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# **25 things you didn't know when you voted for UKIP**

**(and why you'll never vote for them  
again)**

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# Introduction

*On 10 June 2004, the UK Independence Party (UKIP) won an unprecedented 12 seats in the European Parliament – four times as many as their previous best. Why the sudden success?*

*As a small fringe party struggling for mainstream recognition, UKIP benefited hugely from a spate of high-profile celebrity defections. And a huge cash donation enabled them to plaster the country with advertising billboards: multi-millionaire donor Paul Sykes admitted that the reason behind their success was that they had “more loot” than the other parties<sup>1</sup> – a total of nearly £1.5 million from his coffers alone! And they benefited from the anti-European sentiment in the press, especially around enlargement and immigration fears.*

*But the level of support that UKIP received should not be exaggerated. They took no more seats than the next party, the pro-European Liberal Democrats. And in three regions they failed to win a single seat, while topping the ballot in only one. Still, the fact remains that 16.2% of voters (8% of the electorate) voted for a party whose raison d'être is to force Britain out of the European Union.*

*There can be little doubt that many people lent UKIP their vote, as Robert Kilroy-Silk himself said, because of UKIP's views on immigration, rather than out of a clear understanding of the party itself. This is quite understandable. UKIP's leadership has always been careful to focus on their headline messages, keeping the more unsavoury aspects of their party out of the public eye.*

*The aims of this document are to counter this reticence, to investigate the real motivations driving UKIP's senior leadership, and to expose their hidden secrets.*

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## 1 They are openly racist

**Dr Alan Sked**, UKIP's founder leader, 1993-97 has said: "They [UKIP] are racist and have been infected by the far right"<sup>2</sup>

**Robert Kilroy-Silk** (UKIP MEP since 2004) wrote in the *Daily Express*: "They [Muslims] are backward and evil and if it is racist to say so... then racist I must be – and happy and proud, to be so".<sup>3</sup>

In December 2003, he discussed what he called "bleating blacks and Asians" in Britain, asking "Why don't they stop whining and get a life?"<sup>4</sup>

In the unrest following the Iraq war, Kilroy-Silk also went on record saying that "the orgy of thieving in Iraq has more to do with the character of the people than the absence of restraining troops. And to think that good, decent, law-abiding young British and American men and women laid down their lives to liberate this thieving mob".<sup>5</sup>

He believes that "Moslems everywhere behave with equal savagery".<sup>6</sup> And he also referred to Ireland as "a country peopled by peasants, priests and pixies".<sup>7</sup> Robert Kilroy-Silk later apologised for this remark.

Discussing Britain's rise in HIV infections, he wrote "The indigenous population is not responsible... It is the foreigners that we have to focus on".<sup>8</sup>

**Nigel Farage** (UKIP MEP since 1999, leader of the UKIP group of MEPs in the European Parliament since 2004; former UKIP Chairman, 1998-2000 and co-founder, UKIP) told former UKIP leader Dr Alan Sked "We will never win the nigger vote. The nig-nogs will never vote for us", according to Dr Sked.<sup>9</sup>

**Dr Richard North** (UKIP's former Research Director in the European Parliament, Brussels from 1999-2003) described our Spanish neighbours as "rag-arsed dagos" in a BBC TV documentary video, *The Enemy Within*, which UKIP has described as "a perfect tool for converting the sceptical... and showing at branch meetings".<sup>10</sup>

**Peter Watson** (Chairman, UKIP North Dorset branch) distributed anti-Semitic messages via e-mail, including one remark that read "Jewish merchant bankers

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<sup>2</sup> *The People*, 6 June 2004.

<sup>3</sup> *Daily Express*, 25 February 1991.

<sup>4</sup> *Sunday Express*, 7 December 2003.

<sup>5</sup> *Sunday Express*, 4 May 2003.

<sup>6</sup> *Daily Express*, 15 January 1995.

<sup>7</sup> *Daily Express*, 9 November 1992.

<sup>8</sup> *Sunday Express*, 1 December 2002.

<sup>9</sup> *The Mail on Sunday*, 6 June 2004.

<sup>10</sup> *London Evening Standard*, 16 August 2000 and *The Independent*, 22 August 2000.

[are] responsible for the ills of England".<sup>11</sup> The party refused to take any action when Labour MEP Gary Titley brought it to their attention.<sup>12</sup>

**Frank Maloney** (UKIP's candidate in the 2004 London mayoral election), visited Whitechapel in May 2004 and subsequently complained: "Barely anyone speaks English and to look around you would think you are in a different country".<sup>13</sup> (It was this remark that led Mayor Ken Livingstone to conclude, "UKIP are the British National Party in suits".)

**Reigate Grammar School** banned a planned political meeting on its premises after it judged UKIP's website to be "racist and offensive".<sup>14</sup> A UKIP leaflet circulated in South Derbyshire during the 2004 European elections expressed the view that the rest of Europe is ruled by "barbarians".<sup>15</sup>

## 2 They are as extreme as the BNP on immigration

**Dr Alan Sked** (founder leader of UKIP, 1993-97) has told us that when it comes to immigration policy, "UKIP is even less liberal than the BNP. Certainly, there is a symbiosis between elements of the parties".<sup>16</sup>

**Robert Kilroy-Silk MEP** has suggested that paratroopers should "herd the immigrants together" and dump them on a "slow boat to - wherever".<sup>17</sup>

**Dianne Carr** (UKIP parliamentary candidate at the 2001 general election and a BNP candidate at the 2004 European elections) believes that "the EU is turning England into individual regions and bringing in asylum seekers and alien people and putting them in certain areas right across the middle of Britain and trying to turn it into an Islamic state".<sup>18</sup>

**Andrew Moffatt** (UKIP parliamentary candidate in Beaconsfield at the 2001 general election and member of the Young National Front, 1977-79) declared at a UKIP meeting in Beaconsfield: "Speaking personally, we should put a complete halt to all asylum seekers."<sup>19</sup>

**A UKIP national leaflet** published during the 2004 European elections depicted hordes of foreigners invading Britain via the Channel Tunnel, with the slogan "Great Britain - standing room only".<sup>20</sup>

**Graham Booth** (UKIP MEP since 2002 and former UKIP Deputy Leader, 2000-02) has written "[EU enlargement] will allow 73 million eastern Europeans open access

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<sup>11</sup> *Jewish Telegraph*, 26 March 2004.

<sup>12</sup> *Bury Times*, 1 April 2004.

<sup>13</sup> Press release from Frank Maloney, 1 June 2004.

<sup>14</sup> *Surrey Mirror*, 6 April 2004.

<sup>15</sup> *The Independent on Sunday*, 9 May 2004.

<sup>16</sup> *The Sunday Telegraph*, 30 May 2004.

<sup>17</sup> *Sunday Express*, 17 March 2002.

<sup>18</sup> *Daily Express*, 29 April 2003.

<sup>19</sup> UKIP meeting, Beaconsfield Town Hall, 23 April 2001.

<sup>20</sup> *Tribune*, 23 July 2004.

to the UK from May... Thank goodness the three UKIP MEPs voted against the enlargement, for the obvious reason that the UK is already bursting at the seams".<sup>21</sup>

**Michael Natrass** (UKIP MEP since 2004; UKIP Deputy Leader since 2002; former UKIP Chairman, 2000-02 and former NEC member of the far-Right New Britain Party and NBP parliamentary by-election candidate in 1994) has said: "I'm not interested in sensitivities [on immigration issues], I'm interested in being British".<sup>22</sup>

### 3 They are openly homophobic

**Frank Maloney** (UKIP candidate in the 2004 London mayoral election) commented that he would not be campaigning in Camden because there are "too many gays". He said "I don't want to campaign around gays... I don't think they do a lot for society". Protesting that he was not homophobic, Maloney then added "In public let's live a proper moral life - I think that's important".<sup>23</sup>

In the European Parliament, UKIP has allied itself with the **League of Polish Families (LPR)**, an extreme nationalist party that describes homosexuality as "a condition which is unacceptable from the moral point of view".<sup>24</sup>

### 4 They refuse to condemn terrorism

In January 2004, MEPs from several parties and countries received letter bombs. The targets included Gary Titley, leader of the Labour group of MEPs, whose assistant was injured in the attack. UKIP issued a press release in which they said that they could "understand the reasons behind [the attacks]".<sup>25</sup> In the face of widespread public outcry, the UKIP leadership then issued a statement in which they refused to withdraw their remarks and in fact congratulated their MEP **Nigel Farage** on making them.<sup>26</sup>

Mr Titley's letter bomb attack was followed by a deluge of electronic hate-mail from people who endorsed UKIP's views on terrorism. The party itself denied any involvement.<sup>27</sup>

**Michael Natrass MEP** has warned that Britain might have "to fight our way out [of the European Union]"<sup>28</sup> if it was prevented by other EU member states from withdrawing from the EU. He compared British opponents of EU membership with Chechen separatists, who twenty days earlier had stormed a school in the North Ossetian town of Beslan and murdered more than 330 children and parents.

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<sup>21</sup> Express & Echo (Exeter), 4 March 2004.

<sup>22</sup> Property Week, 1 December 1994.

<sup>23</sup> Hampstead and Highgate Express April 2004 and BBC News, 29 April 2004.

<sup>24</sup> Sunday Herald, 11 July 2004.

<sup>25</sup> UKIP press release, 6 January 2004.

<sup>26</sup> UKIP statement, 9 January 2004.

<sup>27</sup> Radcliffe News, 22 January 2004.

<sup>28</sup> Institute for Citizenship seminar, Cardiff, 23 September 2004.

Nattrass has refused to withdraw his remarks and clarified them later: "What is the alternative? You are heading right into a civil war situation. What are the British people supposed to do?"<sup>29</sup>

## 5 They don't believe in equal opportunities for women ...

**Godfrey Bloom** (UKIP MEP since 2004) has notoriously declared: "No self-respecting small businessman with a brain in the right place would ever employ a lady of child-bearing age". He applied for a place on the Women's Rights Committee of the European Parliament, saying "I am here to represent Yorkshire women who always have dinner on the table when you get home. I am going to promote men's rights". He wanted to deal with women's issues because "I just don't think they clean behind the fridge enough".<sup>30</sup>

Mr Bloom later said that employers should not "waste" money training pregnant staff, and added "Women don't need protection nowadays - they're the ones ruling the roost".<sup>31</sup>

(Putting the icing on the cake, he protested: "Everyone thinks I'm anti-women. Where did they get that idea from?". Former Conservative leader William Hague wrote "If he comes near my Yorkshire home and my wife, he's gonna find his very thick head comes into contact with her heavy briefcase".<sup>32</sup>)

And, of course, **every single UKIP MEP** is a white, middle-aged, middle-class male.

## 6 ... in fact, they don't believe in equal opportunities for anyone

**Godfrey Bloom MEP** has called for the abolition of the Equal Opportunities Commission, calling it "an anachronism".<sup>33</sup>

## 7 They think fossil fuels are renewable ...

**Steve Reed** (Chairman, UKIP Wells and Weston-super-Mare branch) has written: "Brussels requires us (Directive 2001/77/EC) to generate 12 per cent of all our energy and 22.1 per cent of our electricity from 'renewable resources' by 2010. I place 'renewable resources' in parenthesis [sic], because the resources meant are not renewable, whereas fossil-fuels are. ... Fossil-fuels are constantly being produced on the tectonic conveyor-belt. This is not just academic nit-picking: these processes are generally very slow, but oil-wells do refill".<sup>34</sup>

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<sup>29</sup> *The Times*, 25 September 2004.

<sup>30</sup> UKIP MEPs' press conference, European Parliament, Strasbourg, 20 July 2004.

<sup>31</sup> *Yorkshire Post*, 10 August 2004.

<sup>32</sup> *News of the World*, 25 July 2004.

<sup>33</sup> *Yorkshire Post*, 10 August 2004.

<sup>34</sup> *Yorkshire Post*, 5 August 2004.

## 8 ... and that global warming was invented to subjugate us ...

**Steve Reed** has pronounced: "Surely, you can see what the global elite (controllers of the EU-nexus) are afraid of? That's right – our, and our children's heritage – an independent, democratic, energy-rich, defensible nation-state! We must stop them destroying it and us! Did someone mention carbon dioxide? Enhanced greenhouse effect? Global warming – as expounded by legions of careerists hungry for UN- and EU-grants? ... We are being conned and, if we don't do something about our rulers, and their tame pundits and functionaries, we shall soon be reduced to a very chilly serfdom".<sup>35</sup>

## 9 ... and that wind power damages the environment

**Steve Reed** has also stated: "[Renewable resources'] are not renewable... Taking energy from winds and tides irreversibly enervates the weather system and slows the rotation of the Earth".<sup>36</sup>

## 10 Their MEPs in the 1999-2004 European Parliament were a waste of space ...

In the 1999-2004 European Parliamentary session, the three UKIP MEPs consistently failed to live up to any of their responsibilities as elected representatives.

UKIP's founder leader **Dr Alan Sked** has revealed that **Nigel Farage MEP** often failed in his duties because he was "blind drunk". Dr Sked has added: "UKIP's MEPs are a standing joke at Strasbourg, where their attendance record, even by the standards of most MEPs, is relatively poor and where, according to independent research by the European Studies centre at the London School of Economics, the three often vote in different ways on the same issue."<sup>37</sup>

**On voting**, Conservative MEP Roger Helmer has said: "UKIP's record speaks for itself. Their three current MEPs have a well-below-average voting record in plenary sessions of the parliament. Often they have no idea how to vote. They frequently abstain. They have even on occasion asked for copies of the Conservative voting list because they have no idea what to do!"<sup>38</sup>

**On committee work**, Helmer has also declared: "They rarely show up in committees, where key decisions affecting British interests are debated and effected. I well remember a meeting of the fisheries committee where vital votes affecting our fishermen were taking place. In front of me was an empty chair marked 'Nigel Farage' (one of the UKIP three)".<sup>39</sup> Similarly, Chris Huhne, a Liberal Democrat MEP, reported that Nigel Farage missed a crucial committee vote

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<sup>35</sup> *Yorkshire Post*, 5 August 2004.

<sup>36</sup> *Yorkshire Post*, 5 August 2004.

<sup>37</sup> *The Sunday Telegraph*, 30 May 2004.

<sup>38</sup> *Guardian Unlimited*, 26 May 2004.

<sup>39</sup> *Guardian Unlimited*, 26 May 2004.

because he and his two UKIP MEP colleagues were drinking at the bar of one of Strasbourg's most expensive hotels.<sup>40</sup>

**On holding the executive to account**, UKIP's MEPs asked a grand total of one question between them at parliamentary question time - in the past five years! (By comparison, Labour have asked 329 and the Conservatives 131.) Two of the three UKIP members managed zero written questions to the Commission. On writing reports for committee, they have written a total of zero reports between them.<sup>41</sup>

## 11 ... and their new MEPs are shaping up to be no better

**Robert Kilroy-Silk** proudly declared that, if elected, he would not go to the European Parliament "if I can help it".<sup>42</sup> He later modified that, saying he wouldn't "get bogged down by the European Parliament" and he intended to spend "as little time there as possible" if elected, though he didn't rule out claiming the salary, of course.<sup>43</sup>

When his colleague Nigel Farage was asked which committees UKIP hoped to take seats on, Kilroy-Silk interrupted with "Who cares?!... I wasn't elected to serve on committees!".<sup>44</sup>

**Max Clifford** (UKIP's PR adviser and publicity guru since 2004) confirmed Kilroy-Silk's intentions. "What easier way is there to make an awful lot of money doing absolutely nothing than to be an MEP?" he opined. "I knew it would be perfect for him."<sup>45</sup>

**Graham Booth MEP** complained that the voting system in parliamentary debates was so simple that "you could get 26 chimps to do the job", adding that he wished they would "then we could all piss off and play golf".<sup>46</sup>

## 12 They would rather we didn't know who's paying them

**Robert Kilroy-Silk MEP** was asked at a press conference why he had refused to declare his financial interests for the public register, as required by European Parliament rules. His surprising reply was roundly condemned by other MEPs: "If I feel it is important, I will; if I don't, I won't".<sup>47</sup>

And when **Godfrey Bloom MEP** was asked about his parliamentary salary of £57,485 he spluttered, "I can't live on that!" - and was forced to backtrack hastily.<sup>48</sup>

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<sup>40</sup> Sky News *Richard Littlejohn Programme*, 16 February 2004.

<sup>41</sup> European Parliament records.

<sup>42</sup> Press Association, 6 June 2004.

<sup>43</sup> Guardian, 3 June 2004.

<sup>44</sup> UKIP MEPs' press conference, European Parliament, Brussels, 23 June 2004.

<sup>45</sup> *The Sunday Times*, 30 May 2004.

<sup>46</sup> *The Independent*, 22 July 2004.

<sup>47</sup> UKIP MEPs' press conference, European Parliament, Strasbourg, 20 July 2004.

<sup>48</sup> *York Evening Press*, 27 July 2004.

### 13 They can't agree on whether they support the European Parliament ...

It's become impossible to judge what UKIP's opinion of the European Parliament actually is.

**Nigel Farage MEP** doesn't think we need it – he prefers international organisations that make decisions without a directly elected body: “70 per cent of new laws made in this country come directly from Europe. We want free trade, the WTO exists between sovereign governments. We don't need a parliament”.<sup>49</sup>

At least he's consistent, though – unlike **Robert Kilroy-Silk MEP**, who's got himself into the awkward position of maintaining both that the European Parliament is valuable and democratic (“one good thing about the EU parliament is it's a democratic parliament”)<sup>50</sup> and that he wants to “wreck it”.<sup>51</sup> After consulting with more senior party colleagues, he hastily changed his line, saying that he didn't want to wreck it after all. He then said, “I am not interested in making this place work” – and then added, bafflingly, “although I respect it as a parliament”.<sup>52</sup>

A month later, Nigel Farage backtracked too, suddenly insisting that “We are not seeking to be the Guy Fawkes of the European Parliament”!<sup>53</sup>

### 14 ... in fact, they don't know anything about it

**Nigel Farage MEP** has admitted that he had “no idea how [the European Parliament] worked” when he was elected. And **Robert Kilroy-Silk MEP** genuinely thinks that the European Parliament building is only used for “twelve days a year”!<sup>54</sup>

(We shouldn't worry, though. The man learns fast, as he proudly boasted after becoming UKIP's new media personality: “I couldn't pronounce my party's name a few weeks ago”).<sup>55</sup>

### 15 They are allied with the far-Right

Despite protesting that it is a moderate, mainstream party, UKIP has allied itself in the European Parliament with the far-Right **League of Polish Families (LPR)**, which has links to attacks on gay rights activists, violent skinhead groups and anti-Semitism. The Stephen Roth Institute at Tel Aviv University describes the LPR as “the main force of the Polish extreme right”.<sup>56</sup>

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<sup>49</sup> BBC 1's *The Politics Show*, 23 May 2004.

<sup>50</sup> BBC Radio 4's *The World at One*, 20 July 2004.

<sup>51</sup> UKIP MEPs' press conference, Westminster, 14 June 2004.

<sup>52</sup> BBC News *Sketch*, 23 June 2004.

<sup>53</sup> *The Times*, 20 July 2004.

<sup>54</sup> UKIP MEPs' press conference, Brussels, 23 June 2004.

<sup>55</sup> *Guardian*, 8 June 2004.

<sup>56</sup> *Sunday Herald*, 11 July 2004.

## 16 They have scant regard for rules or for the law

On 4 September 2000, police and local trading standards officers seized four video copies of a BBC TV documentary, *The Enemy Within*, when they raided UKIP's South East branch offices in Redhill. **Nigel Farage MEP** had been copying and selling them illegally in breach of copyright. **Jeffrey Titford MEP** later claimed that Farage had done so because he was irritated that the BBC had decided not to screen the documentary in which he featured.<sup>57</sup>

Also in 2000, the European Parliament ordered UKIP to repay £11,500 of expenses. The party had diverted surplus travel expenses to fund the failed court cases of the 'metric martyrs', market traders who were taken to court for refusing to display metric measurements alongside imperial ones when selling their wares. **Nigel Farage MEP** has since repeated UKIP's intention to use parliamentary expenses "to further the objectives of UKIP back in Britain".<sup>58</sup>

**John Browne** (the disgraced former Conservative MP, 1979-92) was welcomed into UKIP after being expelled from the Conservative Party in 1992 for "parliamentary activities influenced by outside interests", i.e. cash for questions.<sup>59</sup> UKIP's current Chief Executive is **Piers Merchant** (the disgraced former Conservative MP, 1983-87 and 1992-97) who was forced to resign in 1997 when he was *twice* caught having an affair with the same 17-year-old! (Brilliantly, within a month of his election as a UKIP MEP, Robert Kilroy-Silk referred to the EU as "a gravy train for failed politicians".)<sup>60</sup>

## 17 Their leaders are associated with the BNP...

There have been extensive revelations about past links between UKIP and the BNP. Many members of the BNP have switched to UKIP, and many UKIP members have switched to the BNP.

**Andrew Edwards** (former Chairman, UKIP Bath branch, 2002-2003) was expelled from UKIP on 5 February 2004 for allegedly passing information to the BNP. He denies this and has since campaigned to expose links between UKIP and the BNP. He has stated: "In collaboration with other UKIP members and ex-members, [I have] uncovered information which we believe suggests a pact between the BNP and UKIP. The BNP has now admitted that there was indeed, an unofficial pact between them and UKIP".<sup>61</sup>

**John Brayshaw** was exposed on 5 February 2004 as being simultaneously Chairman of UKIP's Vale of York branch (since October 2003) and BNP National Treasurer (since 2000). According to Andrew Edwards, he was also UKIP-BNP "pact liaison officer for the north". UKIP denied that they knew of his BNP links despite the fact that he stood as a BNP parliamentary candidate in Bradford North at the 2001

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<sup>57</sup> UKIP statement, 4 September 2000.

<sup>58</sup> *Guardian*, 24 June 2004.

<sup>59</sup> House of Commons *Hansard*, 28 February 1992.

<sup>60</sup> BBC News, 23 July 2004.

<sup>61</sup> *Bath Chronicle*, 14 February 2004.

general election. Brayshaw was eventually expelled from UKIP in 2004 when his BNP membership became public knowledge.<sup>62</sup>

**Trevor Agnew** (a former UKIP candidate in Darlington at the local elections in 1999 and a known BNP activist) was allowed to rejoin UKIP, despite previously being expelled from the party in 1999 because of his links with the BNP. In 2003 Agnew pledged support for the BNP: "I certainly will be supporting the Tyne and Wear drive for both the BNP and the UK Independence Party".<sup>63</sup> He was expelled from UKIP for the second time in March 2003 after it was announced he was standing as a BNP candidate in Darlington at the May 2003 local elections. UKIP's NEC concluded on 30 May 2003 that **Peter Troy** (then Chairman, UKIP Sedgefield and Darlington branch) was involved in recruiting BNP supporters such as Trevor Agnew and had paid Agnew's membership fees. Troy later reappeared as UKIP's lead candidate in Scotland at the 2004 European elections.

**Michael Rollings, Martin Rouse and Judith Wallace** (UKIP North East regional committee office holders) were banned in June 2003 from holding office for 18 months after speaking out against Peter Troy's BNP links. Michael Rollings declared: "It is astonishing that he should still be in the party, let alone a candidate in Scotland".<sup>64</sup>

**Nigel Farage MEP** has admitted meeting Dr Mark Deavin (the BNP's then head of research who had briefly infiltrated UKIP as Research Director and NEC member to pass on information about its work to the BNP until being expelled from UKIP in May 1997) over lunch on 17 June 1997 at the latter's request, to discuss his defection from UKIP to the BNP.<sup>65</sup> Farage was also photographed in June 1997 chatting to the BNP's Tony 'The Bomber' Lecomber<sup>66</sup> (who has served two prison sentences: he was jailed for three years in 1985 for possession of explosives, and for three years in 1991 for stabbing a Jewish schoolteacher).

**Martin Cole and William Chrystal** (prospective UKIP candidates in the North East region at the 2004 European elections) were forced to renounce their candidacies in April 2003 after their allegations of infiltration of UKIP by BNP members. Cole said: "The latest revelations of the party's connections with the BNP, and unpaid membership cards descending from the blue, have led me to announce that I will be unwilling to continue my UKIP MEP candidacy without a complete change of the leadership of the party",<sup>67</sup> and "I would not wish to run for office with the present leadership running the party and with the racist links remaining uninvestigated".<sup>68</sup>

**Vernon Atkinson** - BNP candidate in the South East region at the 2004 European elections was a former member of UKIP.

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<sup>62</sup> *Bath Chronicle*, 14 February 2004.

<sup>63</sup> *The Northern Echo*, 22 March 2003.

<sup>64</sup> *The Northern Echo*, 3 July 2003.

<sup>65</sup> *The Times*, 5 June 1999.

<sup>66</sup> *Guardian*, 13 October 1999.

<sup>67</sup> *The Northern Echo*, 7 April 2003.

<sup>68</sup> *The Northern Echo*, 12 April 2003.

**Dianne Carr** - BNP candidate in Yorkshire and the Humber region at the 2004 European elections was a former UKIP parliamentary candidate in Bristol North West at the 2001 general election. Carr was a BNP candidate in the Stockwood ward of Bristol at the local council elections in May 2003.

**Adam Champneys** - BNP candidate in the South East region at the 2004 European elections was a former member of UKIP.

**Brian Galloway** - BNP lead candidate in the South East region at the 2004 European elections was a former UKIP parliamentary candidate in Crawley at the 2001 general election.

**Dr Peter Lane** - BNP candidate in the South East region at the 2004 European elections was a former member of UKIP.

**Dr Alan Patterson** - BNP lead candidate in the North East region at the 2004 European elections was a former UKIP parliamentary candidate in Hexham at the 2001 general election.

**Roger Robertson** - BNP candidate in the South East region at the 2004 European elections was a former member of UKIP.

**Matt Single** - BNP lead candidate in the Eastern region at the 2004 European elections was a former member of UKIP.

## 18 ... and with the New Britain Party ...

Four of UKIP's current leadership (of whom two are serving UKIP MEPs) were former members of the far-Right, anti-immigration New Britain Party, which has advocated the voluntary repatriation of immigrants:

**Jeffrey Titford** (UKIP MEP since 1999 and former UKIP Leader, 2000-2002).

**Michael Natrass** (UKIP MEP since 2004, UKIP Deputy Leader since 2002 and former UKIP Chairman, 2000-02,) was a former NEC member of the New Britain Party and a former NBP parliamentary candidate at the Dudley West by-election on 15 December 1994.

**Bryan Smalley** (former UKIP Secretary in 2000 and former UKIP candidate at the 2004 European elections) was a former NEC member of the New Britain Party and a former NBP candidate in Essex West and Hertfordshire East at the 1994 European elections.

**Derek Bennett** (former UKIP parliamentary candidate in Walsall South at the 2001 general election and UKIP's 2003 conference co-organiser).

## 19 ... and with the National Front ...

**Andrew Moffatt** (former UKIP parliamentary candidate in Beaconsfield at the 2001 general election) was a member of the Young National Front from 1977-79.

**Martyn Heale** (Chairman, UKIP Thanet South branch since 2003) was a former National Front (NF) branch organiser in Hammersmith in the late 1970s and a NF candidate in the London borough of Hammersmith in the 1979 local elections. Heale later resigned from the NF and became Chairman of the West London branch of the far-Right, anti-immigration New Britain Party.

## 20 ... and with the Northern League ...

**Alastair Harper** (former UKIP parliamentary candidate in Dunfermline West at the 2001 general election) was a co-founder in 1958 and leading activist in the Northern League, whose aim was to provide a point of contact for members of fascist and racist groups across Western Europe, promoting pan-Nordicism, anti-Semitism and biologically determinist racism. The League's emblem is a swastika-type 'tryfoss' rune.

## 21 ... and with the Conservative Monday Club

**Graham Webster-Gardiner** (UKIP parliamentary candidate in Epsom and Ewell at the 2001 general election and former UKIP NEC member, 2001-02) was a leading figure in the far-Right, anti-immigration Conservative Monday Club.

## 22 Their leaders deny the Holocaust

**Alistair McConnachie** (UKIP's then Organiser in Scotland) was suspended from UKIP's NEC for a year in February 2001 after he questioned the extent of the Holocaust.<sup>69</sup>

## 23 They think our social security system undermines society

The UKIP European elections manifesto has this to say about social security: "A further unfortunate result of expanding state provision and other governmental policies has been to undermine the family as the basic stable unit of society".<sup>70</sup>

## 24 They use dirty tricks to try to fix debates

When **Robert Kilroy-Silk** was due to appear on BBC 1's *Question Time* as a UKIP candidate for the 2004 European elections, UKIP's campaign office e-mailed its supporters with this request: "We urgently need articulate members to be in the audience for the above event. BUT DON'T LET ON YOU'RE UKIP!"<sup>71</sup>

## 25 They don't believe in the popular mandate

The three UKIP MEPs in May 2004 were the only UK MEPs to vote *against* allowing ten new countries to join the EU – even though the countries in question had voted overwhelmingly to join the European Union in 2004 (nine in referenda and the tenth by parliamentary vote)! In response, UKIP founder **Dr Alan Sked** wrote: "Despite the democratically expressed desires of the east European and Baltic peoples in referendums to join the EU, UKIP MEPs still voted against enlargement, a right all these people had under the Treaty of Rome".<sup>72</sup>

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<sup>69</sup> *The Scotsman*, 27 March 2000.

<sup>70</sup> UKIP manifesto for the 2004 European elections.

<sup>71</sup> *London Evening Standard*, 18 May 2004.

<sup>72</sup> *The Daily Telegraph*, 27 May 2004.

That said **Dick Morris** (UKIP's chief strategist since May 2003 and the man behind much of their 2004 European elections success) is currently helping with a presidential election campaign in Romania whose winning policy is that Romania must join the EU. (This from the man who was sacked by Bill Clinton for discussing matters of state with a prostitute... and then sacked *again* when he advised the President to lie about Monica Lewinsky, and speculated on the radio about the First Lady's sexuality!)