



National Public Order - Public Safety Cultural Nationalism Thematic Group Assessment Patriotic Alternative (PA) March 2023

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Aims & Purpose

The purpose of this assessment is to provide strategic monthly updates on the threat and risk of Patriotic Alternative which is currently a NPoCC national priority group. The threat score (using the methodology outlined below) has been re-assessed to determine the appropriate level of action from NPoCC and relevant stakeholders.

This document will assess S.31 [REDACTED] making comparisons to previous reporting cycles to inform senior managers of the increase or decrease of the risk attached to Patriotic Alternative. It will also outline the history, ideology, network, social media and identify any community tensions of the group.

Methodology

- This group assessment is designed to compliment the methodology adopted by the National Public Order Public Safety Strategic Risk Assessment (POPS SRA).
- The threat posed by a group is assessed by using the formula: S.31 [REDACTED]
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- Subject matter experts within NPoCC SIB along with police forces throughout the country, have used national data in order to assess and score these metrics. Further detail of these can be found in the Appendix.

Product Rhythm

The group assessment will be refreshed and re-scored on a monthly basis by NPoCC SIB

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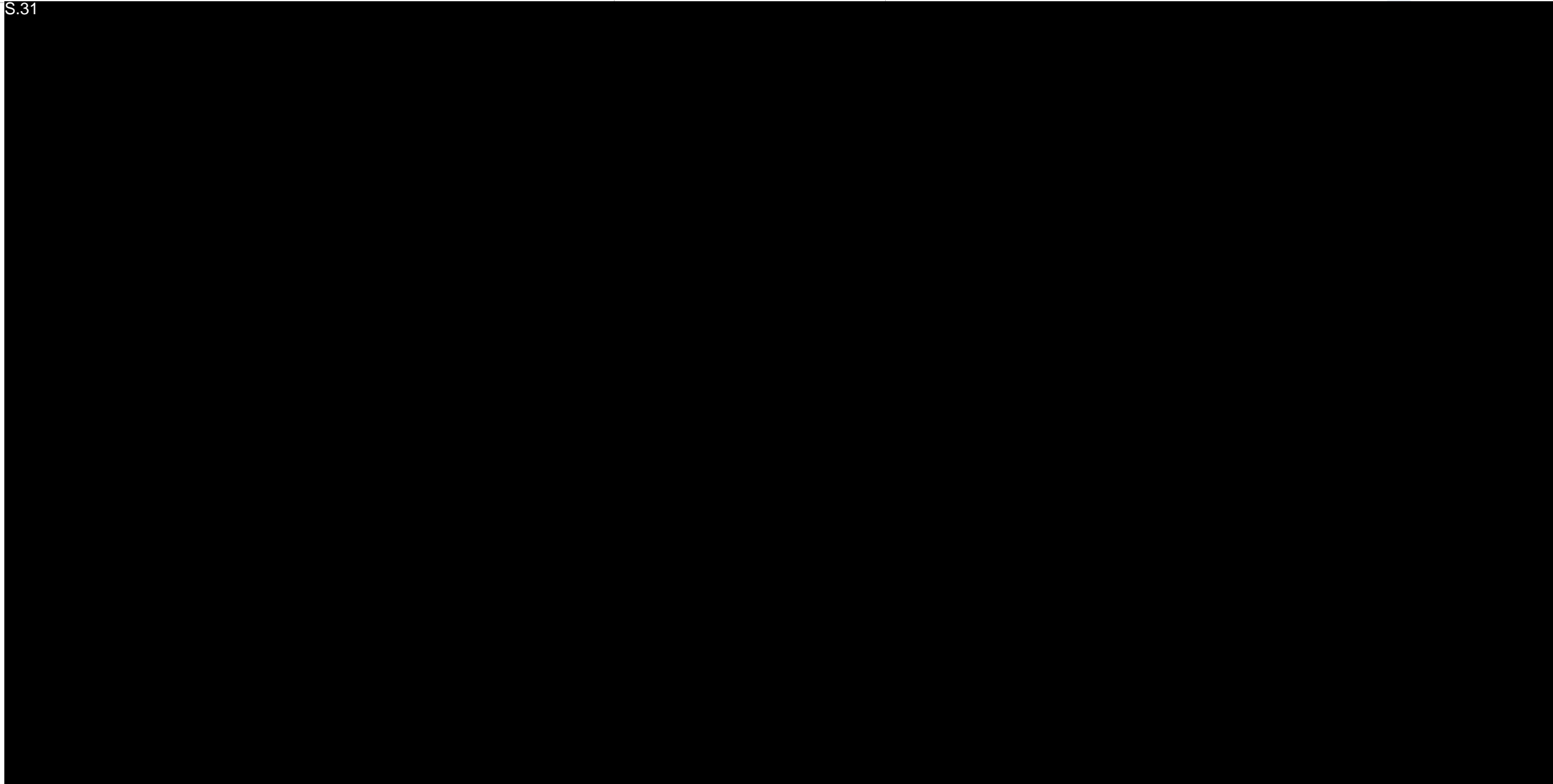
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- ❑ S.31 [REDACTED]
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- ❑ The overall S.31 [REDACTED], with all instances of criminality and disruption reported at events being linked to counter protest activity. This is **unlikely** to change in the short term as the group attempts to appeal to local communities and dissociate from violence and criminality. It is also **likely** any PA member seen to be engaging in violent or criminal activity while representing PA at events will be dissociated from the group by the organisers.
- ❑ There was low **attendance** at most protests, although there was variance in numbers across regions, with only a handful of PA representatives present at some local events where others had a larger number. Overall the cultural nationalist support at events fell below 200 at majority of these. It is **likely** PA representation at events will continue to be low, with the traction **likely** to come from external factors, including a significant target or incident linked to the cause, this will likely include alleged crimes committed by an asylum seekers, new asylum seeker accommodation locations or upcoming dates for Drag Queen Story Hour events (DQSH).
- ❑ S.31 [REDACTED]
- ❑ **The objectives and aims** of PA have remain unchanged, with the group campaigns being focussed around anti multiculturalism and immigration issues, as well as periodic focus on DQSH events. The group will engage in increased community level events based on the ongoing focus and traction for the issue, this **highly likely** to continue as the group presence is welcomed at local events, and represents increased recruitment opportunities of disgruntled locals.
- ❑ **Funding for the group remains low**, with no significant change since the previous period in funding streams. There is a **realistic possibility** Democratic Replacement Awareness month will provide further opportunities to gain donations, as actions raise further awareness for their cause and ideology.

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Assessment

Patriotic Alternative threat level has remained low, with a reduction in all areas S.31 The group have continued to engage in street level activity against anti-immigration and anti-multiculturalism issues this month with presence at localised events across four regions. It is **likely** the current campaign by the group is attempting to capitalise on localised support and concern towards asylum seeker hotels. While PA has national reach, their attendance numbers at events has been sporadic, with only a handful of members in attendance at any given time. The negative media coverage of the group has plateaued in the aftermath of disorder in Merseyside linked to anti-immigration issues, where the groups perceived involvement was drawn into focus. Whilst this will **likely** provide the group with greater opportunities to associate at localised events, overall this has had a negative impact on the support and traction around anti-immigration issues as a whole. The group has a number of annual campaigns throughout the spring and summer period, which have had varying levels of success in previous years. It is **likely** these will be focussed around regions which have shown the most engagement with the ongoing anti-immigration and anti-immigration activity.

- In previous years the group have organised **Demographic Replacement Awareness Month** during April which is a campaign to raise awareness for their anti-multiculturalism ideology, with their ‘White Lives Matter’ rhetoric being the focus of actions. It is **likely** the group will seek to centralise the campaigns activity in areas perceived to have greater support and success from their ongoing campaigns, this is **likely** to include Scotland, Wales, Northern regions and the East and West Midlands.
- It is **likely** that the group will continue to match the pace, frequency and traction of wider cultural nationalist issues, with a low number of physical protest occurring as wider concern plateaus, and increasing inline with national and localised causes, such as new or emerging anti-immigration issues and Drag Queen Story Hour events and Home Office asylum seeker policies.
- The group have engaged in repeat activity in a number of cities and towns over the last six months, with support given to key locations such as Cannock, Staffordshire and Skegness, Lincolnshire and Glasgow, where anti-immigration sentiment amongst the local population provides opportunities to gain support. PA has shown online support for these areas, with their website highlighting upcoming events, and images of PA members in attendance. It is **likely** PA will continue to have representation of members at future events in these areas to continue recruitment opportunities.
- The group will **highly likely** continue their **Indigenous Peoples Day in August 2023**, which has ran as an annual day of action since 2020. This involves activists and supporters posting or brandishing ‘White Lives Matter’ signs in public places in recognition of the campaign. The images of the actions are shared on the groups website. Previous actions have predominantly included low sophisticated hand made signs, with only a small number of actions drawing the attention of law enforcement and local communities, despite this it is a **realistic possibility** some of the actions by supporters may cause community tensions, specifically where actions are undertaken in prominently left wing aligned and ethnically diverse areas.
- **The group continues to receive a moderate amount of counter protest** from left wing and S.31 nationally, this month all protests reported to have been organised or attended by PA had counter protest. This is **highly likely** to continue in the short term as PA continue to publically announce support for local events. It is a **realistic possibility** a small number of events will go unattended by counter protest, this are **likely** to be those deemed as small scale community outreach such as leafletting / banner drops and council meetings regarding local immigration hotels.

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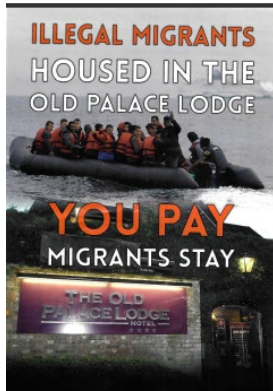
PA have shown the ability to organise street level protest nationally, with PA members reported at events across four regions across the country, while the number of regions hosting events has decreased this month, it is **likely** the representatives of the group will continue to turn out at localised events linked to their wider cause. It is also **likely** the group seek to host events in areas with established right wing support, as well as areas which have community groups sympathetic to the wider cause.

Future events are **likely** to be hosted in regions perceived to have previous success, including Scotland, Northern regions and the East Midlands, with a **realistic possibility** of greater geographical variance during their Democratic Replacement awareness Month in April.

Tactics:

Patriotic Alternative have continued to engage in low sophistication tactics during their street level protest. The majority of past activity to date has been low impact campaigns to gain support and attempt to recruit new members to the group. While the number of protests has increased since 2022, the group still has low attendance at events nationally.

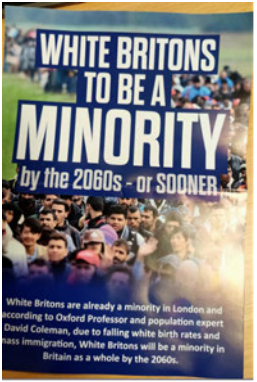
- **Leafletting:** Patriotic Alternative have engaged in a number of leafletting campaigns. These have included leaflets handed out in areas believed to be housing asylum seekers or with upcoming Drag Queen Story Hour sessions. It is **likely** PA will undergo leafletting in the weeks running up to organising a protest or event in order to gain further traction.
- **Banner Drops:** PA has engaged in various banner drops across the country to raise awareness for white nationalist and anti-immigration causes, this has included brandishing the banner in front of hotels and immigration centres. The group then post photos of members with banners online.
- **Event disruption:** PA have attempted to disrupt a number of events, this has included DQSH events, and local council meetings. S.31
- **Marches:** PA have organised marches related to anti-immigration causes, these have often been in conjunction with local events, and have involved a banner drop and speeches given by members.
- **Publicity Stunts:** It is believed PA have engaged in publicity stunts during high profile events. A 'white lives matter' and 'British To Be Minority By 2066' banner was flown over high profile football fixture in 2020 and 2022, whilst the group did not claim responsibility for the stunts, the messaging used on the banners has also been used on PA leaflets and banners during the period.



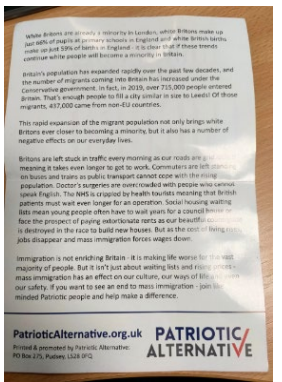
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PA member giving speeches at an anti-immigration event in Leeds 2023.



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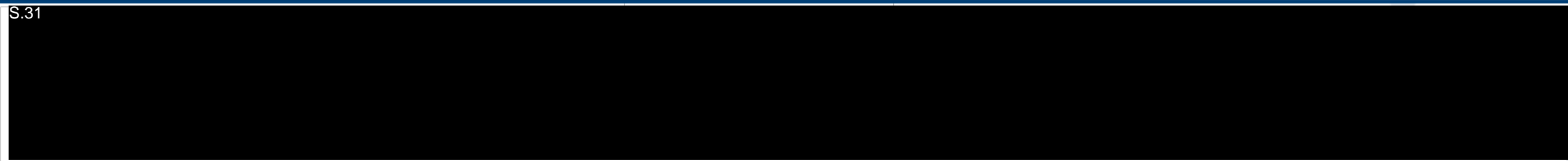


PA banner flown over high profile football fixtures in 2020 and 2022.



Photos of PA members brandishing banners included on PAs website

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Funding: Funding streams available to the group include online donations through their various online platforms and websites.

Access & Expertise: PA appears to have a steady stream of material for protest, which are brought to events by members. S.31

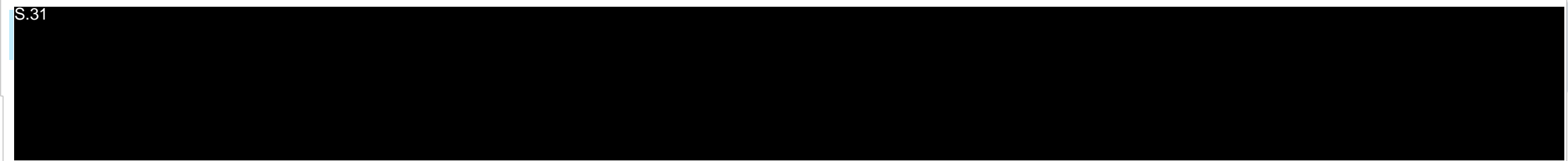


Reach: PA continues to have national reach with members willing and able to travel across the country to attend events, as well as formed membership within multiple regions to focus on localised issues. S.31



Planning: PA has a clear ability to plan and react with continued campaigns linked to their main causes which are currently anti-immigration and anti-multiculturalism. The number events organised by the group has decreased this month, with the majority of events being organised by local groups, and attended by PA, as opposed to led by the group.

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Objectives/Aims: The group have a moderate impact at a localised level, this includes their street level protest which has taken place across four regions and in terms of their longstanding leafletting and banner drop campaigns. The main target of PA has been single sites and venues. This month they have included asylum seeker hotels and council meetings linked to ongoing immigration causes in the area.

Urgency: Their objectives appear to have no specific timeframe, with the group engaging in longstanding actions related to their causes. In the Spring and summer period the group will likely commence their Democratic Replacement awareness month during April and Indigenous Peoples Day of Action in August.

Prominence: PAs prominence within the thematic reduced this month, in line with the reduced media focus and traction around their events and anti-immigration issues in general. The infamous notoriety of their ideology while impacting their reach to wider areas, increased the attention the group got within the wider cultural nationalist thematic. At present they remain the most active group within the cultural nationalist thematic, with no indication of any emerging groups active in the UK.

Traction: Traction for PA events has plateaued during March 2023, with a reduced number of events reported, as well as diminished attendance at these events. It is likely the number of reported actions linked with the group will increase in anticipation of their Democratic replacement awareness campaign, which will likely see an increased number of smaller and single person actions across the UK.

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Criminality/Arrests: There were no recorded instances of criminality or arrests to patriotic alternative this month. S.31 [Redacted]

Violence: No instances of violence were recorded as being perpetrated by Patriotic Alternative, with all instances linked to counter protest group. PA do not engage in violence as part of wider protest tactics, with both instances of assault this month being against PA members / supporters and police.

Disruption/Damage: disruption was low with only minor impact in terms of site disruption at hotels and wider road network and businesses in local areas. There was no reports of damage or instances of stickering, however it is likely such instances will go underreported.

Aggravating Factors and Tactics: PA continue to attract counter protest and local opposition at events due to their ideology. This has continued despite the lower frequency and traction of their events. There was a notable reduction in collaboration at events with PA and the wider cultural nationalist network, with no joint events organised.

History and Ideology

The group launched in September 2019 aiming to raise awareness for the 'demographic decline of native Britons, the impact of mass-immigration and indoctrination taking place in British schools. The groups main topics of protest have been multiculturalism, mass immigration, perceived loss of traditional values and family unit. The groups rhetoric is anti-LGBTQ+, anti-establishment, anti-covid-19 which have appealed to a range of groups at protests, and used as a means to gain support and members from local communities impacted by social, political and cultural changes in their area.

Social Media Presence



PA's Twitter account is currently suspended and current statistics around followers is unknown, however when active they have several thousands followers.



Followers: 1872, account used to share content from protest, with donation links.



@PatrioticAlternativeOfficial PA have main account (5.7K) and regional accounts active including Scotland (1.7K) and Eastern (477).



Gabs: 1.2K, Following 3.3K, following 15. Members since Jan 2021



<https://www.patrioticalternative.org.uk/about>. Active since 2016.

Network and Structure

Patriotic Alternative claims to have local groups in every region, who operate autonomously on local initiatives as well as collectively based on wider cause. S.31



Tactics

- **Banner Drops** – The group have engaged in a number of banner drops across the country.
- **Protest** – PA have organised protest nationally and attend localised protests linked to their cause.
- **Publicity Stunts** – while not confirmed it is a realistic possibility PA are responsible for a small number of publicity stunts at high profile football fixtures.
- **Leafletting** – PA have engaged in a number of national leafletting campaigns around their cause.
- **Events and Conferences** – PA hold national conferences and events for its members, these are often opposed by the local community due to their right wing views.

Affiliated Groups



Active Patriot is an individual activist and 'Citizen Journalist' style streamer. They are heavily affiliated with the cultural nationalist thematic.



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Patriotic Alternative Events (March)

Force: Police Scotland	Location: Erskine	Date: 05/03/2023	Sub-Theme: Anti-immigration	Groups: Local residents / Patriotic Alternative (PA) / Young Communist League
<p>Main protest and counter protest kept apart using barriers to section off their own protest areas, Approximately 30 persons in main protest including 12 members of Patriotic Alternative. Patriotic Alternative conducted speeches. 30 persons in counter protest including 20 identifiable as members of Young Communist League who were all dressed in black with hoods or hats and red face coverings. A PA system was used by members of YCL taking it upon themselves to lead chants and shout towards the opposing group. S.31</p>				
Force: Staffordshire	Location: Cannock	Date: 11/03/2023	Sub-Theme: Anti / Pro Immigration	Groups: Patriotic Alternative, SUTR, various Trade Unions.
<p>Protest against the housing of asylum seekers in local hotels supported by the group Patriotic Alternative. Approximately 50 PA with 150 local community, static protest, PA system, speeches and banners. Counter group, 120 AF, static protest, with a number of left wing (LW) groups from the midlands including Wolverhampton Trades Union, National Education Union Staffordshire, Stand Up To Racism (SUTR) Black Country, North SUTR Leicester, SUTR Birmingham, SUTR Cannock Chase and North Staffs Against Racism (NORSCARF). S.31 The left wing appeared to become more vocal leading to the anti-Immigration protesters moving across the square where both groups began to verbally confront each other leading to a police cordon being implemented to keep the groups separate. After a period the majority of the anti-Immigration group moved back towards the band stand for the PA speeches however a group of around 50 remained looking to confront the LW side who in turn held speeches and chanted. This required police to widen the cordons and create a sterile area between the groups. No major issues or arrests reported.</p>				
Force: Police Scotland	Location: Erskine	Date: 12/03/2023	Sub-Theme: Anti / Pro Immigration	Groups: Patriotic Alternative, SUTR
<p>A protest took place in relation to the housing of asylum seekers at the Muthu hotel in Erskine, this forms part of a weekly protest at this site. Prior to the arrival of the opposing faction two members of "Stand up to racism" group approached PA and handed them in several information leaflets stating that refugees are not to blame for housing crisis and that there is a big number of flats available in Wynford where they can be accommodated. No issues were noted during the exchange. At about 1130 hours, when the opposing faction attended there was approximately 20 persons present. There was vocal exchanges of words between the two groups but there was no complaints made regarding it. A number of Erskine local residents were also present along with the five individuals believed to be PA members. S.31</p>				
Force: Leicestershire	Location: Kegworth	Date: 18/03/2023	Sub-Theme: Anti-vaccination	Groups: Unknown
<p>18/03/2023, Kegworth, Leicestershire: A protest took place as part of a weekly event, under the banner Save Kegworth. The event in relation to a local hotel being used to host asylum seekers had a number of unknown males handing out cards for the "Patriotic Alternative East Mids" PatrioticAlternative.org.uk. The cards Stated the following: Stop Immigration, Deport Illegal Immigrants, Ban Halal and Kosher Slaughter, Ensure Freedom of Speech, Ban LGBT Propaganda in Schools, Protect our Countryside, House British Families First, British Jobs for British Workers.</p>				

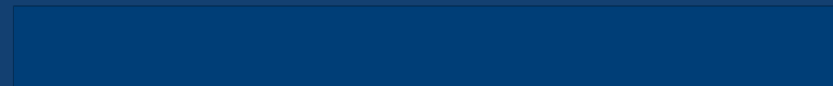
Patriotic Alternative Events (March)

Force: Police Scotland	Location: Erskine	Date: 19/03/2023	Sub-Theme: Anti-immigration	Groups: Local residents / Patriotic Alternative (PA) / YCL
<p>19/03/2023, Scotland, Erskine: At commencement 30 persons were present within protest and 10 in counter protest were also noted to be present. At about 1030 hours Patriotic Alternative (PA) held a static protest, occupying the same site where they have held similar demonstrations each Sunday since the beginning of February 2023 and were joined by local people voicing concerns about refugees being housed in the hotel. PA was led by their Scotland organiser, and, at peak, the total numbers in the main demonstration reached 50. banners attached to barriers and gazeebos erected with tea and coffee making facilities. About 1200 hours a counter demonstration which consisted of 16 persons who represented various unions such as (Unite & Scotland's Tenants Union) and were latterly joined by 4 members from the Young Communist League. S.31</p>				
Force: South Wales	Location: Cardiff	Date: 25/03/2023	Sub-Theme: Anti-immigration	Groups: Local residents / Patriotic Alternative (PA) / SUTR
<p>25/03/2023, Cardiff; Wales: 20 PA attended the protest initially meeting at the train station from 1030 hours onwards. S.31 The location for the protest was Seaview Park, which is a small grassed area next to a residential area in Llantwit Major. The group walked to the location, rather than march. S.31 The school location is at Eagleswell Road (approx 15 minutes walk from the park). SUTR and others attended Eagleswell Road location to counter protest initially. The counter protest then attended the Seaview Park location. Bristol and Cornish Anti Fascist groups advertised their attendance at the event. Groups identified: Welsh Underground Network (communist group), Anti-fascist Action (unable to affiliate), Bristol Anti Fascists, SUTR Wales, SUTR West Wales, Refugees Welcome, Llantwit Major against Racism arrived en mass Total counter 160 – 180 – S.31. Anti Fascists attempted to breach police lines to get to PA, and had to be prevented by police. On conclusion of the PA event, PA were placed into an escort cordon and led back to the station. Anti Fascists attempted to breach police cordons to fight PA protesters. S.31</p>				
Force: Police Scotland	Location: Erskine	Date: 26/03/2023	Sub-Theme: Anti-immigration	Groups: Local residents / Patriotic Alternative (PA)
<p>26/03/2023, Erskine, Scotland: There was approximately 35 protesters and 25 counter protesters who took part in the weekly protest. No incidents of note were identified S.31</p>				

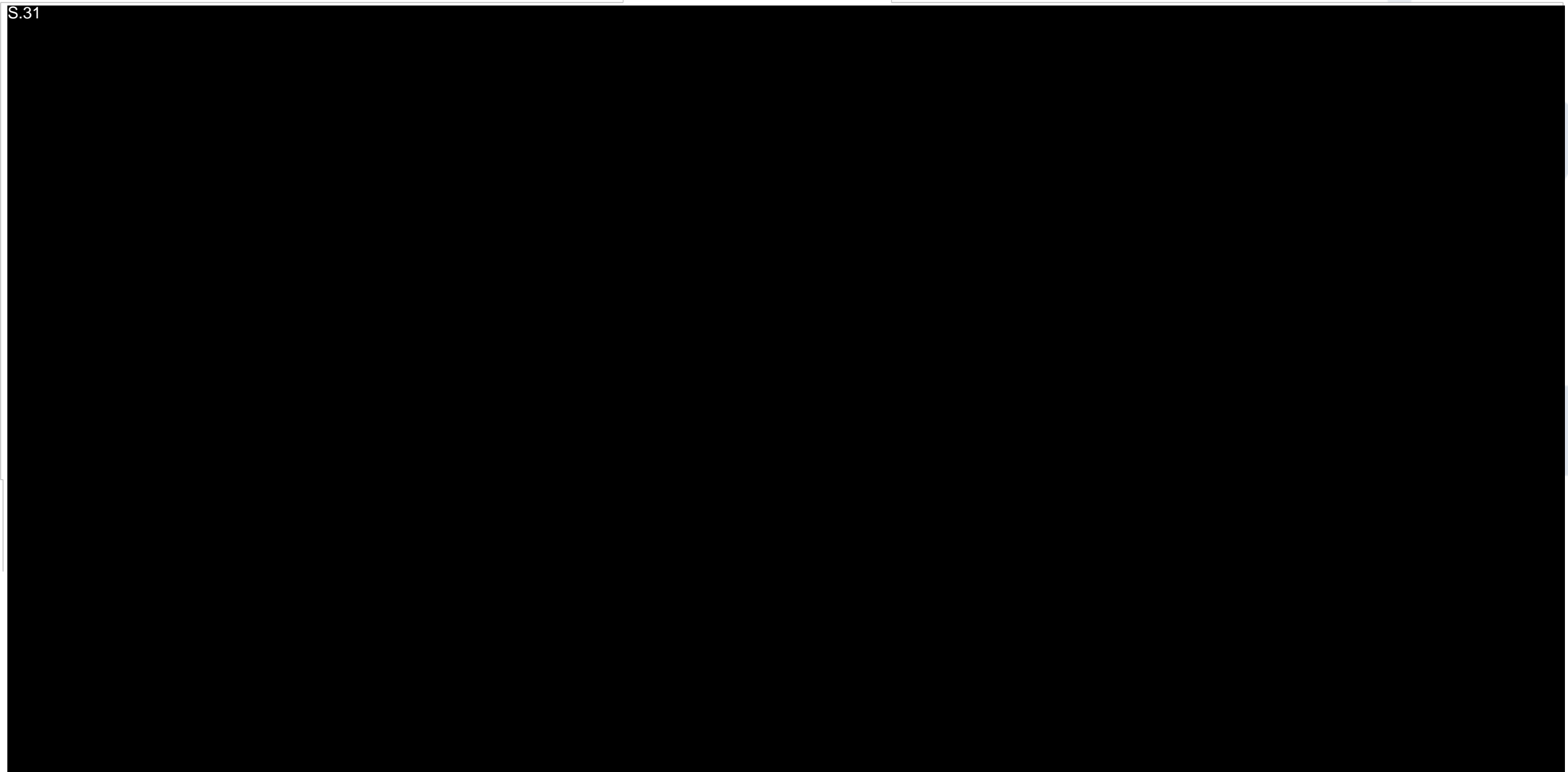


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