

Government ministers, weakened by divisions in parliament, pump out racist explanations and excuses for austerity, low wages and stresses on the NHS, schools and housing.

It's what Mosley and his blackshirts said in the 1930s. It's what Enoch Powell said in the 1960s, and the National Front (NF) said in the 1970s and '80s. In 1993, the fascist BNP exploited the lack of council housing to win a by-election on the Isle of Dogs in east London.

Nigel Farage has repeatedly spread falsehoods about housing policy to scapegoat minorities. Today, Tommy Robinson, the EDL, FLA and their puppet-masters are doing the same.

We need a confident, united national housing movement to win a fundamental change in government policy – so everyone can afford a place to call home. Racism is toxic and hatred will divide and distract us. We say put the blame where it belongs.

HOMES FOR ALL

Don't fall for the lies...

Migrants and refugees DON'T cause the housing crisis!

Failed government policies are driving the housing crisis and undermining council housing. They instead give more power and money to private developers and landlords.

Homes for All is a grassroots alliance

of tenants, trade unionists and local housing campaigns.

We reject any attempt to divide us and shift the blame.

Ministers too often spread racist ideas about housing, to cover their own failures.

The far-right exploit this, spreading myths and lies.

GET THE FACTS

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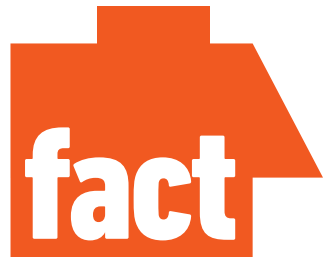
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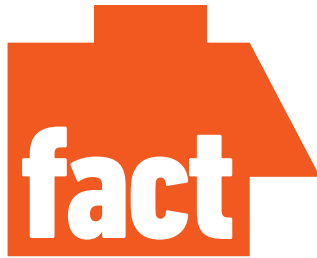
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Immigrants DO NOT jump the housing queue

People just arriving in the UK cannot qualify for permanent council or social housing. Refugees escaping war and death, are 'welcomed' into shameful mouldy, damp homes not fit for anyone.



The richest, not migrants, get all the homes

Immigrants and people from ethnic minorities are far more likely to be homeless or live in sub-standard housing. Two thirds of white British householders own their home; two in five householders from any other ethnic group.

When people from Asia and the Caribbean first came to the UK

there was tremendous discrimination – the famous 'no dogs, no blacks, no Irish' sign was the worst of that, but Black and minority ethnic people (BAME) were pushed into the worst private rented housing. (*Human City Institute*)

"There has been a specific rise in homelessness among BAME families in recent years." (*Shelter 2018*)

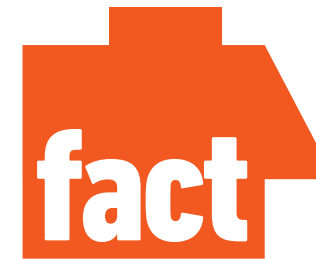


There would be enough homes for everyone – if they were shared

The UK has 205,293 empty homes and acres of publicly owned land where thousands of new homes could be built. But private developers are "land banking" sites instead of building homes. There are more bedrooms per head of

population that ever, with many empty and underused, while more and more ordinary people are in unfit and insecure homes we can't afford – or homeless.

"As economic inequality grows, fewer and fewer people use up more and more housing space and land." Danny Dorling, *All that is Solid*



We do have enough space for the homes we need

Less than 15 per cent of land in the UK is built on.



We can afford to build more homes

£23 billion a year is spent on Housing Benefit; much of it to pay unaffordable rents and subsidise private landlords. This money should instead be invested to build the homes we need now.