



Week 1 Briefing

Welcome to The Amplifiers! Let's combat dangerous disinformation and division spread by the far-right online by creating engaging, progressive content.

This week's theme: Nigel Farage does not stand for the working class

Nigel Farage claims that he stands up for the working class. However, the reality is far from this.

Reform UK does not support working people and instead actively works in the interests of the rich.

Suggested points to cover in your content

- All Reform UK MPs voted against the Employment Rights Bill. What does this mean? By voting against the Bill, they attempted to block significant improvements to workers' rights, showing their supposed support for the working class is just rhetoric, not something they actually believe in.
- Reform UK's manifesto says they want to scrap employment laws and make it easier to fire employees.
- When it comes down to it, they'll put big businesses before working people.
- Farage pretends he can relate to the working class, but he went to an all-boys boarding school, is funded by billionaire tax dodgers and has already made £1 million from outside employment since being elected as an MP including earning £280,000 for just 8 hours of work promoting a gold dealer.

These are just suggestions, you know your content and audience best.

The main message we want to get across is Nigel Farage does not represent the working class, so feel free to interpret this in your own way!

Key facts

- The Employment Rights Bill has passed through the House of Commons, all Reform UK MPs, including Nigel Farage voted against the bill. This means they voted against:
 - Protecting workers against unfair dismissal
 - Ending exploitative zero hour contracts by giving workers the right to guaranteed hours of work if they want them

- Giving workers the right to statutory sick pay from day one
- Reform UK's manifesto states they want to *"Scrap thousands of laws that hold back British business and damage productivity, including employment laws. We must make it easier to hire and fire so that businesses can grow."*
 - Not only are Reform UK voting against improvements to workers' rights, their manifesto shows they actively want to reduce them, prioritising businesses over workers.
- The boarding school Nigel Farage attended, Dulwich College now costs £60,000 per year to attend
 - This is higher than the average annual earnings of full time employees in the UK, which is £37,430.

Key articles

- The overwhelming support for the measures in the Employment Rights Bill, and Reform UK's opposition, can be found here: [Reform UK are no friend of the workers - here's why – HOPE not hate](#)
 - This details polling information which shows support for each aspect of the bill, including from Reform UK voters
- Details of a number of Nigel Farage's jobs since becoming an MP can be found here: [Nigel Farage gets his 10th job as he becomes Sky News Australia commentator](#)
 - A detailed breakdown can be found on his MP register of interests here: [Register of Interests for Nigel Farage - MPs and Lords](#)

More information, including details on Reform UK's voting record, manifesto pledges and actions can be found in the Reform UK and Farage Factsheet in the Week One google drive folder.