

Data Sources

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Official Registers (UK)

Electoral Commission

- **URL:** <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/who-we-are-and-what-we-do/elections-and-referendums/past-elections-and-referendums>
- **Donation register:** <https://search.electoralcommission.org.uk/English/Donations>
- **What:** All donations >£7,500 to registered political parties, loans, permissibility checks
- **Format:** Searchable database + bulk CSV downloads
- **Frequency:** Updated weekly
- **Notes:** Can filter by party, date range, donor name, donor type (individual/company/trust)

Companies House

- **URL:** <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/companies-house>
- **Free API:** <https://api.company-information.service.gov.uk/>
- **What:** Company registrations, directorships, PSC (Persons with Significant Control), annual accounts, filing history
- **Use for:** Tracking donor companies, shell companies, shared directors across far-right entities
- **Key searches:** Officer appointments, disqualified directors, company status

Charity Commission (England & Wales)

- **URL:** <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission>
- **Register:** <https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/>
- **What:** Registered charities, trustees, annual returns, governing documents
- **Use for:** Identifying political activity disguised as charitable work, trustee connections
- **Watch for:** Charities with vague "educational" or "community" purposes

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR)

- **URL:** <https://www.oscr.org.uk/>
- **What:** Scottish charity register
- **Notes:** Separate jurisdiction, different rules — some groups register in Scotland for easier requirements

Land Registry (HM Land Registry)

- **URL:** <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/land-registry>
- **What:** Property ownership in England and Wales
- **Use for:** Tracking property holdings of key figures and organisations
- **Cost:** £3 per title register, £3 per title plan

Insolvency Service

- **URL:** <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/insolvency-service>
 - **What:** Bankruptcies, director disqualifications, company liquidations
 - **Use for:** Financial history of key figures, patterns of business failure
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Official Registers (International)

US IRS — Tax Exempt Organisation Search

- **URL:** <https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/tax-exempt-organization-search>
- **What:** 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organisations, Form 990 filings
- **Use for:** American donors funding UK far-right activity
- **Key orgs to check:** Heritage Foundation, Alliance Defending Freedom, Family Research Council, Acton Institute
- **Form 990:** Shows grants, director compensation, foreign activities

US FEC (Federal Election Commission)

- **URL:** <https://www.fec.gov/>
- **What:** Campaign donations in US elections
- **Use for:** Cross-referencing UK donors with US political giving

OpenCorporates

- **URL:** <https://opencorporates.com/>
- **What:** Global company registry aggregator

- **Use for:** International company connections, offshore entities
- **Free tier:** Limited searches. Paid API available.

ICIJ Offshore Leaks

- **URL:** <https://offshoreleaks.icij.org/>
- **What:** Panama Papers, Pandora Papers, Paradise Papers, Offshore Leaks
- **Use for:** Offshore holdings of key figures and donors

OpenSanctions

- **URL:** <https://www.opensanctions.org/>
- **What:** Sanctions lists, PEPs (Politically Exposed Persons), wanted persons
- **Use for:** Checking if targets are sanctioned or politically exposed

EU Transparency Register

- **URL:** <https://ec.europa.eu/transparencyregister/public/homePage.do>
 - **What:** Lobbying activity in EU institutions
 - **Use for:** UK groups lobbying EU, EU populist party funding disclosures
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Crowdfunding & Subscription Platforms

GoFundMe

- **URL:** <https://www.gofundme.com/>
- **Search:** Name, keyword, location
- **Notes:** Campaigns can be deleted — archive immediately. Show total raised + number of donors (not individual names usually)

GiveSendGo

- **URL:** <https://www.givesendgo.com/>
- **What:** "Christian crowdfunding" — far-right friendly platform
- **Notes:** Used by Patriot Front, Proud Boys, Tommy Robinson. Less moderation than GoFundMe. Often shows donor names.
- **Key:** Was hacked in 2022, donor data leaked (Unicorn Riot published)

Patreon

- **URL:** <https://www.patreon.com/>
- **What:** Subscription funding for creators
- **Notes:** Many far-right media personalities use Patreon. Shows patron count and tier structure, not individual patrons.
- **Archive:** Save creator page + any visible patron info

SubscribeStar

- **URL:** <https://www.subscribestar.com/>
- **What:** Patreon alternative, popular with deplatformed creators
- **Notes:** Less transparent than Patreon

Ko-fi / Buy Me a Coffee

- **URLs:** <https://ko-fi.com/> / <https://www.buymeacoffee.com/>
 - **What:** Tip jar platforms
 - **Notes:** Often linked from YouTube/X/Telegram bios
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Social Media & Content Platforms

Telegram

- **What:** Primary communication platform for UK far-right
- **Monetisation:** Paid channels, donation bots (@donate), crypto wallet addresses posted in pinned messages
- **Tools:** Telegram search (tgstat.com, telemetr.io), channel analytics
- **Archive:** Export channel data regularly

YouTube

- **What:** Video monetisation (AdSense, SuperChat, channel memberships)
- **Tools:** Social Blade for subscriber/revenue estimates, Wayback for deleted videos
- **Notes:** Many far-right creators deplatformed — check Rumble, Bitchute as alternatives

X (Twitter)

- **What:** X Premium subscriptions, ad revenue sharing
- **Notes:** Since Musk acquisition, far-right accounts reinstated and monetised

Rumble

- **URL:** <https://rumble.com/>
- **What:** Video platform, far-right friendly
- **Notes:** Revenue sharing model, less transparent than YouTube

Gab / Parler / Truth Social

- **What:** Alt-tech social platforms
 - **Notes:** Check for donation appeals, fundraising drives
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Court Records

National Archives — Court Judgments

- **URL:** <https://caselaw.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>
- **What:** Published court judgments (England & Wales)
- **Use for:** Civil cases involving far-right figures, defamation, injunctions

Courts and Tribunals Judiciary

- **URL:** <https://www.judiciary.uk/>
- **What:** Sentencing remarks, court listings

BAILII

- **URL:** <https://www.bailii.org/>
- **What:** British and Irish Legal Information Institute — case law database

Companies House — Disqualified Directors

- **URL:** <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/disqualified-directors>
 - **What:** List of disqualified company directors with reasons
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Investigative Journalism & NGOs

Key Outlets

- **Bellingcat**: Financial OSINT methodology
- **openDemocracy**: Dark money investigations
- **Byline Times**: UK political corruption
- **Private Eye**: Follow the money investigations
- **The Guardian**: Far-right reporting (check Paul Mason, Jason Burke)
- **Hope not Hate**: UK far-right monitoring (annual reports)
- **Searchlight**: Anti-fascist magazine (archives)
- **Unicorn Riot**: US-based, leaked far-right data
- **Bellingcat**: Financial OSINT

Key Reports (to find and archive)

- Hope not Hate annual "State of Hate" reports
 - openDemocracy dark money series
 - Centre for Media Monitoring reports
 - Institute for Strategic Dialogue publications
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FOI (Freedom of Information)

Useful FOI Targets

- Electoral Commission: refused donations, enforcement actions
- Home Office: proscribed organisations, Prevent referrals
- Police forces: arrests, charges related to far-right activity
- Local authorities: venue hire, event permits
- Universities: speaker events, society affiliations

FOI Resources

- WhatDoTheyKnow: <https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/> (public FOI requests)
 - ICO guidance: <https://ico.org.uk/>
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Academic Sources

Key Journals

- *Patterns of Prejudice* (Taylor & Francis)
- *Journal of Political Ideologies*
- *Ethnic and Racial Studies*
- *Social Movement Studies*

Key Researchers

- Matthew Feldman (Centre for Fascist, Anti-Fascist and Post-Fascist Studies, Teesside)
- Nigel Copsey (Teesside)
- Hilary Pilkington (Manchester)
- Joel Busher (Coventry)
- Graham Macklin (Center for Research on Extremism, University of Oslo)

Databases

- C-REX (Center for Research on Extremism, Oslo): far-right party database
- TIMS (Terrorism and Insurgency in Movement Societies)

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