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BY EMAIL

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Dear Sir/Madam

Exposure: Undercover - Inside Britain's New Far Right

I am an executive producer representing the independent television production company, Hardcash Productions, which specialises in current affairs programmes. I am writing to inform you that we are producing a programme for ITV's flagship current affairs strand, *Exposure*, which is currently scheduled for broadcast on ITV on 9 November 2017 at 10:35pm.

The documentary is examining the resurgence of the far right in Britain; its expansion on and use of the internet and social media; the internationalization of the far right with cooperation and contact between groups and individuals on a scale not seen before; the recruiting of more women and young people to different groups, and the impact that this is having on British society. We will discuss concerns that groups and individuals on the far right are able – at a time when Britain is becoming increasingly polarised – to attract more mainstream support than ever before. We will also look at recent race and hate crime statistics and, in the context of hardening attitudes of both left and right, whether the rhetoric and actions of those on the far right is contributing to an atmosphere where certain communities are being demonised and targeted. We will focus on a range of groups on the far right, from political parties to movements and activists.

The programme will also look at the growth in the UK of far right terrorism, and evidence that we have found of support for proscribed groups.

We will discuss, based on evidence and comment from established experts in the field of extremism, terrorism and hate crime, that the growth of the so-called 'counter-Jihad' movement is as extreme as the ideas and actions promoted by traditionally racist and anti-Semitic groups and individuals on the far right.

In the interests of fairness we are writing to give you the opportunity to respond to evidence that we have obtained and criticisms we intend to include in the programme. We ask that you provide a written statement by **5pm on Friday 3 November 2017** in order to ensure that your response can be included in the programme. We will edit any such statement to ensure that your comments are fairly and accurately reflected in the programme in accordance with the Ofcom Broadcasting Code.

MATERIAL FOR BROADCAST REQUIRING YOUR RESPONSE

Part of our investigation relies upon covertly filmed evidence that was recorded by our reporter (known to you as Hazel) on 21 October 2017. The covert filming was carried out

strictly in accordance with the Ofcom Broadcasting Code (which regulates broadcasting) and sanctioned at senior level at ITV in accordance with the strict conditions set out in ITV's own written protocols. Its broadcast is subject to the same strictures and procedures. The Executive Producer and Hardcash Productions have a long record of responsible undercover film-making and ITV's Exposure is highly experienced in dealing with covert filming that has been included in numerous television programmes that have revealed matters in the public interest and have not been the subject of successful regulatory or legal action.

The allegations and information we plan to include are as follows:

- Traditional Britain is a far right organisation which promotes 'repatriation' (including for people such as Doreen Lawrence).
- Traditional Britain has hosted neo-Nazis and other right wing extremists at its events.
- This includes on 21 October 2017 when, in the presence of neo-Nazis attendees (such as Mark Collett), the far right extremists Anne Marie Waters and Martin Sellner of Generation Identity were both keynote speakers.
- Amongst other things, in her speech, Ms Waters said that the left has aligned with Islam and with every jihadi on the planet; the left and Islam are seeking tyranny and totalitarianism; and the left wants to bring about the destruction of Western civilization and capitalism. She suggested that Islam as an entire religion (and by implication all Muslims) is aggressive, violent and tyrannical and is a problem, not just Islamist terrorism. She said that Islam is the source of the rape and mutilation of children; the 'left' tries to denigrate white culture and wants the white majority to be powerless; the left and multiculturalism tell us that cultures which rape and marry little girls to old men to be raped are no worse than ours; that multiculturalism wants us to accept inferior cultures as being as good as ours but white culture is better; that there is a lot of racism against whites; and that it is fact that Islam is trying to - and will - destroy and take over Europe.
- Following Ms Waters' speech, the Traditional Britain compere said the group agrees with Ms Waters but also supports repatriation. He referred to 10 million aliens in this country who are "producing children all the time", and that repatriation should be encouraged by telling these people they are not entitled to benefits.
- Amongst other things, Mr Sellner said in his speech that our 'opponents' (which he later explained as "the left", Muslims and Islam), want our complete destruction; the only way to secure the future of our traditions is to fight back as GI are doing; multiculturalism is killing and destroying our society, solidarity and democracy; the so-called Great Replacement is the most serious and the most severe problem any generation in the whole history of Europe has ever faced; that Britain and the rest of Europe could turn into South Africa; that GI are doing the dirty work of far right parties in Europe; and that remigration is a goal of GI. The programme will suggest that the ideology of Generation Identity is akin to white supremacy.

We will also examine the latest official statistics showing a significant increase in race and religious hate crime statistics, as well as polling data showing an increase in anti-Muslim sentiment, and the role you and others on the far right might play in these increases and what dangers this poses for British society.

We will discuss official statistics showing that the number of referrals of far-right extremists to Prevent is increasing.

We will also feature comment from two experts on extremism, terrorism and race and religious hate crime – Nick Lowles and Matthew Collins of Hope Not Hate - who have told us the following.

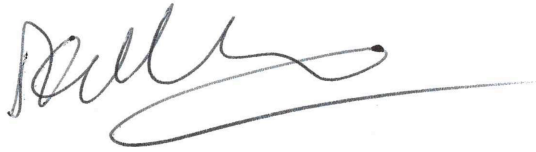
- That far right ideas are much more mainstream, and this is where one of the significant threats lies, as the far right are tapping into popular and widespread concerns.
- Far right ideas are now gaining wider popularity, following the series of terror attacks, the election of Donald Trump, and the Brexit vote.
- That although polling and other data shows British society is quite resilient to hate, 25% of British society is bitterly opposed to multiculturalism and immigration, and nearly 40% have strong anti-Muslim views. Evidence shows this gulf between those holding these views and those who are further towards the left is getting much wider and that there is a hardening of views on both sides. Evidence also shows that within both the far right and far left there are efforts to dumb down politics and abuse and demonise the other side, and that British society is polarising.
- That the ability of those on the far right to intervene in community conflict, to intervene on issues like grooming and terrorism and to demonise a whole community, is going to whip up community tensions.
- For too long the authorities have defined the far right as skinhead, tattooed, traditional Nazis, but those in the counter-Jihad movement are more dangerous partly because of the wider reach they have in the UK and abroad because of their use of social media, which means they are able to wind up far bigger numbers of people than before.
- That across the far right those involved have become emboldened by Trump's victory in America, by Brexit and the rise of far right parties in countries such as Germany. The far right in this country, partly due to social media and the internet, can take part in each other's conflicts and political battles and cooperate in a way that they could never have done before.
- As more young people get involved in being active especially with the use of the internet and social media, looking forward this is a real concern.
- That the language and ideas used and promoted by the far right could potentially inspire violent activity.
- If civil society doesn't pull its weight and challenge the far right on the things that they're doing very well on, "these small groups of lunatics" won't just be a big noise that they are on the internet.

In the interests of fairness, we will also be asking the individuals that are identified in our investigation to provide responses to the evidence specific to them.

In accordance with standard industry practice it is our policy not to provide any footage filmed during our investigation to third parties prior to broadcast nor do we provide previews of programmes in these circumstances and we are not obliged by the Ofcom Code to do so.

We can be contacted at the numbers and email address given below.

We will look forward to hearing from you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Henshaw', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

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