Rights would mean that our defence agreements with European countries would almost certainly become null and void, and that peace in Northern Ireland would probably have to be forgone, because the Good Friday Agreement is

based upon that convention.

What he clearly believes is that we are so deeply racist in this country that none of those other things matter, so long as we can apparently expel people from the UK without them having any right to appeal against that process in any way, whatever the consequences for them might be.

And he believes that we will accept this even though the system was set up precisely to end the tyranny of government witnessed during the Second World War, a tyranny he is now willingly embracing and endorsing because he is indifferent to the consequences of his actions, and so would be a party to murder, torture, abuse, and the systemic killing of people returned from the UK to their countries of origin.

That is what he wants us to believe.

But is he right? Can the people of the UK be persuaded to believe that they should give up all their rights, peace, and international relations, and accept the tyranny of any government that might be imposed on them here in the UK, simply because they so hate people they think are different from themselves that they find them unacceptable in our communities, even when they undertake valuable work in the UK precisely because many of those who will be deported under his scheme are legally working in this country now as a consequence of having made completely legal asylum applications that have, to date, been respected in law.

What do you think? Do you think Farage could persuade the UK to live in a state of tyranny to achieve this goal? This might be the most important question of our time, since he could shape our politics for years and decades to come.

I feel that reasonable, sensible, thinking people will not be persuaded by Farage. But that is not the question I am asking. Do you think others might be? That is what I want to know, because this is the question that matters. Might you please let me know?

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Taking further action

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