

June 11, 2018 – HOOLIGANS

The UK is not Downton Abbey writ large.

A good example would be the game of football (soccer) which in the UK and Europe is the Joe six-pack, blue collar sport of thugs. Which makes it amusing to see American europhiliacs and their slavish devotion to the sport of the [violent hooligans](#) of Europe's cities. The fan violence started in Great Britain but spread to the continent and took hold. In a list of the [ten worst soccer riots](#) over the last 35 years, four were in Great Britain, the balance in Europe. And in the 21st century, of the six worst riots, five were in Europe. One in Switzerland, for God's sake!

Perhaps because the game is so boring, they enliven it with thuggishness in the stands. If they need excitement, we should send them baseball, which compared to soccer, is a hotbed of activity. Maybe if there was something exciting on the playing field, the spectators would behave.

Today is hooligan day because of Tommy Robinson, a soccer hooligan of sorts, who is on a crusade trying to expose and stop the pattern of male muslim sexual abuse of young English girls. The first time this came to our attention, it was in the [city of Rotherham](#) 150 miles north of London where 1,400 young, mostly white, girls, were gang raped from 2009 to 2013 by a collection of muslim males.

A *Pickings* reader in the UK explains the hooligans.

"If you can imagine that every Saturday, in season, normal people with jobs, kids, mortgages and dogs morph into animals that are escorted through the streets by hundreds of Police at enormous cost to watch a game of football, then this is the religion of Football Hooliganism. When they arrive at the amphitheatre that is a sports ground, they are segregated and fenced in singing abuse songs at the opposition all to be watched over by more police . Violence can break out at any time and racial abuse is common whilst at the end of the game the visiting fans are escorted to the nearest station to be put on trains to return to their normal working class homes in the normal suburbia.

Some team fans are more notorious than others, the Millwall club from London being possible the most famous. Groups meet in pubs before the games to plan attacks on other team fans . The visiting buses of the teams can be attacked as well as random attacks on groups of fans wandering to the game.

All in all this costs the country millions of pounds every weekend to enable Football fans to enjoy themselves.

Tommy Robinson is very much at home in this environment; an uneducated shit stirrer not worthy of your hollowed pages. He is a career criminal extremist who has been indirectly legitimatised by Trump with his reference to the BNP . He is one of many who are feeding off the Muslim hate problem in Europe . Yes it is a problem, but we need better people than him to fight our cause. Do your home work on him before championing him!!

Simply put the exploitation of young innocent girls by Muslims is a matter of political correctness, not just class. We are obsessed by the need not to be racial in all things and not to prosecute these poor people because the Police have to be so careful that such actions are

RACIST . This is why it took years to take action against these scum bags and yes as we speak its still happening throughout the UK every day. The town of Rotherham is in a very poor working class area built on Steel , however this issue is all over the UK not just in the low class areas.

The failure to address the abuse was attributed to a combination of factors revolving around [race](#), [class](#) and [gender](#) contemptuous and sexist attitudes toward the mostly [working-class](#) victims; fear that the perpetrators' [ethnicity](#) would trigger allegations of [racism](#) and damage community relations; the [Labour](#) council's reluctance to challenge a Labour-voting ethnic minority; lack of a child-centered focus; a desire to protect the town's reputation; and a lack of training and resources

There is an enormous gulf between the US and UK when it comes to policing. You have a vast resource and we are woefully under financed. Our jails are full and short sentences are given to stop overcrowding in our decaying prisons.

Wow! What am I doing here? I need to spend more time in the US."

Authorities turned a blind eye because of class and racial concerns. It is hard for US citizens to understand the class consciousness endemic in the culture of the UK. But it is probably fair to say the police had little interest because of the lower class origins of the girls involved and because the Labour Councils had no wish to antagonize a group of sympathetic muslim voters.

Tommy Robinson was angry, and many more like him were angry, because these muslims were bedding their girls. A movement was formed - the English Defense League (EDL). The league seeks to ban mass muslim immigration. Last week Tommy was live-casting outside a courtroom where muslim males were on trial for child rape. The government put him in jail because they do not want attention attracted to the disgusting crimes that have become an epidemic in the UK. Furthermore, the government forbade any news outlets, print or broadcast, from reporting on Robinson's arrest and incarceration.

Craig Pirrong of Streetwise Professor posted on two European items. First on Italy, which we cut out, and then on Tommy Robinson's arrest.

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UK authorities, in the true spirit of **Lavrentiy Beria**, chief of Stalin's secret police, ("Show me the man, and I will find you the crime.") went through Robinson's life and found a mortgage application with problems. Hence his jail sentence. Remember **last June's Pickings** on Jane Sander's credit fraud problems when we pointed out how easy it was to commit bank fraud in loan applications?

Bruce Bawer in Pajamas Media tries to make sense of the criticism Robinson has been dealt by James Delingpole, Nigel Farage, and Daniel Hannan, all of whom you would think would be defenders of Robinson's right to publicize the court proceedings.

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Streetwise Professor

[Thank God for the Revolution, But Don't Take It For Granted](#)

by Craig Pirrong

Two things from Europe are worth some discussion.

In Italy, the president, Sergio Mattarella, ...

... The other case is that of Tommy Robinson in the UK. Robinson is a notorious critic of Muslim immigration into the UK. He has been routinely accused of "racism" (though last time I checked,

Islam was not a race): given the promiscuity with which that term is thrown about, I always treat it with skepticism. It is the default way in establishment circles to discredit those who challenge orthodoxy, a low form of *ad hominem* intended to silence and ostracize. Being an actual racist may be a sufficient condition for being called a racist, but it is not a necessary one. So the fact that someone is called a racist tells me exactly nothing.

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This is revealing on so many levels. Again, it betrays a deep fear—bordering on panic—in the establishment of the wrath that *hoi polloi* may visit on them. ([Tim Newman argues this persuasively.](#)) The judge obviously fears that Robinson may become a cause *célèbre*, meaning that the judge believes that large numbers of Britons are “racists” just like Tommy Robinson who might rally around him and challenge the elite.

Again, not the act of a confident elite—the act of a very shaken one. (Brexit likely being a major contributor to this self-doubt.)

Further, it illustrates the degree of intimidation and fear among the *hoi polloi* that the elite fears. Tommy Robinson is hardly a polished fellow. He is arguably a dodgy one. His name is itself revealing. It is not his given name, but a pseudonym taken from a prominent football hooligan in his hometown of Luton.



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I also repeat something that I have said often: the UK is the US’s Ghost of Christmas Future. Many of the same forces and fissions that are manifest in the Robinson affair are operating in the US. Again, the US has a better institutional bulwark against that, but given the disproportionate influence of the established elite in the institutions of government, the courts, media, and higher education, that is hardly secure.

There is also a more militant (Jacksonian) strain in the US, and it operates from a rather broad geographic base, which given the Constitution has political power (hence the left’s hostility to the Electoral College and the Senate). This geographical divide also gives many people a sense of solidarity and strength which makes them more willing to speak out: many Texans (e.g.) are willing to be more outspoken because the disapproval or ostracism of coastal elites has little adverse effect on them, and may indeed even bring approval from those in their lives who matter to them.

But progressivism is relentless, and American progressives want the US to be more like the UK, and the EU, with them in charge and the rest of us playing the part of obedient plebs.

So thank God for the Revolution, but don't take it for granted.

*It is a revealing commentary on the *Animal Farm* some-animals-are-more-equal-than-others reality of modern Britain that in this day of the #MeToo movement, where the British press—and the FT in particular—goes on and on about gender pay equity and the lack of women in corporate board rooms, that anyone who dares speak out about the systematic rape of young women throughout Britain is running grave personal and legal risks. So is mistreatment of women—including rape—a big deal, or isn't it? Apparently it depends on who does the mistreating, and what women are the victims.

Another observation of some note is that Robinson's recording of the exterior of a British courthouse is considered a crime in a country where every public space is constantly under video surveillance. That speaks to the issue of repressiveness in Britain.

Pajamas Media

Trashing Tommy Robinson

by Bruce Bawer

"What we cannot complain is that Tommy Robinson is being detained illegally," asserts British journalist James Delingpole in a Monday article for Breitbart.

Now, Delingpole is supposed to be one of the good guys when it comes to this sort of thing. In the same article, in fact, he maintains that he is friendly with Robinson, who on May 25 was arrested while streaming live on Facebook from outside Leeds Criminal Court, where several Muslims were being tried for mass child rape. Tommy was then brought before a judge who sent him straight to prison for having violated the terms under which he was released by another judge last year. Delingpole says he admires Tommy and considers him brave. At the same time, alas, Delingpole charges that Tommy is "an adrenaline junkie who sometimes pushes it that bit too far."

I'd suggest that a lot of the great men and women of history were probably adrenaline junkies. I think Trump is one. Thomas Edison barely slept. Neither did Nikola Tesla. Or Leonardo da Vinci.

"Pushing too far"? Tommy's "offense" last year was trying to videotape alleged Muslim pedophiles outside a courthouse in Canterbury.

On that occasion, he was brought before a female judge who, when asked about the very real danger of him being beaten up -- or worse -- if sentenced to prison, said: "So what?" Yes, that's what she actually said. Every day, in the same courts, they treat accused mass rapists with more respect.

So I ask: how far is "too far" when you're sounding the alarm about a nationwide child-rape epidemic that authorities up and down the line have conspired to cover up, that is still going on,

that is (although one is not allowed to say so) a byproduct of Islamic theology, and that the mainstream media, even after they've finally been forced to face up to the reality of it, prefer to treat as if it were a series of parking violations?

As for Robinson being "detained illegally": I, for one, certainly wouldn't say that his detention is illegal. No, it's entirely legal. That's precisely the problem.

British law itself -- the whole process of deciding what's legal and what's illegal -- is no longer what it used to be, and hence no longer worth respecting. It's been twisted into a tool of those who wish to protect Muslim criminals and troublemakers (and their apologists and defenders) and to punish those who blow the whistle on Muslim crime and tell the truth about Islamic ideology.

Tommy's thirteen-month sentence, Delingpole reminds us, "was a consequence of an incident in May last year when he had been found guilty of contempt of court while filming defendants outside a Muslim rape gang trial in Canterbury, Kent. The judge was perfectly clear to Robinson as to what would happen if he did this again."

Yes, the judge who ruled on Robinson's case last year effectively told him to stay home and shut up. He refused to do so, out of principle. That doesn't make her right and him wrong. It means that those in charge of administering justice in Britain are now doing something very different indeed from administering justice. A friend of mine who is a criminal lawyer in Canada, and who has studied last year's ruling, calls it "petulant, vague and injudicious."

Disappointingly, Nigel Farage has taken much the same position as Delingpole. Denying on his Saturday radio show that Britain is becoming a "police state," Farage pointed out that "Tommy Robinson was under a court order not to interfere with the judicial process in any way at all," but added that "for reasons of self-publicity, and not to benefit anything that would help society, he chose wilfully to breach that. He was warned that he was in breach of that. ... Frankly, the judge had almost no choice but to give him a jail sentence. ... He was out there asking for trouble." In short, Robinson is "not heroic in any way at all."

I must say that I have long admired Farage for his role in the Brexit campaign. I have also, however, noticed his careful refusal to ever say anything critical about Islam. Ever. Anything. He won't go there. Robinson does. That makes Robinson, in my book, the braver man. Farage's remark about "self-publicity" rubbed me, to put it mildly, the wrong way -- especially coming, as it did, from one of the great self-promoters of our time. In any event, to my American ears, Farage's comments to the effect that Robinson was "asking for trouble" and that he should not have "interfere[d] with the judicial process in any way at all" -- as if standing outside a courthouse and talking into a camera amounted to interference! -- make no sense at all. No, not in a supposedly free country.

Then there is Daniel Hannan, a Conservative Member of the European Parliament whose cogent opposition to the EU, criticism of the NHS, and friendliness to the U.S. I have been much impressed by over the years. So I was disappointed to see him suggesting, in the *Washington Examiner*, in an article headlined "The real story, and why Tommy Robinson belongs in prison," that Tommy, by doing that report from outside the Leeds courthouse, "was seeking to provoke a criminal conviction that would turn him into a 'free speech martyr' and -- let's not beat about the bush -- boost his earnings on the American speaker circuit." What is it with this eagerness to impute base motives -- especially to people who are risking their lives to expose criminals who have committed the basest of atrocities?

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This is not just selective "justice." It's outrageously, insanely selective "justice." "Legal," of course, is not always a synonym for "fair" or "just" or "equitable" -- and in Britain today, as far as Islam is concerned, what is "legal" and "illegal" has less and less to do with the question of justice and more and more to do with a desire to avoid "social discord" or "unrest" and to promote "diversity" and "multiculturalism."

One pseudonymous commenter on Delingpole's article puts it bluntly: "Technicalities are one thing, realities and motives are quite another. The reality is that he was targeted. He goes to a possible death sentence in prison for a minor violation of a ridiculous law, and the gangs of rapists, by contrast, are defended and allowed to rape more British girls. Insane."

Exactly: a minor violation. A ridiculous law. While rapes go on, under the noses of the pusillanimous police.

Then there's this from my criminal lawyer friend in Canada: "When the top judge in the UK isn't content to acquiesce -- bad enough -- but actually celebrates the demise of the nuclear family in favour of (ostensibly) illegal polygamy; where the courts almost never prosecute FGM and have yet to secure a single conviction; and where governments at all levels have been complicit in covering up Muslim sex crimes and persecuting valiant guys like Robinson or, as here, people who dare to support him, it's hard to respect the British law or take it seriously."

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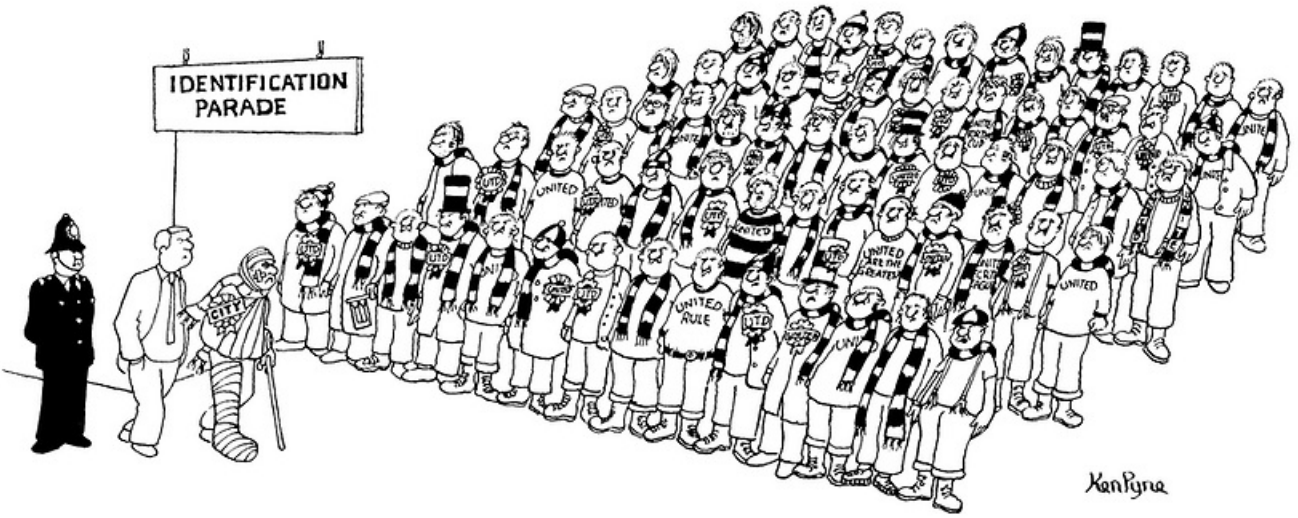


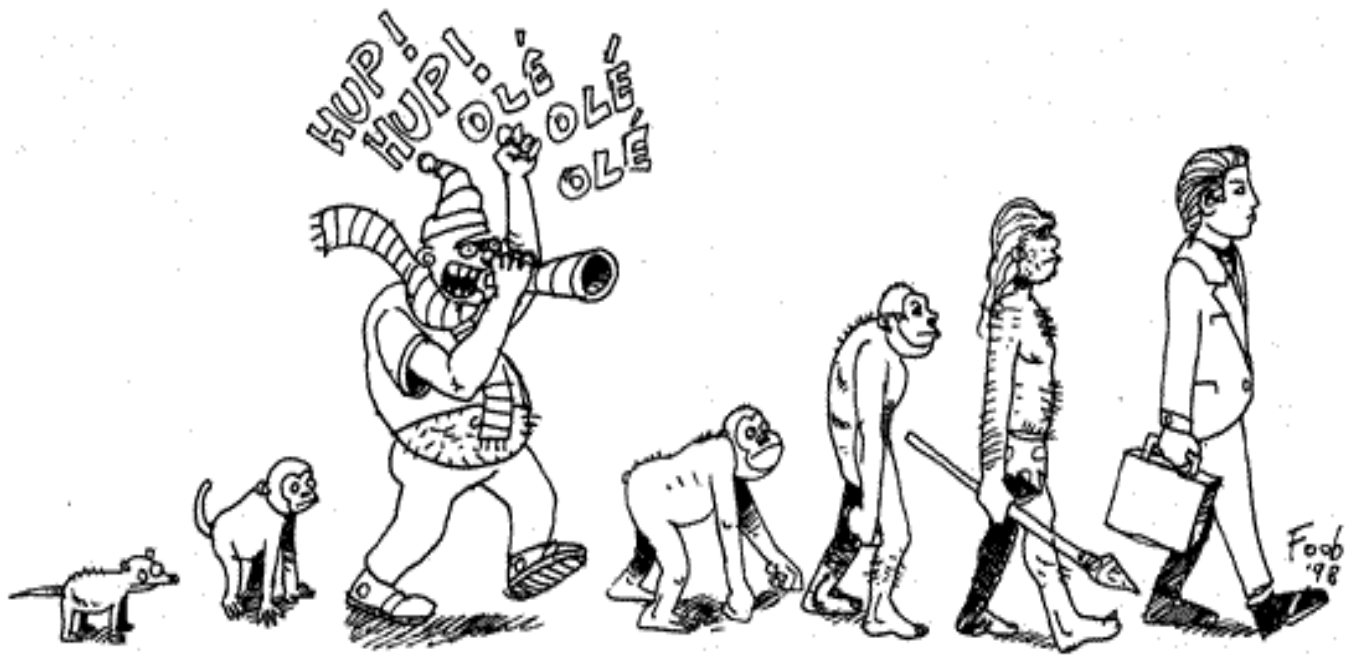


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