

# Most people in Scotland think Nigel Farage is a racist

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As The National (for whom I write, to make my biases clear) [has reported](#) this morning:

*MOST Scots believe Nigel Farage is a racist, an exclusive poll for The National has found.*

*The poll by Find Out Now found 47% of people consider the Reform UK leader to be a racist, increasing to 64% with "don't knows" removed.*

*Just 27% of people felt he was not a racist, increasing to 36% with "don't knows" removed.*

*It comes after Farage faced a barrage of criticism [for attacking schoolchildren in Glasgow](#) that do not have English as a first language.*

I doubt many people will be shocked by this finding.

I suspect that if replicated across the UK as a whole, the result would be pretty similar.

Does it, however, mean he is a racist? By itself, it does not. Crowds can be wrong, especially when it comes to opinion.

But here, the late, great James Baldwin comes to our rescue. When commenting on the issue of racism and denials thereof, [he said](#):

*I can't believe what you say because I see what you do.*

Farage always has, and always will, deny that he is a racist, as will many of his supporters. "So what?" is my response. "See what they do."

Their words condemn Farage and Reform, their desired actions, and the hate they promote. Sixty-four per cent of people with an opinion can see that. But what that means is that a majority are on the side of a politics of care.

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