

## Election Leaflets: Exposing their Lies

We've all been getting leaflets through our doors lately from parties competing for our vote in the European elections. There's been the usual mudslinging and false promises. But some of the worst propaganda has been the lies spouted by far-right parties like the BNP & UKIP.

| They claim:                                 | The reality is:   |
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| That we have 'unlimited' immigration.       | Work permits are hard to get and usually tie people to one employer, which makes them <b>easy to exploit</b> . Most asylum seekers are refused, in a cruel mockery of a legal process, even if they have been <b>tortured</b> and face <b>grave danger</b> if sent home <sup>1</sup> .              |
| That unemployment is caused by immigration. | Unemployment is caused by the profit system; <b>the bosses will always ditch workers when it suits them.</b>  |
| That immigration harms the NHS.             | The NHS is chronically short on staff and relies on migrant workers: 37% of our doctors <sup>3</sup> , 1 in 10 nurses, and 1 in 6 dentists <sup>4</sup> were trained overseas. But failed asylum seekers are not allowed NHS treatment, <b>even if suffering from a life-threatening condition.</b> |

# British jobs for British workers?

The BNP are trying hard to jump on the bandwagon of the recent wildcat strikes, blaming foreigners, but many of the workers involved are not convinced:

"...if the strike had been about anything else where the BNP couldn't stick their spin on it then they wouldn't be supporting it. If they turn up at our picket then we will tell them to f\*\*k off in no uncertain terms."

*-striking worker, Sellafield<sup>2</sup>*

"Who can blame foreign workers, who also face threats of redundancy and unemployment, who just want to work and support their family?"

*-striking worker, S.Wales<sup>2</sup>*

## Why blame immigrants?

Blaming immigrants is an easy way to distract us from the real causes of our problems and get us to argue amongst ourselves when we could be sticking together to fight back against the rich and powerful and build a society based on human needs instead of profit.

## Who are we?

We're a group of local residents who believe that ordinary people need to defend ourselves against those who want to scapegoat minority groups and drive a wedge through our communities for their own gain.

If you agree, then feel free to download, edit and distribute this leaflet from [http://theoarc.org.uk/bnp\\_ukip\\_leaflet.pdf](http://theoarc.org.uk/bnp_ukip_leaflet.pdf)

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[www.visionon.tv](http://www.visionon.tv)

### Worker solidarity:

[www.iww.org.uk](http://www.iww.org.uk)

[www.solfed.org.uk](http://www.solfed.org.uk)

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<sup>1</sup> <http://tinyurl.com/2jk5mr>

<sup>2</sup> <http://tinyurl.com/p5vvv9>

<sup>3</sup> <http://tinyurl.com/peuppd>

<sup>4</sup> <http://tinyurl.com/ratdqr>