

RESTORING OUR IDENTITY

RESTORE BRITAIN'S PHILOSOPHY OF NATIONAL BELONGING



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There is a serious question at the heart of the immigration debate that our entire political class has spent decades avoiding.

Who are the British people? What does that phrase actually mean?

For the purposes of government and administration, there has to be a clear and workable answer. This is Restore Britain's position.

Citizenship must be the legal boundary. There is no other way. A British citizen is entitled to the protection of the British state and equality before British law.

That principle matters. But it leads us to another, more daunting conclusion.

British citizenship must actually mean something.

Our nation is more than an administrative database of passport holders. Britain is an historic national community, built over generations through family, place, language, culture, institutions, sacrifice, loyalty, and shared experience.

British citizenship must reflect that as the legal means by which somebody formally joins that community. It should therefore be treated as the most significant thing the British state can grant.

A British passport was once considered a prime status symbol – but now, in the wake of the demographic vandalism inflicted on us by successive governments, it has been utterly stripped of its value. It is criminal. No other word for it – criminal.

Politicians from all parties have permitted extraordinary levels of immigration for decades and subsequently granted citizenship on a scale that would once have been considered unthinkable.

There are now many people who hold a British passport who are not part of our nation in any real sense; they just have a piece of paperwork that says that they are.

But our criticism is not necessarily directed at those who have lawfully and legitimately received British citizenship. It is of the traitorous governments that made such decisions and allowed that to happen on such a vast scale.

Restore Britain believes the threshold for acquiring British citizenship has been far too low. Living here for a comparatively short period should not make citizenship an almost automatic administrative conclusion, as is currently the case.

Under a Restore Britain government, British citizenship will be granted only in the most minuscule numbers and only through marriage - subject to strict fraud checks. British citizenship will represent deep allegiance, genuine belonging, good character, the highest proficiency in the English language, and a substantial commitment to Britain.

Citizenship will once again become the legal boundary for being British, with its holders entitled to the protection of the British state and equality before British law. But until the raging demographic fire is brought under control, the pipeline must close almost entirely.

There is also an important distinction between citizenship and identity.

The state can issue a citizenship certificate, it has certainly proven that. It cannot manufacture belonging overnight. It is impossible to fake that.

Someone can acquire British citizenship in law without instantly acquiring the same relationship with Britain as somebody whose entire life, or whose family's lives over generations, has been rooted here. This is just an observable fact.

But I reject the two extremes.

I reject the proposition that Britishness is exclusively racial.

I also reject the proposition that Britain is merely an economic zone, a hotel or a business, and that anyone in the world can become indistinguishable from our historic national community simply through an administrative process.

Neither is true.

Britain has undergone enormous and unacceptable demographic change as a consequence of mass immigration.

We can all use our eyes, we can see what has happened. Communities replaced, and yes 'replaced' is the correct word. That is a process that must be reversed, whilst acknowledging the genuine and practical obstacles we are facing.

We should be able to discuss the scale, speed, and consequences of that transformation openly, using demographic evidence.

Because England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland are not administrative units on a spreadsheet – they contain historic communities with identities, traditions, and connections to place stretching back generations.

Roots – deep, deep, deep roots. Meaningful roots.

English, Welsh, Scottish, and Northern Irish ethnic identities exist, reflecting generations of connection to a particular part of these islands.

There should be nothing shameful about acknowledging that.

Citizenship determines legal membership of the state. Ethnicity, culture, ancestry, and belonging describe different aspects of our identity.

National identity and ancestral continuity are not the same thing. Someone can possess all the hallmarks of English national identity without descending from England's historic population. Both realities can, and should, be recognised. English identity can be shared more broadly, while England's historic population remains a distinct subject of demographic security. The same principle applies across the United Kingdom.

The distinction matters because pretending that historic peoples do not exist makes an honest discussion of demographic change impossible. We have seen that.

The English exist. The Welsh exist. The Scots exist.

The Northern Irish exist.

But Britain today contains many citizens whose ancestry lies elsewhere and who are welcome participants in Britain's national life.

A serious national policy should be capable of acknowledging all of these realities simultaneously, without abuse or unnecessary hysteria. That brings us nicely to our next point...

Demographic security and demographic continuity.

The White British population is the historic majority population of Britain.

Britons, is the term we will use with that definition attached. It is reasonable for that population of Britons to care about whether it will remain a predominant and enduring part of the country it has inhabited and shaped over generations.

To worry that a Britain filled with Afghans, Indians, and Somalis would not be a Britain at all.

That concern should not automatically be treated as shameful or racist.

If rapid demographic transformation were occurring among another historic population elsewhere in the world, it would be entirely legitimate to examine what was driving it, whether government policy was accelerating it, and what the consequences might be.

The same standard should apply to Britain and to Britons.

Demographic security is a legitimate subject of democratic politics.

Governments make decisions that influence the future of a country. Immigration levels, settlement policy, and citizenship rules are political choices. Their

cumulative demographic consequences cannot simply be dismissed as matters over which the electorate should have no say.

A government therefore has a responsibility to consider not only the immediate economic effects of migration, but its effects over decades and generations.

Demographic security.

The historic populations of Britain should not be told that they are uniquely forbidden from having any interest in their own demographic future. Britons are allowed to hold those concerns, just as anybody else can.

Just as the Japanese, or the Swedish, or the Poles do.

Wanting continuity between past, present, and future is an entirely normal human emotion. It is one that I share.

Demographic security, as Restore Britain understands it, is not a demand for ethnic purity. That is not what we stand for, and it never has been. Nor do I accept the attempt to force our politics into the labels of either “ethno-nationalism” or “civic-nationalism.”

Neither describes our position, and we do not believe that it is conducive to a healthy political environment for debates to be reduced to simplistic labels and name-calling.

We believe that Britain’s historic peoples, our continuity, and our inheritance matter. We also believe that British citizenship, once legitimately conferred, establishes membership of the country and equality before our law.

Those principles are not contradictory.

Britain has never been frozen in time and its population has never been entirely homogeneous, certainly not over the last century.

Suggesting otherwise is not grounded in reality.

We are instead concerned with continuity. Whether historic communities of Britons can survive across generations, whether their cultures and institutions remain intact, whether the pace of population change permits any appropriate level of integration, and whether political decisions are delivering transformations for which the electorate was never asked to give meaningful consent – in fact, we voted against the mass immigration experiment time and time again.

Essentially, whether we can restore our high-trust society.

Over the last few decades, the answer has quite evidently been not. If the demographic character of a community changes profoundly within a generation, Britons are entitled to ask why. We are entitled to question it, and we are certainly entitled to democratically resist it.

The pace of current change is unacceptable. Walk around any major city, even smaller towns. It is evident and denying that solves nothing. Islamic populations in particular, on current birth rates, will grow and grow and grow. Colonisation is a word that has been used, and I entirely agree.

Islamic colonisation.

That is exactly what has happened to large parts of our country, and I will certainly not apologise for outlining the scale of the crisis and how we will tackle it – a Restore Britain government will reverse the Islamification of Britain.

To see whole classrooms in East London or Bradford without a single White child? Almost entire schools? To say I am remotely comfortable with that would be a lie. The White British are projected to become a minority in our own country, our own home. It has already happened in many towns and cities across Britain.

Nothing demonstrates the demographic vandalism of mass immigration more than that projection. We will not allow it to happen, and our stated immigration aims will not allow that to happen.

A Restore Britain government will make demographic impact an explicit consideration as it relates to immigration policy. We will collect and publish objective demographic information and permit that evidence to be discussed openly.

We should be able to examine migration, settlement, citizenship, religion, fertility, language, geographic concentration, and long-term population projections without either exaggerating what the figures show or suppressing them because their implications are politically uncomfortable for the establishment that enabled the change to begin with.

We will publish all and any internal Home Office projections, reports or estimates relating to demographic change, so that the British people can judge for themselves what has been inflicted on the historic population.

We can maintain two principles perfectly simultaneously.

The continued flourishing of Britain's historic peoples, Britons, and equal citizenship/belonging. Citizenship is the only legal boundary that can work, and it should work. It will work, with Restore Britain's radical overhaul of how citizenships are conferred and maintained.

But that does not require us to pretend that every citizen has precisely the same historical relationship with Britain. There is a meaningful distinction between somebody whose family has been rooted in this country across many generations and somebody who has only recently acquired citizenship, particularly through our majorly defective system. Having at least one British-born parent represents a tangible inter-generational connection to this country that a Restore Britain government will legitimately recognise in appropriate areas of national policy.

This would not make British citizens any less equal before the law. There is a vital difference between *equal treatment* and *identical treatment*. Already in Britain, only the young are entitled to free education and only the old are entitled to claim their pensions. All sensible societies find ways of contending with the fact that the individuals who make up that society are different in consequential ways. When it comes to day-to-day management of the nation's limited resources, therefore, we

have no choice but to prioritise and deprioritise in ways that take into account these very differences. In fact, our welfare, educational, and health systems already do so in certain respects.

As far as we at Restore Britain are concerned, to be treated *equally before the law* – as every British citizen should be – is not the same as being treated *identically as a matter of public policy*. There is nothing contradictory about those principles.

Restore Britain entirely rejects the idea that concern for the demographic future of Britain's historic populations is somehow inherently racist. If the establishment wants to call us that, let them – we do not care.

Our answer is controlled borders, substantially lower immigration, democratic consent, and long-term national continuity. We will end immigration entirely from the Third World, discriminate based on the rolling evidence through our forthcoming red list policy, and remove millions of foreign nationals who should not be in our country – both legal and illegal.

That means substantially increasing enforcement capacity, ensuring that final immigration decisions actually have real consequences, pursuing brutally efficient return agreements with countries of origin, and preventing weak governance from turning temporary presence into permanent residence.

The objective is straightforward.

Millions of foreign nationals leaving the country.

Who would leave?

Those who exist illegally in our home, but also who have arrived without permission yet have since been fraudulently granted refugee status by a corrupt British state.

Those legal migrants who refuse to accept our culture, our way of life, our identity.

Those who fail to contribute, commit crime, refuse to work or even learn our language.

Those who claim benefits, live in social housing, and live off the British taxpayer.

They must go home – voluntarily, at first, but then not.

Over the course of a Parliament, this would be north of five million people.

Possibly even more, following the implementation of both Restore Britain's hostile environment, and a far more muscular defence of our Christian way of life.

Those foreign nationals who properly contribute, socially and economically, are welcome – along with a minuscule level of ultra-high skilled immigration, fulfilling vital roles that would otherwise remain empty until a sufficient domestic training programme can be fully established. Their presence, however, will understandably not be accepted as unconditional and permanent in our home.

Visas begin, and visas end – vast, uncontrolled waves of recent low-skilled legal migrants will be reversed. A Restore Britain government will fix Boris Johnson's betrayal.

One area of immigration will be eased: spousal visas. If a British man or woman, subject to our red list immigration policy, wishes to build a life and create a family with their loved one in our home, that should be easier, cheaper, and faster.

That is positive immigration, and a Restore Britain Government will celebrate and enable it.

Overall, the result will be a simple one.

The foreign population living on our islands will drastically reduce, by the many millions.

Mass deportations, remigration, net negative immigration – call it whatever you want. That is Restore Britain’s position on immigration, and it will not change. The label is irrelevant.

It is a policy that unapologetically defends our islands, our home, our demographic security, and our British citizens.

These distinctions make the significance of citizenship even more important.

There must nevertheless remain circumstances in which citizenship can be withdrawn.

A dual national who engages in terrorism, espionage, murder, rape, treasonous activity or similarly extreme conduct against Britain will lose British citizenship.

Citizenship obtained through fraud or deception will also be revoked. A mass review of citizenships granted will therefore be undertaken by a Restore Britain government.

Where an individual has renounced another nationality in an attempt to frustrate justice, a Restore Britain government will seek agreements with those relevant countries to facilitate the restoration of that status, so that deliberate acts of defiance cannot be used as a tool to remain in Britain.

Over time, we will seek to develop these arrangements into a broader network of bilateral agreements, providing a workable mechanism for dealing with exceptional cases in which deprivation of British citizenship is judged necessary.

Citizenship is membership. Immigration is permission.

That is what Restore Britain believes.

A government may attach demanding conditions to the permission it gives a foreign national to enter and remain in Britain. Once somebody becomes a British citizen, however, they enter a fundamentally different relationship with the state – this is the reality we are living in.

That is precisely why citizenship should not be granted casually, frittered away so recklessly. Efforts will be undertaken to repair the damage caused by successive governments, but the honest truth is that only so much can be undone.

This is a realistic programme of government – one that will restore control over our borders, substantially reduce the foreign-national population and deliver greater demographic security for the historic peoples of these islands, whilst also accepting some of the reality of the Britain we have inherited.

We can achieve this.

But when accusations are thrown at Restore Britain, I urge you to refer them back to this statement. This is what we stand for, and this is what we will deliver.

We cannot simply turn the clock back. Many British citizens have different ethnic backgrounds and Restore Britain holds nothing against them. Many have had their parents and grandparents spend their entire lives in Britain – contributing, integrating, belonging.

They are British citizens, and they are part of the wider British people. They are British.

But they are not ethnically English, Welsh, Scottish, or Northern Irish. They are not Britons. And there is nothing wrong with that, it is simply an established fact.

Their citizenship is not conditional upon our judgement of the governments that preceded us. Our responsibility is therefore both to deal decisively with what can still be changed and to govern fairly, reasonably, and pragmatically within our country as it exists today, in 2026.

Because immigration policy has consequences extending far beyond the next quarterly GDP figures – it influences what Britain will be like in 50 or 100 years, even as rapid as 10 or 20. Those consequences belong within our democratic politics.

Britons are entitled to want their country to remain recognisable to their children and grandchildren across generations. That matters to me, regardless of whether or not I am long gone.

Borders matter. Citizenship matters. Belonging matters. Enforcement matters. Democratic consent matters. National continuity matters. Demographic security matters.

And under a Restore Britain Government, they will matter again.

The past cannot be reversed entirely, but the future can still be changed.

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