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United States

The Big Pipeline

The US Christian right / nationalist movement has been systematically funding UK activity for years. This is the most documented foreign funding vector.

Key US Funders

Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF)

- **Type:** 501(c)(3) religious liberty legal group
- **HQ:** Scottsdale, Arizona
- **IRS filings:** Search Form 990 — shows grants to UK entities
- **Known UK activity:** Funding legal cases, supporting anti-trans legislation, supporting "free speech" defences of far-right figures
- **Key question:** Which UK individuals/orgs have received ADF grants?
- **990 search:** <https://www.propublica.org/nonprofits> (ProPublica Nonprofit Explorer)

Family Research Council (FRC)

- **Type:** 501(c)(3)
- **HQ:** Washington DC
- **Why:** Anti-LGBT, anti-abortion. UK conference appearances, partnerships.

Heritage Foundation

- **Type:** 501(c)(3) think tank
- **Why:** Major US conservative think tank. UK policy influence, speaker exchanges.
- **Check:** Mandate for Leadership (Project 2025) — UK connections?

Turning Point USA (TPUSA)

- **Type:** 501(c)(3) / 501(c)(4)

- **Founder:** Charlie Kirk
- **UK arm:** Turning Point UK (TPUK)
- **Key question:** How much does TPUSA grant to TPUK annually? Form 990 should show foreign grants.
- **Reporting:** openDemocracy has investigated this

Acton Institute

- **Type:** 501(c)(3) free-market/religious
- **Why:** UK branch exists. How much funding flows?

Claremont Institute

- **Type:** 501(c)(3)
- **Why:** Post-liberal intellectual movement. UK fellows, conference attendees.
- **Key figure:** John Marini, Gladden Pappin
- **UK connections:** Post-liberal Conservatism (Hazelwood, etc.)

Liberty Council

- **Type:** 501(c)(3) legal
- **Why:** Mat Staver. UK legal defence?

National Christian Foundation (NCF)

- **Type:** Donor-advised fund
- **Why:** Major pass-through for anonymous donations to religious/right causes. Check grant recipients.

Donors Trust / Donors Capital Fund

- **Type:** Donor-advised funds (right-wing)
- **Why:** Anonymous dark money. Some grants go to UK-adjacent orgs.

US Political Figures with UK Connections

- **Donald Trump:** Turnberry golf course (Scotland), political statements on UK affairs
- **Steve Bannon:** Brexit support, UK far-right contacts, "The Movement" EU populist network
- **Charlie Kirk:** Direct involvement with TPUK, UK visits
- **Matt Schlapp / CPAC:** CPAC Hungary, CPAC Brazil — UK attendees?

How to Trace US Money

1. **ProPublica Nonprofit Explorer:** <https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/>
 - Search org name, view 990s, find "grants and allocations" section

- Foreign grants must be listed (country + amount + purpose)
2. **IRS Tax Exempt Search:** <https://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/>
 3. **Foundation Center (Candid):** <https://candid.org/> (paid, comprehensive)
 4. **FEC:** For political donations by US individuals to UK-connected causes
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Russia

Pre-2022 Context

Before the Ukraine invasion, Russian state-aligned money flowed more openly.

RT (Russia Today)

- **Status:** Banned in UK/EU since March 2022
- **Known payments:** Tommy Robinson appeared on RT and was reportedly paid
- **Question:** Who else received RT payments? Other UK commentators?
- **Evidence:** Ofcom investigations, self-reports, journalism

Sputnik

- **Status:** Banned
- **UK activity:** Limited, but some UK figures appeared as commentators

Russian Foundations

- **Gorchakov Foundation:** Russian soft power
- **Russkiy Mir Foundation:** Russian cultural/diaspora
- **Status:** Most wound down UK operations post-2022

Post-2022

- Direct Russian state funding largely dried up due to sanctions
- **BUT:** Russian-aligned narratives continue via:
 - Crypto donations (harder to trace)
 - Proxy funders in non-sanctioning jurisdictions
 - Amplification of existing UK far-right content (no direct funding needed)

Key Investigation

- **Arron Banks / Leave.EU:** Multiple documented meetings with Russian embassy officials. Electoral Commission investigation. Was there financial benefit?

- **Source:** openDemocracy investigation, Channel 4 Dispatches, Electoral Commission report

Sanctions Lists to Check

- UK Sanctions List: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-sanctions-list>
 - OFAC (US): <https://sanctionssearch.ofac.treas.gov/>
 - EU Consolidated List
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Gulf States

UAE / Dubai

- **Legatum Group:** Based in Dubai, major GB News investor. Christopher Chandler (NZ national, Dubai-based).
- **Question:** Is this Gulf money or just Dubai-based international capital?
- **Check:** Legatum's other investments, political affiliations

Saudi Arabia

- **Why:** Saudi lobbying in UK, some overlap with anti-Muslim narratives (Saudi vs Muslim Brotherhood)
- **Less direct far-right funding:** More establishment lobbying, but worth checking overlap

Qatar

- **Context:** Different axis. Qatar-funded groups tend to be Muslim Brotherhood adjacent, which the far-right opposes.
 - **Relevance:** Far-right groups sometimes receive funding from Qatar's regional rivals as a result.
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European Populist Networks

ID Party (Identity and Democracy) — EU Parliament

- **Members:** Rassemblement National (France), Lega (Italy), AfD (Germany), FPÖ (Austria)
- **UK connection:** Post-Brexit, UK parties not members, but informal networks continue
- **Funding:** EU Parliament funding for European political parties/foundations
- **Check:** Annual financial reports to EU Parliament

European Political Foundations

- **ENF (now ID Foundation):** Check annual reports
- **Europe of Freedom and Direct Democracy (EFDD):** Historical, Farage connection
- **Europe of Nations and Freedom:** Historical

Bilateral Connections

- **Marine Le Pen / RN ↔ UK far-right:** Conference appearances, shared events
- **AfD (Germany) ↔ UK:** Joint events, especially on "anti-Islam" themes
- **Vox (Spain) ↔ UK:** Growing international network
- **Viktor Orbán / Fidesz (Hungary) ↔ UK:** CPAC Hungary attendance, Mathias Corvinus Collegium

Key Events (Follow the Sponsorship)

- **CPAC Hungary:** Annual, UK attendees. Who sponsors travel?
 - **National Conservatism Conference (NatCon):** UK branches. Who sponsors?
 - **ARC (Alliance for Responsible Citizenship):** London-based, international attendees
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Crypto & Alternative Payment

Bitcoin / Monero

- **Why:** Many far-right groups post wallet addresses on Telegram
- **Method:**
 1. Collect public wallet addresses from group channels
 2. Use blockchain explorers to trace transactions
 3. Look for exchange deposit addresses (can sometimes identify)
 4. Check for mixing services (monero = harder)
- **Tools:**
 - Blockchain.com explorer (BTC)
 - Etherscan (ETH)
 - Chainalysis (paid, professional)
 - TRM Labs (paid)

Payment Processors

- **Stripe:** Some groups use, often deplatformed
- **PayPal:** Frequently banned far-right accounts
- **Crypto payment gateways:** CoinGate, BTCPay Server (self-hosted, harder to track)

Merchandise as Funding

- Print-on-demand stores (Teespring, Spreadshirt) — harder to track revenue
 - Direct merch sales via Shopify — check WHOIS for domain registration
 - Some merch operations are registered businesses
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Tracking Methodology for International Flows

1. **Start with the recipient:** Who in UK far-right is spending more than their visible income suggests?
 2. **Work backwards:** Where could that money come from?
 3. **Check public records first:** Electoral Commission for >£7,500 donations, Companies House for company structures
 4. **US 990s:** Search all relevant US orgs for "United Kingdom" in grant descriptions
 5. **Cross-reference events:** Who spoke at the same conferences? Who was in the same Telegram chats?
 6. **Follow the narrative alignment:** Groups that echo Russian/Iranian state narratives may receive indirect support
 7. **Temporal analysis:** Donation clusters around events (US elections, UK riots, Brexit milestones)
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