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Semantic Summary

British far-right politician and activist; former deputy leader of Britain First (2014–2019) and acting leader while Paul Golding was imprisoned, now co-founder and leader of the Christian Nationalist Party (2025) alongside Jim Dowson. One of the most prominent women in the UK far-right, she organised Britain First's notorious "Christian patrols" through predominantly Muslim areas and has been convicted of religiously aggravated harassment three times, serving 36 weeks' imprisonment from 2018 — a case that drew international attention after Donald Trump retweeted her Islamophobic videos in 2017, sparking a diplomatic incident with the UK. A former EDL member, she left Britain First in 2019, accusing Golding of domestic violence, and passed through the British Freedom Party. She has stood in six-plus elections with negligible votes; her significance lies in her far-right longevity and her ability to leverage legal persecution into movement credibility.

Basic Information

- **Type:** Person / Far-right politician / Activist
- **Status:** Active
- **Party:** Christian Nationalist Party (co-founder, 2025–present); formerly Britain First (deputy leader 2014–2019, acting leader 2016–2017); British Freedom Party (2020–2025)
- **Background:** Former EDL member, Britain First deputy leader, now co-founder of Christian Nationalist Party
- **Platforms:** Telegram, X/Twitter, personal website
- **Born:** March 1986 (age 40)

Role in Ecosystem

Jayda Fransen is one of the most prominent female figures in the UK far-right, having served as deputy leader of Britain First (2014–2019) and acting leader while Paul Golding was imprisoned. She organised "Christian patrols" through predominantly Muslim areas, holding white crosses in a performative provocation tactic that Britain First became notorious for.

In 2018 she was sentenced to 36 weeks imprisonment for religiously aggravated harassment — a case that drew international attention when Donald Trump retweeted her Islamophobic videos. Her legal troubles and subsequent imprisonment made her a martyr figure within the far-right.

After leaving Britain First in 2019 (and accusing Golding of domestic violence), she moved through the British Freedom Party before co-founding the Christian Nationalist Party in 2025 alongside Jim Dowson. Her significance lies in her longevity in the far-right ecosystem — spanning the EDL, Britain First's peak period, and now the Christian nationalist revival — and her ability to leverage legal persecution into credibility within the movement.

She has stood in numerous elections (Rochester and Strood by-election, London Assembly, Scottish Parliament, Batley and Spen, Southend West, Wakefield) with negligible vote shares, demonstrating the electoral impotence of even the most prominent far-right activists.

Legal Issues

Date	Offence	Sentence	Status
Nov 2016	Religiously aggravated harassment (Luton "Christian patrol")	£1,000 fine + restraining order	Served
Mar 2018	3 counts of religiously aggravated harassment	36 weeks imprisonment	Served
2017	Arrested for speech at Belfast City Hall	Charged with threatening behaviour	Discharged

Known Associations

Person/Org	Relationship	Evidence
Paul Golding	Former BF leader; Fransen was deputy and acting leader; later accused him of domestic violence	Wikipedia
Jim Dowson	Co-founder of Christian Nationalist Party (2025); original Britain First founder	Wikipedia
Donald Trump	Retweeted Fransen's Islamophobic videos in 2017	Wikipedia
Christian Nationalist Party	Co-founder and leader (2025–present)	Wikipedia
Britain First	Former deputy leader (2014–2019), acting leader (2016–2017)	Wikipedia

Notes

- Born Jayda Kaleigh Fransen, March 1986
- Joined EDL in early 2010s, left due to "drink-fuelled violence" association
- Has stood in 6+ elections, never received more than 300 votes
- Received 46 votes (0.1%) in 2021 Scottish Parliament election — fewest of any constituency candidate
- Convicted of religiously aggravated harassment three times
- Trump retweeted her anti-Muslim videos in November 2017, sparking a diplomatic incident with the UK
- Her Twitter account was permanently suspended alongside Golding's in 2019
- Accused Golding of violent abuse in a May 2019 BBC Northern Ireland documentary

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