

# Far-Right Extremism & the Internet

You've probably heard the terms 'far-right' and 'alt-right' being used, but do you really know what they mean?

These groups are the fastest growing terror threat in the UK and it's important to understand more about them.

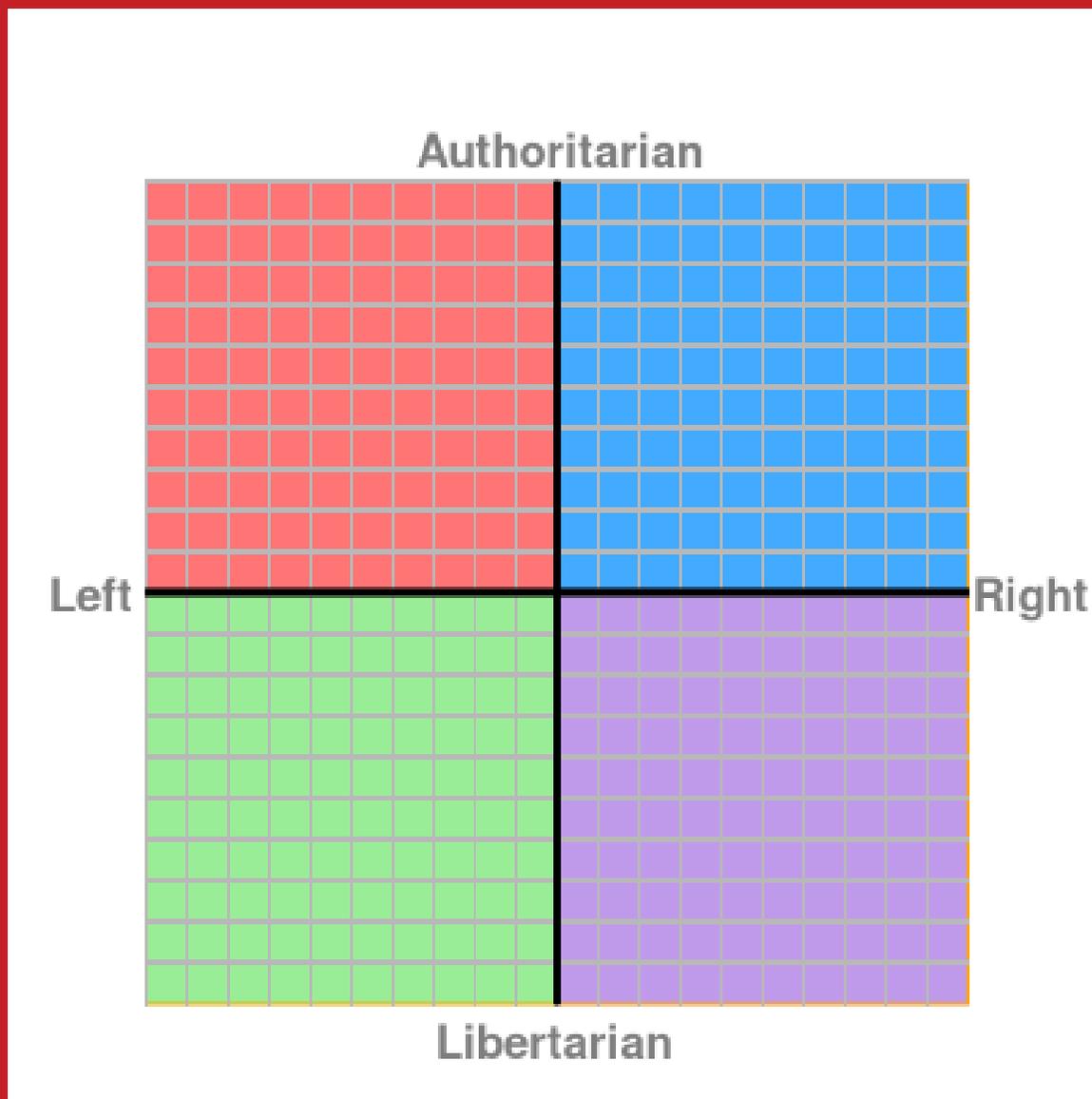
They preach messages of radical hatred and violence.

They use the internet to target young people so we need to be informed and aware in order to stay safe



# The Political Compass

This is a really helpful way to better understand political stances.



A political stance should be measured in terms of **economics** (left/right) and **social position** (authoritarian/libertarian)

For example, Stalin and Hitler were on opposite ends of the economic spectrum, but were very similar socially (authoritarian dictators)

# What do the terms mean?

"Left Wing" and "Right Wing" are terms that essentially describe what economic model a political stance believes in.

These terms are often **incorrectly** applied to different social positions - "right wing" is used for "social conservatism" and "left wing" is used to mean "socially liberal"

In reality, the economic model you believe in is not reflective of your position on social issues

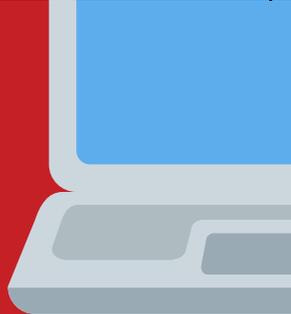
# "Far-Right" Groups

The groups often labelled "far-right" or "alt-right" are considered as such because they are "neo Nazis" - they praise Hitler and use Nazi icons in their propaganda.

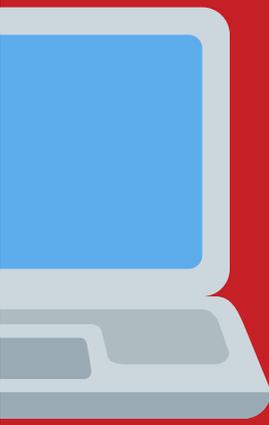
However, their economic views are not necessarily Right Wing, in fact, they often do not have a legitimate economic position at all.

Labelling them Right Wing is actually quite **unhelpful** because:

- 1) it does not accurately describe their beliefs
- 2) it legitimises them which makes it easier for young people to get drawn in

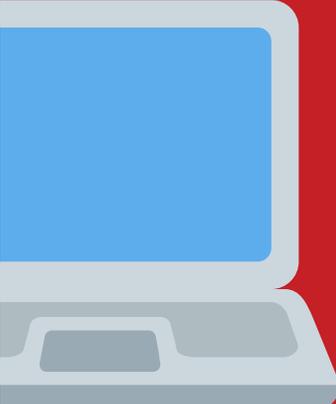


# Some examples



The next few slides are going to look at a couple of the main groups that operate in the UK.

All of these groups have an **online presence** that aims to draw young people in.



These groups are **extremist groups** - it is important to recognise them so that you can protect young people against harm



# "Sonnenkrieg Division" (SKD)

## Key Facts:

- Declared a proscribed (banned) group in February 2020 (like other terrorist groups)
- UK branch of the American neonazi group "Atomwaffen Division"
- Members published instructions about how to make weapons and encouraged terrorist activities
- 2 young members were jailed in 2019 for calling for Prince Harry to be shot for being a "race traitor"

## Logo:



# "Generation Identity"

## Key Facts:

- Part of the "Identitarian" movement across Europe
- Highly nationalist, anti-immigration and racist
- Raised funds for a project called "Defend Europe" which tried to sabotage humanitarian rescue boats saving the lives of refugees in the Mediterranean sea in 2017

## Logo:



Note: this is a variation on the Greek "lambda" symbol which has been used by the LGBTQ liberation movement since 1970

# "Incel"

## Key Facts:

- "Incel" stands for 'involuntarily celibate'
- An online subculture which forms a community of men who are unable to find relationships with women despite wanting them.
- They discuss their hatred of the society that denies them their right to sexual intercourse. The ideology leads to a violent hatred of women and calls to action against them
- There have been mass murders in which the attackers claim to be motivated by their "incel" identity

## Logos:

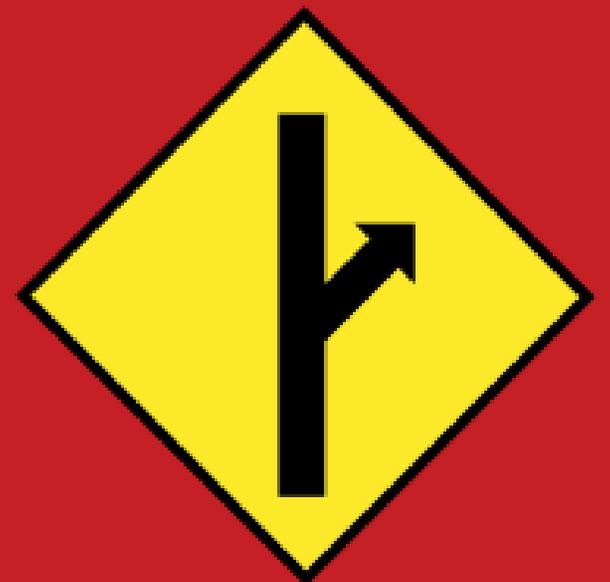


# "Men Going Their Own Way"

## Key Facts:

- A group of anti-feminist men who advocate that men should withdraw from all contact with women
- Predominantly online community
- Less extreme than "incel" groups but still highly misogynistic and hate-fuelled
- Rather than activism (as with the "men's rights movement"), this group encourage the withdrawal from society

## Logo:





# Stay Informed, Stay Safe!



The groups we have mentioned here are just a few examples of "far-right" or "alt-right" groups that operate primarily online.

These are dangerous, hate-fuelled, and violent ideologies - just like other extremist ideologies we are familiar with

It's important to stay informed and talk about these things with young people in order to prevent radicalisation and keep them safe!

