

# Responding to the current anti-democratic threat in the UK

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# 1. Background

## Current/next stage of 4 key Bills.

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| <b>Police Crime Sentencing and Courts Bill</b> | <i>Ping-pong session, 28 February.</i>      |
| <b>Elections Bill</b>                          | <i>Lords second reading , 23 February.</i>  |
| <b>Nationality and Borders Bill</b>            | <i>Lords Report stage, 28 February -</i>    |
| <b>Judicial Review and Courts Bill</b>         | <i>Lords Committee stage, 21 February -</i> |

At least four important pieces of legislation now before Parliament present major threats to our democracy, civil liberty and human rights:

- Police Crime Sentencing and Courts Bill;
- Elections Bill;
- Nationality and Borders Bill; and
- Judicial Review and Courts Bill

The **Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill** will make *many types of protest illegal*, will ban us from marching and demonstrating outside parliament, and will *increase police powers for stop and search at protests*. Recent amendments included the creation of orders which could *ban any individual the Government chooses from protesting*. Other parts of the bill include clauses which *make ‘noisy’ protest illegal* and which *clamp down on protest that causes ‘unease’*.

**UPDATE. On Tuesday January 17<sup>th</sup>, in a remarkable debate the Lords inflicted heavy defeats on the government in all 14 votes on the Bill. The included the defeat of all amendments introduced by the government without debate in the Commons – these cannot now be reintroduced. There remains a risk the Commons will reverse other amendments passed in the Lords.**

If passed, the **Elections Bill** would *remove independent regulation of the elections process* and give government ministers *powers to decide who can participate in elections campaigning*. The **Bill** will *force every UK voter to present ID upon voting*. This will make it harder for those on lower incomes and people of colour to vote, as these groups are less likely to possess an official ID. The Bill also threatens the existing voting rights of EU citizens.

The **Nationality and Borders Bill** will impose *unprecedented restrictions on the lives of asylum seekers and those who help them*. From *criminalising the means by which many asylum seekers enter the UK to returning asylum seekers to countries where they might not actually be safe*, the bill will remove many of the protections that those seeking asylum are currently afforded. Other proposed additions to the bill include *making it legal to push back dinghies of refugees attempting to cross the English Channel* and *offshoring asylum seekers to de-facto detention camps* to process their applications. Under a recently added

amendment (Clause 9) *individuals could be stripped of their British citizenship without warning.*

The **Judicial Review and Courts Bill** would mean that *parliament could strike out judicial decisions* that it disagreed with and would protect the government of the day from legal consequences for actions the Courts found to be unlawful. Judicial reviews are a vital tool of democracy whereby institutional decisions can be challenged by ordinary citizens. Government ministers are also considering adding amendments to the bill which will *allow them to review and invalidate the outcomes of all judicial review decisions if they so wish.*<sup>1</sup>

The document below provides current reference information on these Bills, with other dangerous legislative plans. For each Bill it references organised responses, actions and plans, campaign materials, key commentary and documents.

There are some common and disturbing features of this situation.

- These laws prolong the virtual state of democratic exception which is supposed to have been mandated by the 2016 referendum. They have all, like much Brexit law, been driven through Parliament with scant regard for the procedural checks and balances of democratic legislation, criticism, challenge and scrutiny.
- Several of them create unprecedented, dangerous and arbitrary executive and police powers over groups and individuals, while the judicial review bill threatens to confiscate citizens' recourse to law to hold power to account.
- All of these changes are meanwhile being legislated at pace with inadequate challenge because, thanks in large part to the distractions, conflicts and scandals of the pandemic, public opinion is largely being kept in a state of ignorance, inert indifference and passivity relating to what the government is attempting to perpetrate.

Over past months, coalitions established to resist specific Bills have accomplished impressive mobilisations of public opinion in adverse circumstances. But maybe they can be further expanded to help meet a common threat. A number of organisations, both specifically pro-European and other, responded positively to our recent letter on this topic.

Pro-EU groups have a strong, and by now experienced activist grassroots which has mobilised near-record mass presence. The anti-democratic threat does not only concern pro-Europeans of course, but pro-European know their cause is lost if we lose our democracy.

Different organisations are focussing effort on different subsets of current legislation. Some organisations are specialised in, designed and tasked to address specific field of

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campaigning, but we are all adapting to a new challenge which concerns us all. In some cases, sectors of civil society are becoming engaged in new ways because they identify a new and unprecedented threat.

Combining the skills and resources of different campaigns and movements may be a way to create new capabilities to resist excessive power.

**Labour's voting intentions in key upcoming Lords debates - these were for a time uncertain but** Labour delivered a strong consistent vote against key parts of the PCSC Bill on January 17h.

**Peers are now key players** in resisting the worst elements of these Bills – different issues in terms of citizen access, because no constituency. Write via one's MP. Several tools and templates are available and listed below for writing about the different Bills.

Some groups have strong experience and skills in lobbying, briefing and working with parliamentarians – BFB, Unlock Democracy, Liberty. Some campaigns and even individual campaigners may be the specific targets of laws vindictively intended to impede or silence them – and for that reason have a claim to wider democratic solidarity (“First they came for the socialists...”).

### ***Update on the Police Bill, 23/01/2022***

Listening to the Lord debate on January 17<sup>th</sup> was an enchanting and tantalising experience. It seemed as though for one night sane, decent, rational women and men were in charge of our affairs and critical intelligence had taken back control.

Between 4pm and 00:45am there were fourteen votes. The government lost all of them, nearly always by a significant margin, about 210 to 130. Labour and LibDem peers were voting consistently against the government, supported by a significant bloc of crossbench peers.

The government's particularly egregious key new amendments which had never been introduced or debated in the Commons were all lost and cannot be reintroduced. The opposition amendments which were won could all be reversed by the Commons, if it insists on doing so. There is much still to play for which is of the gravest consequence for our democracy.

The organisations in the Police Bill Alliance which led the public campaign against the Bill put out their analyses on the 18<sup>th</sup>, summarising what was won, what can be lost and what has (sadly) been left unchanged. See below for more details.

We can now see who voted and read what a good many peers had to say. We need to encourage the peers who took our side, reinforce their connection, offer them argument and evidence around the battlefield of the key amendments and convince them of the depth of public support for their principled stand against this government.

In the Commons, we have to continue applying maximum pressure to break down their majority, and embolden a morally sentient minority of Tory MPs rebels to defy the Whip. With Johnson on the cliff edge, the Whips and Johnson accused of criminal blackmail, and Red Wall MPs anxious and disaffected (possibly with further defections in the pipeline)

there has never been a better chance to trigger a serious rebellion.

On the same day, the good news in the Lords was countered by bad news in the Commons, as the pernicious and dangerous Elections Bill passed its second reading votes without amendment. So there is much more to seek to do during its future stages in both houses. Ditto regarding the Nationality and Borders Bill and the Judicial Review Bill.

### **What the Police Bill Alliance leaders have said.**

Reproduced from <https://www.politics.co.uk/opinion-former/press-release/2022/01/18/police-bill-alliance-call-on-mps-to-uphold-changes-to-draconian-bill-which-risk-destroying-peoples-right-to-protest/>

The **Police Bill Alliance**, made up of organisations including Liberty, Bond, Quakers in Britain, Friends of the Earth, and Friends, Families and Travellers, said:

“Peers have rightly rejected some of the most extreme proposals in the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill. We are grateful to every Peer who stayed late to push back against this draconian Bill which seeks to destroy the right to protest in the UK.

“With the Bill set to return to the Commons, we now urge MPs to uphold the changes Peers have made on ‘noise-based’ conditions on protests.

Unfortunately many of the measures criminalising protest remain in this Bill, meaning you could get ten years in prison for causing ‘serious annoyance’. The Bill also introduces oppressive new measures which criminalise the nomadic way of life for Gypsy and Traveller communities.”

“This Bill is just part of a suite of legislation going through Parliament which attack our fundamental rights and undermine democracy in the UK. Be it stripping people of their British citizenship without warning, or allowing Ministers to throw out Court decisions they disagree with – placing politics above the law, we are now entering dangerous waters when it comes to Britain’s civic freedoms and democracy.”

**Stephanie Draper, Chief Executive, Bond said:** “Thank you to all the Peers who voted to oppose some of the most dangerous measures proposed by the government. People need to be able to stand up for the issues that matter to their families and communities, both here in the UK and around the world. Be it about climate change or against inequality, protest is a cornerstone of our democracy and we must not take it for granted. This is why international development charities will continue to campaign against the Police Bill, especially those parts that remain incompatible with international law and set a bad precedent internationally.

“At a time when the right to protest is under attack around the world, the UK should be setting a positive example, rather than making it harder for people to exercise their democratic freedoms.”

**Martha Spurrier, Director, Liberty said:** “This vote is a crucial victory for everyone who has a cause they believe in. The right to protest is not a gift from the state, and it’s fitting that through months of protest we have protected this right from a dangerous power grab from the Government.

“Yesterday’s vote means some of the most dangerous and authoritarian parts of the Policing Bill will never darken British democracy, but the campaign to stop the Policing Bill must go on. The Bill is an all-out assault on the right to protest, and there are still many dangerous new police powers in the Bill that will increase discrimination and the danger of

police interactions – particularly for Black men – while other measures threaten to criminalise the way of life of Gypsy and Traveller communities.

“The Bill, and the last minute amendments they tried to sneak through, are typical of a Government that despises scrutiny and rejects accountability, which thinks the powerful should be above the law, even if it comes at the expense of everybody else’s human rights.

“We have shown that with a united front people power can stop the Government from changing the rules to suit themselves. Now the fight continues to stop from them threatening all our rights and making themselves untouchable.”

**Paul Parker, Recording Clerk, Quakers in Britain said:** “Protest is an important way for Quakers to put faith into action – for centuries we’ve been speaking truth to power wherever we see injustice. We’re grateful to all the Peers who have worked with our coalition to improve this Bill. However, it remains a dangerous piece of legislation. Rather than encouraging legitimate protest, it will suppress dissent and weaken government accountability. We continue to work with others to oppose this Bill and other threats to democracy and human rights in the UK.”

**Sarah Mann, Director, Friends, Families and Travellers said:** “We are enormously grateful to all the peers, allies and community members who stood up for the right to live a nomadic way of life in the United Kingdom. We are grateful to those who understand that human rights are inalienable and if they can be taken away from one of us, they can be taken away from all of us.

From Police Forces up and down the country to the Government’s own human rights committee, it is abundantly clear that no one wants these powers. It is heart-breaking and infuriating in equal measure that Part 4 passes the Lords with no amendments, on a technicality.

Gypsy, Traveller and nomadic people living roadside, with nowhere else to go, will not be afforded such ‘technicalities’ – they will face a law that describes trampled grass as ‘significant damage’. It’s not just the devil that’s in the details, but the sheer absurdity and cruelty of Part 4.

It would be far more productive for the Government to provide more safe stopping places so that families living nomadically can access basic services such as fresh water, sanitation and refuse collection. It’s no good using the full strength of the law to tell people where they can’t go, without telling them where they can.

Everyone deserves somewhere to live, in peace, security and safety.”

**Dave Timms, Head of Political Affairs, Friends of the Earth said:**

“Peers have rightly rejected the Government’s most extreme attempts to add authoritarian new anti-protest measures to an already draconian Bill. This included a raft of poorly drafted new offences, police powers to stop and search protesters and individual protest banning orders, all introduced to Parliament at the last minute. These were measures you’d expect to see in a dictatorship not a democracy.

“This was undoubtedly a humiliating night for the Government as Peers stood up for our historic rights and freedoms. However significant parts of the Bill still survive that will to make it easier to restrict and criminalise protests, and introduces harsh sentences for peaceful actions. Crucially the Lords vote to remove police powers to restrict protests for being too noisy must now be confirmed by MPs. They have a last chance to defend our historic right to be heard by those in power.”

**Liberty** issued its own post which is worth reading in full.

<https://www.libertyhumanrights.org.uk/issue/victory-over-protest-restrictions-shows-united-front-can-defeat-government-power-grab/>

This is its overview of how the Bill now stand after the Lords Report stage votes.

**<<Votes in the House of Lords last night mean that these threats to protest are defeated and cannot be returned to the Bill:**

- The offence of locking on and being equipped to lock on.
- Interference with major transport works.
- Interference of key national infrastructure.
- Stop and search on specifically for items associated with other parts of the Bill, such as causing “nuisance”.
- Suspicionless stop and search related to protest.
- Serious Disruption Prevention Orders (protest banning orders)

More info: **5 ways the Government’s Policing Bill just went from bad to worse**

**These threats to protest were defeated but MPs must defeat them again to ensure they do not become law:**

- Creating a ‘buffer zone’ around Parliament.
- Giving police power to impose noise-based restrictions on protest.
- Criminalising one-person protests.
- Giving police power to impose restrictions on public assemblies.
- Creating the offence of wilful obstruction of the highway (amended to only include the Strategic Road Network).

Powers to criminalise trespass, which threaten the way of life of Gypsy and Traveller communities, were already passed by the House of Lords, meaning MPs must defeat them or scrap the Bill wholesale. New police powers, which will entrench the danger of police interactions, particularly for Black men **and survivors of domestic abuse** and criminal exploitation, were amended so that there must be a robust pilot and a parliamentary vote before their roll out. MPs can still vote to block the serious violence duty and Serious Violence Reduction Orders in their entirety if they oppose the Bill.

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## 2. ACTION POINTS - what you can do – what we need to do now.]

We'll be updating this section shortly based on the latest advice from the key organisers.

**Tom Brake, director of Unlock Democracy**, has provided the following *recommendations for immediate actions*:

<<This is the link to our action centre for the **Elections Bill**.

<https://unlockdemocracy.org.uk/electionsbill>

- **Sign the Petition NOW!** -

<https://secure.unlockdemocracy.org.uk/page/82336/petition/1?locale=en-GB>

- **Write to Your MP** -

<https://secure.unlockdemocracy.org.uk/page/89025/action/1?ea.tracking.id=web>

- **Spread the word on Facebook** - [Facebook share page for Elections Bill — Unlock Democracy](#)

Here are some other possible actions relating to the Police Bill.

**Action:** Please continue to share the short protest videos produced by Liberty. They feature a network of influential campaigners, including the Gurkha campaigners, and other groups spanning issues including disability rights, domestic violence and community resources. They serve to highlight that anyone at all may need to protest at some point, so we're using the hashtag #WeProtest. Thanks to everyone who has already shared the videos on social channels. Please keep sharing them. The link to resources is here, including 1-minute shorts for use on social.

**Action:** Please ask any supporters who haven't already done so to **sign the petition so it can reach its new target of one million signatures**. Active petitions can be found on five websites – [Friends of the Earth](#), [Liberty](#), [SumOfUs](#) and [Global Justice Now](#) and [Greenpeace](#) – please ask your supporters to sign one of them. >>

**The Police Bill Alliance** is at <https://policebillalliance.org/> and tweets as [@PoliceBillAll](#).

You can **show your support for the campaign** by using the hashtag **#PolicingBill**

There is from a recent briefing by Kathleen Christie on the Police Bill here:



<https://www.acevo.org.uk/2022/01/whats-happening-on-the-policing-bill/>

<< A **mobilisation moment was held** on Monday 17 January to draw attention to the Lords vote. During the day, Police Bill Alliance representatives handed in the combined petition – currently standing at over 760,000 signatures – to the Home Office. Later in the evening, a **Noisy and Annoying Protest** called by the comedian Mark Thomas was held outside Parliament, with coordination by **Global Justice Now**. It was clearly audible in the Lords chamber.

The lobbying focus will switch to the Commons as we approach ping-pong, with the alliance focussing on target MPs and organisations invited to ask their supporters to write to their MPs with personal stories of the importance of protest to real social change.

We will continue to spotlight **positive demonstrations and protests** on social media, including the **short protest videos produced by Liberty**. They feature a network of influential campaigners, including the Gurkha campaigners, and other groups spanning issues including disability rights, domestic violence and community resources, These videos serve to highlight that anyone at all may need to protest at some point, so we're using the hashtag #WeProtest.

### ***Next stages of influencing***

The House of Lords started its **Part 3 Report Stage** this week, giving all peers a further opportunity to examine the bill and propose further amendments . The final day of Report Stage is on Monday 17 January when the Part 3 vote will take place. We expect Third Reading (when the amendments will be debated for the final time) to take place at the start of February. Our current analysis is that **ping-pong** (when amendments are passed back and forth between the House of Lords and the House of Commons) will occur either during the week beginning 7 February or the week beginning 21 February. After ping-pong is completed, we will know which elements of the bill will pass into law.

There are **several things you can do to support our work influencing this bill**:

- **Share your concerns with MPs ahead of ping-pong** and encourage them to attend the Commons vote in February by writing to them
- **Convene like-minded organisations in your sector and generate a lobbying letter to Peers**
- **Promote positive stories of demonstrations and protests.**
- **Tag [@PoliceBillAll](#) on Twitter** so we can help amplify social media posts
- **Generate an opinion piece** to remind politicians of the breadth of support for

scrapping Part 3 and Part 4 ahead of ping-pong >>

### ***Some key dates:***

**Saturday, January 15th 13:00 UTC Another Europe Is Possible with Kill Kill the Nationality and Police Bills Protest, London, Sat 15, 12pm, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, WC2A 3.**

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2092939680862760>

Speakers include John McDonnell MP, Marsha de Cordova, BAME Lawyers 4 Justice, PCS Union & more.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2092939680862760>

**[Write to your MP - https://www.anothereurope.org/defeat-the-anti-refugee-bill/](https://www.anothereurope.org/defeat-the-anti-refugee-bill/)**

**Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> 12 noon Rally against the Election Bill with Make Votes Matter, Best for Britain, Unlock Democracy and political parties.**

<https://www.makevotesmatter.org.uk/news/5-february-march-for-democracy>

• Register here : <https://actionnetwork.org/events/elections-bill-rally>

### ***Police Bill Alliance update [10/02/2022]***

Organisations in the Alliance are asking local campaigners in relevant constituencies to right to a selected set of influential and potential rebel Tory MPs.

Where possible at local level, citizens from different campaigns and communities will combine through joint letters to MPs, letters to local media and joint approaches to their MPs.

GfE have contacted local group chair who are helping with this, and coordinating with other Alliance members.

Campaigners are encouraged to send this updated briefing to their MP:

<https://www.libertyhumanrights.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Joint-Briefing-on-Pt.-3-PCSCB-Ping-Pong-February-2022.pdf>

### ***Latest news [11/02/2022]***

The 'ping-pong session' for the Police Bill [consideration by commons of Lords amendments] is on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February**, with 6 hours allocated for discussion and debate.

The Lords second reading of the Elections Bill is on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Further campaign action news is expected shortly.

Additional info and resources kindly provided by Another Europe is Possible:

• **Nathalie Bennett's Lords Amendment:** <https://twitter.com/fahadansar>

[i/status/1480591660413247488?s=21](https://twitter.com/fahadansari/status/1480591660413247488?s=21)

- **Model Motion against NABB-National and Borders Bill.**  
<https://twitter.com/fahadansari/status/1480591660413247488?s=21>Model
- **44 MSPa Statement against NABB** <https://www.anothereurope.org/nationality-and-borders-bill-model-motion/MSP>
- **Letter to Keir Starmer** [Letter to Keir Starmer: defend all migrants and refugees – Another Europe is Possible](#)
- **AEIP Conference policy on Europe:** <https://www.anothereurope.org/our-future-relationship-with-the-eu-another-europe-national-conference-2021/>

*From Oxford for Europe:*

<https://oxfordforeurope.org/the-police-bill-a-threat-to-civil-liberties/>

A local grassroots group informing its supporters on this issue and inviting them to intervene.

### 3. Key info on four dangerous Bills, and other dangerous legislative plans

*This is a 'reference' appendix, compiling key data, resources and campaign materials, organized in mainly chronological order, for each of the major current legislative items.*

*Most recent item are on a blue background, preceded by orange, then yellow, then white.*

#### **Overview materials**

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| Gal-Dem Moya Lothian McLean | <a href="https://gal-dem.com/every-bill-the-tories-are-trying-to-pass-2022/">https://gal-dem.com/every-bill-the-tories-are-trying-to-pass-2022/</a> [10 01 2022]  |
| <b>Friends of the Earth</b> | 3 ways the government is threatening our democracy in the UK<br><a href="https://friendsoftheearth.uk/system-change/3-ways-government-threatening-our-democracy-uk">https://friendsoftheearth.uk/system-change/3-ways-government-threatening-our-democracy-uk</a>   |
| Nafeez Ahmed / Byline Times | Enabling Acts. Citizenship of Quarter of Britons at Risk as Conservatives Construct AN AUTHORITARIAN LEGAL INFRASTRUCTURE [24/02/2022]<br><a href="https://bylinetimes.com/2022/01/24/enabling-acts-citizenship-of-quarter-of-britons-at-risk-as-conservatives-construct-an-authoritarian-legal-infrastructure/about:blank">https://bylinetimes.com/2022/01/24/enabling-acts-citizenship-of-quarter-of-britons-at-risk-as-conservatives-construct-an-authoritarian-legal-infrastructure/about:blank</a> |

#### **3.1. Police Crime Sentencing and Courts Bill**

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| Official Info. | <a href="https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2839">https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2839</a><br><a href="https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2839#timeline">https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2839#timeline</a><br><a href="https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2839/stages/16047">https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2839/stages/16047</a><br>Current next and final stage : Ping pong in commons, February 28th |
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|   | <a href="https://www.parliament.uk/business/news/2021/september-2021/lords-debates-police-crime-sentencing-and-courts-bill-at-second-reading/">https://www.parliament.uk/business/news/2021/september-2021/lords-debates-police-crime-sentencing-and-courts-bill-at-second-reading/</a><br><a href="https://www.parliament.uk/business/news/2021/september-2021/lords-debates-police-crime-sentencing-and-courts-bill-at-second-reading/">https://www.parliament.uk/business/news/2021/september-2021/lords-debates-police-crime-sentencing-and-courts-bill-at-second-reading/</a>  |
| Latest draft  | <a href="https://bills.parliament.uk/publications/43970/documents/1042">https://bills.parliament.uk/publications/43970/documents/1042</a>   |
| Amendments  | <a href="https://bills.parliament.uk/publications/44367/documents/1151">https://bills.parliament.uk/publications/44367/documents/1151</a>   |
| Petitions: Protect the Right to Protest<br><a href="#">Friends of the Earth</a><br><a href="#">Liberty</a><br><a href="#">SumOfUs</a><br><a href="#">Global Justice Now</a><br><a href="#">Greenpeace</a> | <a href="https://act.friendsoftheearth.uk/petition/add-your-name-defend-right-protest">https://act.friendsoftheearth.uk/petition/add-your-name-defend-right-protest</a><br><a href="https://action.libertyhumanrights.org.uk/page/78339/petition/1?locale=en-GB">https://action.libertyhumanrights.org.uk/page/78339/petition/1?locale=en-GB</a><br><a href="https://actions.sumofus.org/a/protect-the-right-to-protest">https://actions.sumofus.org/a/protect-the-right-to-protest</a><br><a href="https://act.globaljustice.org.uk/defend-right-protest">https://act.globaljustice.org.uk/defend-right-protest</a><br><a href="https://www.greenpeace.org/uk/campaigns/defend-right-to-protest/">The right to protest (greenpeace.org.uk)</a> |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> December  | Minutes, Speakers on 8 December <a href="https://lordsbusiness.parliament.uk/ItemOfBusiness?itemOfBusinessId=105293&amp;sectionId=40&amp;businessPaperDate=2021-12-08">https://lordsbusiness.parliament.uk/ItemOfBusiness?itemOfBusinessId=105293&amp;sectionId=40&amp;businessPaperDate=2021-12-08</a><br>Key speakers included Lord Pannick; Lord Marks.  |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> December   | Report stage continued – did not address protest clauses.   |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> December   | Report stage continued – did not address protest clauses.   |
| George Monbiot  | <a href="https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2021/dec/08/boris-johnson-grabbing-more-power-amendments-to-oppressive-legislation-uk">https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2021/dec/08/boris-johnson-grabbing-more-power-amendments-to-oppressive-legislation-uk</a>   |
| Phil Clarke Hill and Rachel Cunliffe  | <a href="https://www.newstatesman.com/politics/uk-politics/2021/09/police-protest-and-power-is-priti-patels-police-bill-a-threat-to-civil-liberties">https://www.newstatesman.com/politics/uk-politics/2021/09/police-protest-and-power-is-priti-patels-police-bill-a-threat-to-civil-liberties</a>   |
| Ian Dunt 25.11.2021   | <a href="https://inews.co.uk/opinion/priti-patel-anti-protest-powers-stuffed-policing-bill-1316830">https://inews.co.uk/opinion/priti-patel-anti-protest-powers-stuffed-policing-bill-1316830</a>   |
| Joint Committee on Human Rights   | <a href="https://committees.parliament.uk/publications/8078/documents/83028/default/">https://committees.parliament.uk/publications/8078/documents/83028/default/</a>   |
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| FoE              | <a href="https://friendsoftheearth.uk/system-change/why-police-crime-sentencing-and-courts-bill-harmful-piece-legislation-1">https://friendsoftheearth.uk/system-change/why-police-crime-sentencing-and-courts-bill-harmful-piece-legislation-1</a><br><a href="https://act.friendsoftheearth.uk/target/tell-your-mp-oppose-hostile-measures-policing-bill">https://act.friendsoftheearth.uk/target/tell-your-mp-oppose-hostile-measures-policing-bill</a>  |
| Big Issue        | <a href="https://www.bigissue.com/news/activism/how-you-can-resist-the-governments-draconian-policing-bill/">https://www.bigissue.com/news/activism/how-you-can-resist-the-governments-draconian-policing-bill/</a><br>Lord Bird  |
| OpenDemocracy    | <a href="https://do.opendemocracy.net/policebill">https://do.opendemocracy.net/policebill</a> - <b>Email your MP about the right to protest</b>   |
| Liberty          | <a href="https://www.libertyhumanrights.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Libertys-briefing-on-the-Police-Crime-Sentencing-and-Courts-Bill-Report-Stage-HoC-July-2021.pdf">https://www.libertyhumanrights.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Libertys-briefing-on-the-Police-Crime-Sentencing-and-Courts-Bill-Report-Stage-HoC-July-2021.pdf</a> July 2021<br><a href="https://www.libertyhumanrights.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Libertys-briefing-on-the-PCSC-Bill-for-second-reading-in-the-House-of-Lords.pdf">https://www.libertyhumanrights.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Libertys-briefing-on-the-PCSC-Bill-for-second-reading-in-the-House-of-Lords.pdf</a> September 2021<br><a href="https://www.libertyhumanrights.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Libertys-full-briefing-on-the-PCSC-Bill-for-Committee-Stage-in-the-House-of-Lords-October-2021-1.pdf">https://www.libertyhumanrights.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Libertys-full-briefing-on-the-PCSC-Bill-for-Committee-Stage-in-the-House-of-Lords-October-2021-1.pdf</a><br><a href="https://action.libertyhumanrights.org.uk/page/78339/petition/1">https://action.libertyhumanrights.org.uk/page/78339/petition/1</a><br><a href="https://www.libertyhumanrights.org.uk/issue/5-ways-the-governments-policing-bill-just-went-from-bad-to-worse/">https://www.libertyhumanrights.org.uk/issue/5-ways-the-governments-policing-bill-just-went-from-bad-to-worse/</a> [Jun Pang – 2/12/2021] |
| Good Law Project | <a href="https://goodlawproject.org/news/pcsc-bill-briefing-for-mps/">https://goodlawproject.org/news/pcsc-bill-briefing-for-mps/</a> March 2021  |
| Russell Brand    | Thinking Of Protesting? WATCH THIS!!!<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sxxb2eEW9VA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sxxb2eEW9VA</a>  |
| KilltheBill      | <a href="https://trello.com/b/1PA9NnNZ/policing-bill-tool-kit">https://trello.com/b/1PA9NnNZ/policing-bill-tool-kit</a><br>Eight Ways To Oppose The Policing Bill Online Today (Includes templates, graphics and links)<br><a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WvCDoxRNbZh6yVUQ6Z7nkKXKSX99KGUocqj_8WIUXSg/edit">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WvCDoxRNbZh6yVUQ6Z7nkKXKSX99KGUocqj_8WIUXSg/edit</a><br><b>*** new website ***</b> <a href="https://ktbofficial.org/">https://ktbofficial.org/</a>  |

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| <a href="https://www.independent.co.uk/climate-change/opinion/priti-patel-police-bill-climate-crisis-b1975018.html">Donnachadh McCarthy</a> | <a href="https://www.independent.co.uk/climate-change/opinion/priti-patel-police-bill-climate-crisis-b1975018.html">https://www.independent.co.uk/climate-change/opinion/priti-patel-police-bill-climate-crisis-b1975018.html</a>  |
| Extinction Rebellion  | Digital Action: Tell Lords to protect our freedoms by rejecting the most sinister parts of the policing bill!<br><a href="http://www.digitalrebellion.uk/policingbill">http://www.digitalrebellion.uk/policingbill</a> – action day on 08/01/2022  |
| Annette Dittert [ARD tv]  | <a href="https://www.newstatesman.com/comment/2021/12/ignore-his-lies-for-now-boris-johnson-is-leading-an-assault-on-british-democracy">https://www.newstatesman.com/comment/2021/12/ignore-his-lies-for-now-boris-johnson-is-leading-an-assault-on-british-democracy</a><br>“The proposed legislation is quite simply monstrous – wholly and utterly incompatible with basic democratic principles.”]   |
| Best for Britain  | <a href="https://www.bestforbritain.org/opposition_to_policing_bill_bridges_brexit_divide">https://www.bestforbritain.org/opposition_to_policing_bill_bridges_brexit_divide</a><br><a href="https://www.bestforbritain.org/policing_bill_donate">https://www.bestforbritain.org/policing_bill_donate</a><br><a href="https://www.bestforbritain.org/januarycrossroadsdemocracy">https://www.bestforbritain.org/januarycrossroadsdemocracy</a> 16 12 2021 |
| Baroness Jenny Jones [Green]; Lord Brian Paddick [LD], Mark Johnson, legal and policy officer at Big Brother Watch [!?                      | <a href="https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2021/dec/19/labour-urged-to-vote-down-draconian-changes-to-crime-bill">https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2021/dec/19/labour-urged-to-vote-down-draconian-changes-to-crime-bill</a>  |
| Guardian leader   | <a href="https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2021/dec/19/the-guardian-view-on-the-police-bill-a-fight-for-the-right-to-protest">https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2021/dec/19/the-guardian-view-on-the-police-bill-a-fight-for-the-right-to-protest</a> 19 12 2021   |
| Unlock democracy  | <a href="https://unlockdemocracy.org.uk/defend-our-right-to-protest">https://unlockdemocracy.org.uk/defend-our-right-to-protest</a>  |
| Leeds for Europe [written evidence]   | <a href="https://bills.parliament.uk/publications/41553/documents/289">https://bills.parliament.uk/publications/41553/documents/289</a>  |

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| Shami Chakrabarty / Byline Times                      | <a href="https://bylinetimes.com/2021/12/07/terrifying-johnsons-government-following-far-right-playbook-on-crushing-dissent/">https://bylinetimes.com/2021/12/07/terrifying-johnsons-government-following-far-right-playbook-on-crushing-dissent/</a><br><<Labour peer and former Liberty director Shami Chakrabarti told Byline Times that new amendments to the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill are designed to frame people peacefully demonstrating as terrorists>>  |
| Central Bylines/ Tim Hall                             | <a href="https://centralbylines.co.uk/amendments-to-the-governments-police-crime-and-sentencing-bill-is-an-assault-on-rights-to-protest/">https://centralbylines.co.uk/amendments-to-the-governments-police-crime-and-sentencing-bill-is-an-assault-on-rights-to-protest/</a>  |
| Letter from Businesses seeking changes to Police Bill | Statement by one of the two lead organisers, Matt Golding<br><a href="https://www.linkedin.com/posts/mattgolding_letter-to-lords-re-policing-bill-from-concerned-activity-6879476434235138048-f4NX/">https://www.linkedin.com/posts/mattgolding_letter-to-lords-re-policing-bill-from-concerned-activity-6879476434235138048-f4NX/</a><br>Letter with 113 signatures<br><a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IfEwWWuMaq25G32aRemtyS3wfJLWaMR-3kGz_gRRTM/edit">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IfEwWWuMaq25G32aRemtyS3wfJLWaMR-3kGz_gRRTM/edit</a><br>The Business Case for resisting the Police Bill<br><a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NeT3-3Kj6kPkWu2w-V5pqRsbzeXzsxHL2meG4JJLtas/edit">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NeT3-3Kj6kPkWu2w-V5pqRsbzeXzsxHL2meG4JJLtas/edit</a><br>As purposeful business leaders, now is the time to speak out<br><a href="https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1pn103U6DeKUv1-pGluNEHv2YSxImx3aHnx1iZeT9Ao4/edit#slide=id.g1068c1ba087_8_89">https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1pn103U6DeKUv1-pGluNEHv2YSxImx3aHnx1iZeT9Ao4/edit#slide=id.g1068c1ba087_8_89</a><br>Current Public statements from businesses, business leaders and business networks opposing the Policing Bill:<br><a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OdGoU5XVsQoVuqskMwqKli6l-lwSmby42Tnv_X3hbY4/edit">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OdGoU5XVsQoVuqskMwqKli6l-lwSmby42Tnv_X3hbY4/edit</a><br><a href="mailto:charlotteuk21@gmail.com">charlotteuk21@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:matt@rubberrepublic.com">matt@rubberrepublic.com</a><br><br><a href="https://www.linkedin.com/posts/paulpolman_letter-to-lords-re-policing-bill-from-concerned-">https://www.linkedin.com/posts/paulpolman_letter-to-lords-re-policing-bill-from-concerned-</a> |



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| Police Bill Alliance<br>@PoliceBillAll | <a href="https://policebillalliance.org/">https://policebillalliance.org/</a><br>The Police Bill Alliance is an informal alliance opposing the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill's assault on freedom, rights and marginalised communities.<br>Founding members include: Liberty, Bond, Friends, Families and Travellers, Quakers in Britain, and Friends of the Earth. <a href="mailto:media@policebillalliance.org">media@policebillalliance.org</a>  |
| Green Party                            | <p><b>07/01/2022 10 days to save the right to protest</b></p> <p><a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qav_CQAcI24MrJ35rHSN-TYyqbE7FXy8/edit">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qav_CQAcI24MrJ35rHSN-TYyqbE7FXy8/edit</a></p> <p>This month, the government's Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill (the Policing Bill) reaches a crucial stage in the House of Lords. Our Green peers Jenny Jones and Natalie Bennett have been leading opposition in the Lords to this extremely dangerous Bill, which effectively allows the police, acting under instruction from government, the power to stop any protest. But, they can't do it alone.</p> <p>The offences created by the Bill criminalise peaceful protesters and carry a maximum sentence of 51 weeks in prison. This is an assault on some of our most fundamental democratic rights. Today, the Green Party launches a campaign to Save the Right to Protest. With so little time left, we need to come together and do all we can to resist the bill. If you'd like to take part in this, either individually or with your local Green Party, the Campaigns Committee has created a pack of materials</p> <p><a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qav_CQAcI24MrJ35rHSN-TYyqbE7FXy8/">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qav_CQAcI24MrJ35rHSN-TYyqbE7FXy8/</a></p> <p><b>Protest for the Right to Protest</b><br/> by Green Party of England and Wales<br/> <b>Join Green Party leaders to protest the government's proposed Policing Bill, which threatens our right to peaceful protest.</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/protest-for-the-right-to-protest-tickets-236760967427">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/protest-for-the-right-to-protest-tickets-236760967427</a></p> <p><b>Template email/letter to MPs and members of the House of Lords</b></p> |

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| Greenpeace                        | <a href="https://www.greenpeace.org.uk/news/why-you-should-be-worried-about-the-new-policing-bill/17/12/2021">https://www.greenpeace.org.uk/news/why-you-should-be-worried-about-the-new-policing-bill/17/12/2021</a>  |
| Dominic Grieve / Best for Britain | <p>Email message to BfB supporters. 10 01 2022</p> <p>&lt;&lt; They want to stop us protesting in Parliament Square. We must not let them. Clauses in the government's Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill, which will be debated in the House of Lords next week, will impose a blanket ban on protesting within hearing range of the House of Commons Chamber.</p> <p>The UK's democracy is built on the bedrock of freedoms for the British people. Please sign the petition now and oppose the erosion of our rights to make our voices heard in Parliament.</p> <p>There is hope, however. <b>Best for Britain is working closely with peers to amend the bill to secure the right to protest in Parliament Square and we are supporting two new amendments to the Bill, which I am proud to have helped draft.</b> Find out more here. <a href="https://www.bestforbritain.org/save_peaceful_protest_in_parliament_square">https://www.bestforbritain.org/save_peaceful_protest_in_parliament_square</a></p> <p>Clause 59 of the bill would, through complex and technical means, impose an effective ban on large-scale demonstrations in Parliament Square, removing protest and dissent from an place where it might have great influence.</p> <p>The Government wants to limit the ways ordinary people can challenge them. I hope you, like me, agree this is not how a modern democratic government should behave.</p> <p>Sign the petition <a href="https://www.bestforbritain.org/save_peaceful_protest_in_parliament_square">https://www.bestforbritain.org/save_peaceful_protest_in_parliament_square</a></p> <p>By changing this one part of the bill, we can hope to retain this vital method of holding power to account. Protests are meant to make an impact - and that is something I fear this Government does not want. Sign the petition today - and make sure your voice can still be heard.</p> <p>Whatever our political differences, it is important that we are all allowed to air them freely and</p> |

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|   | fairly. That's something my political career has taught me, and I want to preserve that right for future generations. >>  |
| George Monbiot: Impact on Roma                                  | The UK is heading towards authoritarianism: just look at this attack on a minority<br><a href="https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2022/jan/12/uk-authoritarianism-minority-policing-bill-roma-gypsy-traveller">https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2022/jan/12/uk-authoritarianism-minority-policing-bill-roma-gypsy-traveller</a>   |
| Police Bill Alliance convenor Kathleen Christie                 | <a href="https://www.acevo.org.uk/2022/01/whats-happening-on-the-policing-bill/">https://www.acevo.org.uk/2022/01/whats-happening-on-the-policing-bill/</a>   |
| Liberty et al   | Joint briefing: For House of Lords- Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill<br><a href="https://www.equallyours.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Joint-briefing-on-Part-3-of-the-PCSC-Bill-Report-Stage-HoL-Jan-2022.pdf">https://www.equallyours.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Joint-briefing-on-Part-3-of-the-PCSC-Bill-Report-Stage-HoL-Jan-2022.pdf</a> Faith groups urge Lords to change Policing Bill<br>Quakers in Britain have convened a joint faith and belief letter to members of the House of Lords ahead of a crucial debate on the Policing Bill. |
| Quakers   | Faith groups urge Lords to change Policing Bill<br><b>Quakers in Britain have convened a joint faith and belief letter to members of the House of Lords ahead of a crucial debate on the Policing Bill.</b><br><a href="https://www.quaker.org.uk/news-and-events/news/faith-groups-urge-lords-to-change-policing-bill">https://www.quaker.org.uk/news-and-events/news/faith-groups-urge-lords-to-change-policing-bill</a>  |
| Faith leaders   | An earlier letter here.<br>Faith leaders urge Priti Patel to scrap planned protest crackdown and warn of 'chilling effect' on religious expression<br><a href="https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/policing-bill-protest-faith-patel-b1945505.html">https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/policing-bill-protest-faith-patel-b1945505.html</a>   |
| Liberty and JENGBA (Joint Enterprise Not Guilty by Association) | Policing Bill risks entrenching 'failed and unjust' law of joint enterprise 14/01/2022<br><a href="https://www.thejusticegap.com/proposals-under-the-policing-bill-risk-entrenching-failed-and-unjust-law-of-joint-enterprise/">https://www.thejusticegap.com/proposals-under-the-policing-bill-risk-entrenching-failed-and-unjust-law-of-joint-enterprise/</a>   |
| House of Lords  | Lords asks government to think again on Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill [?]   |

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|   | <a href="https://www.parliament.uk/business/news/2021/september-2021/lords-debates-police-crime-sentencing-and-courts-bill-at-second-reading/">https://www.parliament.uk/business/news/2021/september-2021/lords-debates-police-crime-sentencing-and-courts-bill-at-second-reading/</a>  |
| Rights of women                         | New measures in Policing Bill an increasing threat to our rights<br><a href="https://www.endviolenceagainstwomen.org.uk/new-measures-policing-bill-increasing-threat/">https://www.endviolenceagainstwomen.org.uk/new-measures-policing-bill-increasing-threat/</a>  |
| Insulate Britain                        | <a href="https://www.independent.co.uk/climate-change/news/policing-bill-insulate-britain-protest-b1992980.html">https://www.independent.co.uk/climate-change/news/policing-bill-insulate-britain-protest-b1992980.html</a> 15.1.22  |
| Friends of the Earth                    | <a href="https://campaigning.friendsoftheearth.uk/news/how-campaign-against-policing-bill">https://campaigning.friendsoftheearth.uk/news/how-campaign-against-policing-bill</a> [04 01 2022]   |
| Grassroots for Europe                   | Grassroots for Europe says: Patel's Bill steals our rights<br><a href="https://northeastbylines.co.uk/grassroots-for-europe-says-patels-bill-steals-our-rights/">https://northeastbylines.co.uk/grassroots-for-europe-says-patels-bill-steals-our-rights/</a>  |
| Dr Peter Burke, Oxford for Europe       | What can you do about the Policing Bill?<br><a href="https://northeastbylines.co.uk/what-can-you-do-about-the-policing-bill/">https://northeastbylines.co.uk/what-can-you-do-about-the-policing-bill/</a>  |
| Wimbledon Times /Press Association 2021 | <a href="https://www.wimbledonguardian.co.uk/news/national/19850651.activists-rally-police-bill-across-uk/">https://www.wimbledonguardian.co.uk/news/national/19850651.activists-rally-police-bill-across-uk/</a> 15/01/2022   |
| Cornwall Live / PA                      | 'Kill the Bill' protests held in cities around England<br>Pressure put on the House of Lords to reject approving law which objectors argue would restrict the right to protest peacefully<br><a href="https://www.cornwalllive.com/news/uk-world-news/kill-bill-protests-held-cities-6499611">https://www.cornwalllive.com/news/uk-world-news/kill-bill-protests-held-cities-6499611</a><br><<Demonstrations took place in cities including London, Bristol, Coventry, Newcastle, Liverpool, Manchester, Sheffield and Plymouth on Saturday. .>><br><<Hundreds of clinical psychiatrists and psychologists have also expressed their concerns about the bill's impact on young people's mental health, writing in an open letter that curtailing their right to non-violent protest "will further erode young people's trust in politicians, and their belief that their voices are heard, respected and matter".<br>"We cannot think of better measures to disempower and socially isolate young people," the |

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|   | more than 350 signatories wrote in the letter, published online. >>  |
|   | <a href="https://www.stokesentinel.co.uk/news/stoke-on-trent-news/kill-bill-protest-staged-outside-6497985">https://www.stokesentinel.co.uk/news/stoke-on-trent-news/kill-bill-protest-staged-outside-6497985</a>  |
| Sarah Jones MP                                    | The Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill is a missed opportunity to help women and girls<br><a href="http://www.politicshome.com/thehouse/article/the-police-crime-sentencing-and-courts-bill-is-a-missed-opportunity-to-help-women-and-girls">http://www.politicshome.com/thehouse/article/the-police-crime-sentencing-and-courts-bill-is-a-missed-opportunity-to-help-women-and-girls</a>   |
| Over 350 clinical psychiatrists and psychologists | <a href="https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2022/jan/15/psychiatrists-warn-of-police-and-bills-impact-on-young-people">https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2022/jan/15/psychiatrists-warn-of-police-and-bills-impact-on-young-people</a><br><b>Open letter – The Policing Bill and Mental Health</b><br><a href="https://www.medact.org/2022/blogs/open-letter-the-policing-bill-and-mental-health/">https://www.medact.org/2022/blogs/open-letter-the-policing-bill-and-mental-health/</a> |
| Labour Lords                                      | Labour peers to oppose amendments to police and crime bill<br>Move means late changes focusing on powers to control protests could be voted down in House of Lords [14 1 2021]<br><a href="https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2022/jan/14/labour-peers-to-oppose-amendments-to-police-and-bill?CMP=Share_AndroidApp_Other">https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2022/jan/14/labour-peers-to-oppose-amendments-to-police-and-bill?CMP=Share_AndroidApp_Other</a>                            |
| Liberty @libertyhq                                | Young people all over the UK have been inspired to fight for climate justice - but the #PolicingBill will silence them. The House of Lords can help stop this on Monday. [Video]<br><a href="https://twitter.com/i/status/1481917755594985474">https://twitter.com/i/status/1481917755594985474</a>  |
| Sheile McKechnie Foundation                       | Worried about the Policing Bill? There's something you can do today<br><a href="https://mailchi.mp/smk/policingbillpromo">https://mailchi.mp/smk/policingbillpromo</a>   |
| UNISON  | Take action against the new police bill<br>UNISON members are encouraged to take action against new legislation, which will drastically  |

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|   | <p>affect the right to protest<br/> <a href="https://www.unison.org.uk/news/article/2022/01/take-action-against-the-new-police-bill/">https://www.unison.org.uk/news/article/2022/01/take-action-against-the-new-police-bill/</a></p>  |
| ActionAid   | <p><b>URGENT: Save our right to protest</b><br/> <a href="https://campaign.actionaid.org.uk/page/97067/petition/1">https://campaign.actionaid.org.uk/page/97067/petition/1</a></p>   |
| Best for Britain / Dominic Grieve / Lord Colville | <p><b>PEERS SET TO VOTE ON PEACEFUL PROTEST RIGHTS: PUBLIC SAYS KEEP THEM<br/> January 17, 2022 07:00 am</b></p> <p>Members of the House of Lords will today vote on an amendment to the Policing, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill that would protect people’s right to peaceful protest around the Houses of Parliament.</p> <p>In a move that has drawn widespread criticism of the government, and raised concerns over the state of democracy and accountability in the UK, provisions within Clause 59 of the Bill would effectively ban any demonstrations in and around the highest seat of power in Britain. Unamended, the Bill would prohibit large scale demonstrations around Parliament, Whitehall and outside Downing Street.</p> <p>However, new amendments co-ordinated by Best for Britain would defend these fundamental rights by ensuring that legal avenues for people to apply to hold peaceful demonstrations will continue to be available. The amendments, which will be voted on today, were tabled by crossbench peer Lord Colville, are backed by opposition parties as well as Conservative peers, and were drafted with the assistance of former Attorney General and Conservative MP, Dominic Grieve.</p> <p>The government’s proposals have been labelled an attack on the basic democratic rights of UK citizens and an attempt to silence their critics and further insulate themselves from debate and accountability. Fresh data released today further suggests that the move is also incredibly unpopular.</p> <p>New polling undertaken by Opinium on behalf of Best for Britain shows that 79% of people</p> |

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|                                      | <p>asked think peaceful protests should be allowed outside the Houses of Parliament including 75% of people who voted Conservative at the last election and 76% of people who voted Leave at the EU referendum. Only 15% of people asked disagree with this.</p> <p>Such a law would have prevented some of the largest demonstrations in British history including the Countryside Alliance march, the protest against the Iraq war, the marches for a second referendum on EU membership, and the Brexit day of Celebration.</p> <p><b>Lord Colville who tabled the amendment said,</b></p> <p>“ The Police Bill as it stands will ban protests over 5,000 people taking place in Parliament Square. Surely at a time when the Government is increasingly seen as out of touch with feelings of the country it is more important than ever that peoples’ voices be heard outside mother of parliaments”</p> <p>"My amendment will protect the right for protests to continue to take place in Parliament Square. It will protect our most basic freedom, the right for the people of the UK to be heard by those who exercise power in their name ."</p> <p><a href="https://www.bestforbritain.org/peers_set_to_vote_on_peaceful_protest_rights_public_says_keep_them1">https://www.bestforbritain.org/peers_set_to_vote_on_peaceful_protest_rights_public_says_keep_them1</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.bestforbritain.org/new_poll_parliament_square_protests_should_be_saved">https://www.bestforbritain.org/new_poll_parliament_square_protests_should_be_saved</a></p> |
| Law for Life                         | <p>Law for Life are writing to Yvette Cooper MP to raise serious concerns over Part 3 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill</p> <p><a href="https://www.advicenow.org.uk/lawforlife/news/law-life-are-writing-yvette-cooper-mp-raise-serious-concerns-over-part-3-police">https://www.advicenow.org.uk/lawforlife/news/law-life-are-writing-yvette-cooper-mp-raise-serious-concerns-over-part-3-police</a></p>  |
| <i>The Times</i> Letters. 12/01/2022 | <p><b>FREEDOM TO PROTEST</b></p> <p>Sir, This week and next the House of Lords is voting on the government’s Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill. According to Liberty, the bill will give police the choice on where, when and how people can protest; create new stop and search powers that will exacerbate discriminatory over-policing of communities of colour; and potentially criminalise the way of life of nomadic Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities.</p> <p>Protest, from the suffragettes and Black Lives Matter to the movement for LGBTQ+ rights and</p>   |

the School Strike for Climate, has long been vital to the preservation of democratic society and for securing our civil liberties. As writers and publishers we believe the right to protest goes hand in hand with the right to freedom of expression and a free press. If we lose one, we lose them all. These measures form an attack on our fundamental rights and will have the most detrimental impact on marginalised communities, silencing the very voices we believe should be championed. We support those groups and organisations fighting to oppose this bill and urge members of the House of Lords to stand up for democracy by voting against this bill.

Zeljka Marosevic, publisher; Kishani Widyaratna, publisher; Gayle Lazda, bookseller; Dame Marina Warner, DBE CBE FBA FRSL; Robert Macfarlane, writer; Alan Hollinghurst, writer; Candice Carty-Williams, writer; Clare Alexander, literary agent; Kit de Waal, writer; Sharmaine Lovegrove, publisher; Francis Spufford, writer; Ali Smith, writer; Max Porter, writer; Mark Haddon, writer; David Nicholls, writer; Pat Barker, writer; Reni Eddo-Lodge, writer; Bernardine Evaristo, writer and academic; Shon Faye, writer; Tessa Hadley, writer; Maggie O'Farrell, writer; Kae Tempest, poet; Elif Shafak, writer; Armando Iannucci, writer and Director; George Monbiot, journalist, author, environmental activist; Tracy Chevalier, writer; Sunjeev Sahota, writer; Ash Sarkar, writer; Edward St Aubyn, writer; Jackie Kay, CBE, writer; Malorie Blackman, writer; Shirley Hughes CBE, writer and illustrator; Margaret Busby, Hon. FRSL; Diana Evans, writer; Dr Nikesh Shukla, writer and youth worker; Hari Kunzru, writer; Merlin Sheldrake, biologist and writer; Katherine Rundell, writer; Dr Lisa Appignanesi, OBE FRSL; Jon McGregor, writer; Evie Wyld, writer; Sarah Waters, writer; Gabriel Josipovici, writer; Caleb Azumah Nelson, writer; Sarah Churchwell, writer and academic; Amia Srinivasan, writer and academic; James Meek, writer; Chinonyerem Odimba, writer; Jacqueline Rose, writer and academic; Neel Mukherjee, writer; Inua Ellams, poet and playwright; Caryl Churchill, playwright; Rachel Long, writer; Olivia Laing, writer; A K Blakemore, writer; Sophie Mackintosh, writer; Kiran Millwood Hargrave, writer; Claire-Louise Bennett, writer; Will Eaves, writer; Preti Taneja, writer, professor of world literature and creative writing; Irenosen Okojie, MBE FRSL; Nels Abbey, writer; Josie Long, comedian; Nikita Lalwani, writer; Daniel Trilling, writer; Julia Armfield, writer; Elizabeth Macneal, writer; Ariana Neumann, writer; Moya Lothian-McLean, writer; Paul Mendez, writer; Bethany Rutter, writer; Susie Orbach, FRSL, writer; Chloe Aridjis, writer; Nish Kumar, comedian; Joe Dunthorne,



writer; Frances Leviston, writer; Keith Ridgway, writer; Rebecca Watson, writer; James Kelman, writer; Guy Gunaratne, writer; Juliet Jacques, writer and filmmaker; Adam Mars-Jones, writer; Omar Robert Hamilton, writer; Nikita Gill, poet; Eley Williams, writer; Esther Woolfson, writer; Gillian Slovo, writer and playwright; Joanna Biggs, writer and editor; Lara Feigel, writer and academic; Charlotte Mendelson, writer; Olivia Sudjic, writer; Pauline Melville, writer; Lynne Segal, writer; Daisy Johnson, writer; Antonia Lloyd-Jones, translator; Don Paterson, writer and publisher; Rebecca Servadio, literary Scout; Peter Blackstock, publisher; Nicole Vanderbilt, Bookshop.org; Laura Hassan, publisher; Nelle Andrew, literary agent; Jennifer Tighe, marketer; Jacques Testard, publisher; Sheena Patel, writer; Roshni Goyate, writer; Andrew Franklin, Hon FRSL; Isabel Waidner, writer; Leone Ross, writer; Sonia Faleiro, writer; Hannah Dawson, writer and academic; Miguel de Beistegui, philosopher and writer; Tracy Bohan, literary agent; Helen Conford, publisher; Victoria Hobbs, literary agent; Sabrina Mahfouz, writer; Deborah Frances-White, writer, comedian and podcast host; Anoushka Shankar, Hon RAM, sitarist and composer; Ned Beaman, writer; Laurence Laluyaux, literary agent; Teresa De Pelegri, screenwriter; Rachael Allen, writer; Toby Litt, writer; Andrew Miller, writer; Rachel Connolly, writer; Ore Agbaje-Williams, publisher and writer; Sofia Akel, writer and academic; Farrah Jarral, writer; Owen Sheers, writer and playwright; Lisa Anderson, arts curator, culture and heritage director; John Ash, literary agent; Matthew Turner, literary agent; Samuel Fisher, writer, bookseller and publisher; James Greig, writer; Heather Parry, writer and publisher; Mary-Anne Harrington, publisher; Susie Nicklin, publisher; Paul Ewen, writer; Anouchka Grose, writer and psychoanalyst; Nicholas Pearson, publisher; Emily Berry, writer and editor; Angelique Tran Van Sang, literary agent; Kathleen Jamie, writer; Joanna Pocock, writer; Jasper Gibson, writer; Amy Key, writer; Holly Pester, writer and academic; Simon Bradley, writer; Millie Seaward, publicist; Lauren Whybrow, editor; Nicola Chang, literary agent; Sara Helen Binney, editor; Amy Mae Baxter, editor; Louise Baird-Smith, editor; Stuart Williams, publisher; Dr Devorah Baum, University of Southampton; David Roth-Ey, publisher; Richard Godwin, writer; Alexa von Hirschberg, publisher; Jonathon Leech, publisher; Ed Lake, editor; Siobhan Poole, editor; Mirza Waheed, writer; Hanna Flint, writer; Sarvat Hasin, writer; Paula Reilly-Thornton, publisher; Federico Andornino, editor; Francesca Wade, writer; Ellen Phethean, writer; Grace Harrison,

editor; Coco Khan, writer; Cristiana Caserini, publisher; Simon Prosser, publisher; Ruth Padel, writer; Adam Ferner, writer; Lettice Franklin, editor; Federica Fiorillo, marketer; Jamie Byng, publisher; Mark Ellingham, publisher; Natania Jansz, publisher; Kat Aitken, literary agent; Seren Adams, literary agent; Sophie Anderson, writer; Ursula Doyle, publisher; Sam Lee, musician and writer; Rebecca Perry, writer; Tom de Freston, artist and writer; Lucy Ayrton, writer; Alex Christofi, writer and publisher; Emma Finn, literary agent; Samantha Walton, academic and writer; Joe Melia, publisher; Alexandra McNicoll, rights agent; Mark O'Connell, writer; Clara Vulliamy, author-illustrator; Suzannah Lipscomb, historian and writer; Maria Garbutt-Lucero, publicity director; Joanne Paul, historian and writer ; Harry Woodgate, writer and illustrator; Catherine Johnson, writer; Lucy Luck, literary agent; Niamh Anderson, publicist; Harriet Poland, editor; Sharlene Teo, writer; David Avital, publisher; Octavia Bright, writer and broadcaster; Niriksha Bharadia, marketer; Lynsey Hanley, writer and broadcaster; Javerya Iqbal, publisher; Alexander Cochran, literary agent; Will Rees, publisher; John McAuliffe, poet and publisher; Rose Goddard, arts consultant; Charlie Fox, writer and artist; Thomas Bunstead, writer and translator; Patrick Langley, writer; Polly Barton, writer and translator; Will Harris, writer; Tamara Sampey-Jawad, editor; Nicolette Jones, writer and critic; Brian Dillon, writer; Matthew McNaught, writer; Susie Day, writer; Kat Burdon, editor; Sasha Dugdale, writer and translator; Dan Hicks, writer and curator; Charles Foster, writer; Emma Pass, writer; Musa Okwonga, writer; Rhiannon Lucy Cosslett, writer; Helena Lee, editor and writer; Kerry Drewery, writer; Alys Fowler, writer; Ka Bradley, editor; Charlotte Humphrey, editor; Kirsty Bell, writer; Piers Moore-Ede, writer; Luke Williams, writer; Thea Lenarduzzi, editor and writer; Kate Alizadeh, author-illustrator; Thomas Penn, publisher and writer; Moira Forsyth, writer and editor; Paul Batchelor, writer and Associate Professor; Natasha Soobramanien, writer; David Farrier, writer; Sophie Hughes, translator; Pragya Agarwal, academic and writer; Timothy Hyman, RA, painter and writer; Judith Mackrell, writer; Peter Straus, literary agent; Emma Paterson, literary agent; Cecilia Campbell-Westlind, literary scout; Alex von Tunzelmann, writer; Candida Lacey, publisher; Ravi Mirchandani, publisher; Polly Faber, writer; Dan Fox, writer; Vanessa Onwuemezi, writer; Rebecca Carter, literary agent; David Dabydeen, writer; Keris Stainton, writer; Dan Richards, writer; Aje Roberts, editor; Amanda Waters, editor; Abigail Bergstrom,

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| <p>Quakers in Britain</p> | <p>Success in the Lords on protecting the right to protest<br/> Last night the Government suffered a series of defeats in the House of Lords over its Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill. As part of the Police Bill Alliance, Quakers call on MPs to uphold these changes to the draconian bill which risks destroying people's right to protest.<br/> <a href="https://www.quaker.org.uk/news-and-events/news/police-bill-alliance-call-on-mps-to-protect-people-s-right-to-protest">https://www.quaker.org.uk/news-and-events/news/police-bill-alliance-call-on-mps-to-protect-people-s-right-to-protest</a></p>   |
| <p>Quakers in Britain</p> | <p>Briefing for Quakers: Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill<br/> <a href="https://www.quaker.org.uk/documents/policing-bill-briefing-for-quakers-2021-05-21">https://www.quaker.org.uk/documents/policing-bill-briefing-for-quakers-2021-05-21</a><br/> [December 2021]</p>   |

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| Bond                            | <p>Police Bill Alliance call on MPs to uphold changes to draconian Bill which risk destroying people's right to protest</p> <p><a href="https://www.bond.org.uk/press-releases/2022/01/police-bill-alliance-call-on-mps-to-uphold-changes-to-draconian-bill-which">https://www.bond.org.uk/press-releases/2022/01/police-bill-alliance-call-on-mps-to-uphold-changes-to-draconian-bill-which</a></p>  |
| Police Bill Alliance            | <p>Police Bill Alliance call on MPs to uphold changes to draconian Bill which risk destroying people's right to protest.</p> <p><b>*** Very important analysis of outcome of Lords votes.</b></p> <p>Threats to protest and liberties which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• are defeated and cannot be returned to the Bill;</li> <li>• were defeated but MPs must defeat them again to ensure they do not become law;</li> <li>• remain in the Bill or have been mitigated or delayed.</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.politics.co.uk/opinion-former/press-release/2022/01/18/police-bill-alliance-call-on-mps-to-uphold-changes-to-draconian-bill-which-risk-destroying-peoples-right-to-protest/">https://www.politics.co.uk/opinion-former/press-release/2022/01/18/police-bill-alliance-call-on-mps-to-uphold-changes-to-draconian-bill-which-risk-destroying-peoples-right-to-protest/</a></p> |
| Liberty                         | <p>VICTORY OVER PROTEST RESTRICTIONS SHOWS UNITED FRONT CAN DEFEAT GOVERNMENT POWER-GRAB</p> <p><a href="https://www.libertyhumanrights.org.uk/issue/victory-over-protest-restrictions-shows-united-front-can-defeat-government-power-grab/">https://www.libertyhumanrights.org.uk/issue/victory-over-protest-restrictions-shows-united-front-can-defeat-government-power-grab/</a></p>   |
| Martin Williams, openDemocracy  | <p>Policing Bill and Elections Bill: What's next in fight to save UK democracy?</p> <p><a href="https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/opendemocracyuk/policing-bill-elections-bill-what-happens-next/">https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/opendemocracyuk/policing-bill-elections-bill-what-happens-next/</a></p>  |
| Joint Committee on Human Rights | <p>Legislative Scrutiny: Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill (Part 4): The criminalisation of unauthorised Encampments [02/07/2021]</p> <p><a href="https://committees.parliament.uk/publications/6554/documents/70980/default/">https://committees.parliament.uk/publications/6554/documents/70980/default/</a></p>  |

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| Morning Star               | Kill The Bill coalition celebrate partial defeat of 'outrageous' Policing Bill<br><a href="https://morningstaronline.co.uk/article/b/2nd-kill-bill-coalition-celebrate-partial-defeat-outrageous-policing-bill">https://morningstaronline.co.uk/article/b/2nd-kill-bill-coalition-celebrate-partial-defeat-outrageous-policing-bill</a>   |
| Friends of the Earth       | Ask your MP to protect the right to noisy protest<br><a href="https://act.friendsoftheearth.uk/target/tell-your-mp-oppose-hostile-measures-policing-bill">https://act.friendsoftheearth.uk/target/tell-your-mp-oppose-hostile-measures-policing-bill</a>  |
| Church Times               | <a href="https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2022/21-january/news/uk/bishops-join-lords-resistance-to-bill-restricting-public-protest">https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2022/21-january/news/uk/bishops-join-lords-resistance-to-bill-restricting-public-protest</a>   |
| CivilSociety news          | Charities part of protest at the Home Office to urge peers to block 'authoritarian' police bill<br><a href="https://www.civilsociety.co.uk/news/coalition-of-charities-calls-for-house-of-lords-to-block-authoritarian-police-bill.html">https://www.civilsociety.co.uk/news/coalition-of-charities-calls-for-house-of-lords-to-block-authoritarian-police-bill.html</a> 17/01/2022   |
| Guardian – Robert Buckland | 'Kill the bill' protests: new legislation is proportionate, says Buckland<br>Former justice secretary defends police and crime bill as it reaches final stages in parliament<br><a href="https://www.theguardian.com/law/2022/jan/17/kill-the-bill-protests-new-legislation-proportionate-robert-buckland">https://www.theguardian.com/law/2022/jan/17/kill-the-bill-protests-new-legislation-proportionate-robert-buckland</a>                                 |
| Guardian – Polly Toynbee   | I've been protesting all my life. It can feel futile, yet doing nothing is much worse<br><i>Polly Toynbee</i><br>The Tories are trying to ban the activism that has shaped me – from Greenham Common to UK Uncut. They must be stopped<br><a href="https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2022/jan/21/protest-lords-government-curb-civil-liberties">https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2022/jan/21/protest-lords-government-curb-civil-liberties</a> |
| openDemocracy              | <a href="https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/opendemocracyuk/police-bill-travellers-gypsy-roma-trespass-laws-cultural-annihilation/">https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/opendemocracyuk/police-bill-travellers-gypsy-roma-trespass-laws-cultural-annihilation/</a> [25 01 2022]  |
| Quakers                    | Last push to defend our right to protest<br>Grace Da Costa updates us on the campaign against the Policing Bill, and suggests actions we can take to defend the right to protest.   |

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|                      | <a href="https://www.quaker.org.uk/blog/last-push-to-defend-our-right-to-protest">https://www.quaker.org.uk/blog/last-push-to-defend-our-right-to-protest</a>   |
| Friends of the Earth | Ask your MP to protect the right to noisy protest<br><a href="https://act.friendsoftheearth.uk/target/tell-your-mp-oppose-hostile-measures-policing-bill">https://act.friendsoftheearth.uk/target/tell-your-mp-oppose-hostile-measures-policing-bill</a>  |
| Friends of the Earth | How to campaign against the policing bill<br><a href="https://campaigning.friendsoftheearth.uk/news/how-campaign-against-policing-bill">https://campaigning.friendsoftheearth.uk/news/how-campaign-against-policing-bill</a>  |
| Liberty              | STOP THE POLICING BILL<br>Email your MP to oppose the dangerous Policing Bill.<br><a href="https://action.libertyhumanrights.org.uk/page/92606/action/1?locale=en-GB">https://action.libertyhumanrights.org.uk/page/92606/action/1?locale=en-GB</a>   |
| Business Stand Up    | Business Stand Up - Letter to Lords<br>“Just added my name to this letter from business calling on UK peers to amend draft legislation that threatens the right to peaceful protest. This fundamental freedom makes our economies more stable and galvanises vital social and environmental change”<br><b>Signed by over 200 UK businesses</b><br><a href="https://www.businessstandup.com/">https://www.businessstandup.com/</a>   |
| Christian Aid        | Excellent campaign blog:<br><<Tell your MP why protest matters.<br>“If this Bill goes through, we’ll need to remove the statues of Gandhi and Nelson Mandela across the road. We cannot laud them later when we would have condemned them”<br>- Bishop of Leeds Nick Baines<br>Good disagreement involves noise; it is not quiet and orderly... Often protests can be annoying, and often they are disruptive, but that is the point.<br>- Bishop of Bristol Vivienne Faull.<br><a href="https://www.christianaid.org.uk/news/defending-our-right-protest-1">https://www.christianaid.org.uk/news/defending-our-right-protest-1</a> |
| BMA                  | Police Bill amended to protect medical confidentiality<br><a href="https://www.bma.org.uk/news-and-opinion/police-bill-amended-to-protect-medical-confidentiality">https://www.bma.org.uk/news-and-opinion/police-bill-amended-to-protect-medical-confidentiality</a>   |

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| Aljazeera                          | <p>To save its democracy, the UK should kill its new police bill<br/>         If the bill becomes legislation as expected, British democracy will suffer a blow unprecedented in recent history.<br/>         Claudio Gallo, Former La Stampa foreign desk editor and London correspondent<br/> <a href="https://www.aljazeera.com/opinions/2022/1/13/the-save-its-democracy-the-uk-should-kill-its-new-police-bill">https://www.aljazeera.com/opinions/2022/1/13/the-save-its-democracy-the-uk-should-kill-its-new-police-bill</a></p>         |
| Amnesty                            | <p>URGE YOUR MP TO SPEAK UP AGAINST THE POLICING BILL<br/> <a href="https://www.amnesty.org.uk/actions/policing-bill-demand-action">https://www.amnesty.org.uk/actions/policing-bill-demand-action</a></p>  |
| Best for Britain                   | <p>SOME SMALL VICTORIES IN THE BATTLE TO MAINTAIN THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF DEMOCRACY<br/>         Posted by Maheen Behrana on January 18, 2022<br/> <a href="https://www.bestforbritain.org/some_small_victories_in_the_battle_to_maintain_the_infrastructure_of_democracy">https://www.bestforbritain.org/some_small_victories_in_the_battle_to_maintain_the_infrastructure_of_democracy</a></p>  |
| Friends of the Earth               | <p>Out of site: Britain's nomadic people<br/>         SHARE:<br/>         The Police, Crime and Sentencing Bill has profound implications for environmental protest, but it also directly targets one of Britain's most marginalised ethnic groups. Romany journalist Jake Bowers looks at the impact the bill will have on Britain's nomadic people. 27.04.2021<br/> <a href="https://friendsoftheearth.uk/system-change/out-site-britains-nomadic-people">https://friendsoftheearth.uk/system-change/out-site-britains-nomadic-people</a></p> |
| SumOfUs                            | <p><a href="https://actions.sumofus.org/a/email-your-mp-uk-crime-bill">https://actions.sumofus.org/a/email-your-mp-uk-crime-bill</a><br/>         Email your MP: Protect the right to protest!</p>  |
| Grace da Costa, Quakers in Britain | <p>Last push to defend our right to protest<br/>         Grace Da Costa shares an update on the campaign against the Policing Bill, and suggests actions to take to defend the right to protest.<br/> <a href="https://www.quaker.org.uk/blog/last-push-to-defend-our-right-to-protest">https://www.quaker.org.uk/blog/last-push-to-defend-our-right-to-protest</a></p>   |





### 3.2. Elections Bill

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| Official info   | <p><a href="https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3020">https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3020</a><br/> <a href="https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3020/stages">https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3020/stages</a><br/>         Current status: Lords second reading – 23 February.<br/> <a href="https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/research-briefings/cbp-9304/">https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/research-briefings/cbp-9304/</a></p>  |
| Electoral Commission  | <p><a href="https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/bill-government-institute-for-government-parliament-conservative-party-b1970629.html">https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/bill-government-institute-for-government-parliament-conservative-party-b1970629.html</a><br/>         Proposed Government amendments to the Police Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill - 29.11.21</p>  |
| OpenDemocracy   | <p><a href="https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/bill-government-institute-for-government-parliament-conservative-party-b1970629.html">https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/bill-government-institute-for-government-parliament-conservative-party-b1970629.html</a></p>   |
| <p><b>House of Commons Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee</b></p> | <p><a href="https://committees.parliament.uk/committee/327/public-administration-and-constitutional-affairs-committee/news/159702/pacac-elections-bill-report-published/">https://committees.parliament.uk/committee/327/public-administration-and-constitutional-affairs-committee/news/159702/pacac-elections-bill-report-published/</a><br/>         “Election reform proposals ‘lack evidence base, consultation, and transparency”<br/>         MPs on the cross-party Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee are calling for the Government to stop the passage of a Bill that would introduce a requirement to show photographic ID to vote at polling stations and could give Downing Street more power over the election watchdog until more thorough consultations take place.</p> <p><b>Chair of the Committee, William Wragg, said,</b><br/>         “While seeking to secure UK elections from potential voter fraud is a noble cause, we remain unconvinced that the scale of the problem justifies the solutions as they have been put forward.<br/>         When people can be blocked from voting because they have incorrect documentation, have misplaced it or they have none, we must make doubly sure that the costs of the measures are</p> |

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|                            | <p>commensurate with the risk.</p> <p>Likewise, any Government proposal which might directly or indirectly influence the independent regulator over its operations and decision-making will invite suspicion, especially when plans have been drawn up behind closed doors. The Electoral Commission must be impartial both in practice and in the public perception if it is to credibly maintain the integrity of our electoral system.</p> <p>We feel that the Elections Bill proposals lack a sufficient evidence base, timely consultation, and transparency, all of which should be addressed before it makes any further progress. We cannot risk any reduction of trust in UK elections, which is why the majority of the Committee is calling for the Bill to be paused to give time for more work to be done to ensure the measures are fit for purpose.” [13/12/2022]</p> |
| Best for Britain           | <p><a href="https://www.bestforbritain.org/elections_bill_branded_power_grab_by_charities_unions_and_campaigners">https://www.bestforbritain.org/elections_bill_branded_power_grab_by_charities_unions_and_campaigners</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.bestforbritain.org/elections_bill_passes_its_second_reading_-_but_there_s_still_more_work_to_do">https://www.bestforbritain.org/elections_bill_passes_its_second_reading_-_but_there_s_still_more_work_to_do</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.bestforbritain.org/is_the_elections_bill_the_end_of_electoral_pacts_in_britain">https://www.bestforbritain.org/is_the_elections_bill_the_end_of_electoral_pacts_in_britain</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.bestforbritain.org/januarycrossroadsdemocracy_16_12_2021">https://www.bestforbritain.org/januarycrossroadsdemocracy_16_12_2021</a></p>                                |
| Nick Cohen                 | <p><a href="https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2021/dec/18/the-tories-call-it-electoral-reform-looks-more-like-a-bid-to-rig-the-system">https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2021/dec/18/the-tories-call-it-electoral-reform-looks-more-like-a-bid-to-rig-the-system</a></p>   |
| Labour for a New Democracy | <p><a href="https://labourlist.org/2021/12/how-labours-electoral-reform-shift-this-year-happened-and-whats-next-for-pr/">https://labourlist.org/2021/12/how-labours-electoral-reform-shift-this-year-happened-and-whats-next-for-pr/</a></p>   |
| Unlock Democracy           | <p><a href="https://unlockdemocracy.org.uk/electionsbill">https://unlockdemocracy.org.uk/electionsbill</a></p> <p><a href="https://secure.unlockdemocracy.org.uk/page/82336/petition/1">https://secure.unlockdemocracy.org.uk/page/82336/petition/1</a></p>  |
| Make Votes Matter          | <p>Actions decribed in email from Alex Toal: &lt;&lt; Make Votes Matter is a single-issue campaign for Proportional Representation in the House of Commons. However, we and a number of democracy sector organisations are coordinating a <b>protest against specifically the Elections Bill on 5th February</b>. We as a</p>  |

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|                                | <p>campaign will be protesting specifically about the extension of First Past the Post to mayoral and PCC elections, but our partner organisations will be bringing up issues around voter ID, the Electoral Commission, and new spending regulations.</p> <p>We have managed to get a <b>cross-party speaker programme for this, including Carla Denyer, John McDonnell, Tom Brake, Naomi Smith, and Richard Tice</b>. We are more than happy to open this up to other organisations, although we are hoping to keep the protest <b>relatively strictly centred around the Elections Bill</b>.</p> <p>A slightly later date like 5th February may well be better received among activists, since a) the risk of Covid will hopefully be reduced and b) it will take place when Parliament is in session (albeit on a weekend), and legislation like the Elections Bill will be being amended in the Lords.&gt;&gt;</p> <p>Crowdfunder [with video]. Proportional Representation - It's Now or Never<br/> <a href="https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/level-up-proportional-representation">https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/level-up-proportional-representation</a></p> |
| David Davis MP                 | <p>David Davis: MPs have last chance to save the UK's freedom to vote<br/> The government claims the Elections Bill is designed to protect our democracy. As a former Tory minister, I know this is nonsense<br/> <a href="https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/opendemocracyuk/elections-bill-2022-david-davis-undemocratic-voter-id/?source=in-article-related-story">https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/opendemocracyuk/elections-bill-2022-david-davis-undemocratic-voter-id/?source=in-article-related-story</a></p>   |
| Martin Williams, openDemocracy | <p>Policing Bill and Elections Bill: What's next in fight to save UK democracy?<br/> [18/01/2021]<br/> <a href="https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/opendemocracyuk/policing-bill-elections-bill-what-happens-next/">https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/opendemocracyuk/policing-bill-elections-bill-what-happens-next/</a></p>  |
| Andy McDonald MP               | <p>Rushing the elections bill through the Commons is nothing short of a scandal<br/> <a href="https://labourlist.org/2022/01/rushing-the-elections-bill-through-the-commons-is-nothing-short-of-a-scandal/">https://labourlist.org/2022/01/rushing-the-elections-bill-through-the-commons-is-nothing-short-of-a-scandal/</a></p>  |
|                                | <p><a href="https://www.electoral-reform.org.uk/even-senior-mps-agree-the-government-needs-">https://www.electoral-reform.org.uk/even-senior-mps-agree-the-government-needs-</a></p>  |

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|   | <a href="#"><u>to-pause-and-rethink-the-elections-bill/</u></a>  |
| Electoral Reform Society – Michela Palese | Even senior MPs agree the government needs to pause and rethink the Elections Bill<br><a href="https://www.electoral-reform.org.uk/even-senior-mps-agree-the-government-needs-to-pause-and-rethink-the-elections-bill/"><u>https://www.electoral-reform.org.uk/even-senior-mps-agree-the-government-needs-to-pause-and-rethink-the-elections-bill/</u></a>                                 |
| House of Lords                            | Lords ask government to think again on Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill changes<br><a href="https://www.parliament.uk/business/news/2021/september-2021/lords-debates-police-crime-sentencing-and-courts-bill-at-second-reading/"><u>https://www.parliament.uk/business/news/2021/september-2021/lords-debates-police-crime-sentencing-and-courts-bill-at-second-reading/</u></a> |
| Electoral Reform Society                  | The government aren't listening – make your voices heard on 5th February<br><a href="https://www.electoral-reform.org.uk/the-government-arent-listening-make-your-voices-heard-on-5th-february/"><u>https://www.electoral-reform.org.uk/the-government-arent-listening-make-your-voices-heard-on-5th-february/</u></a>   |

### 3.3. Nationality and Borders Bill

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| Official information | <a href="https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3023">https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3023</a><br>Written evidence to Commons – 62 items<br><a href="https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3023/publications">https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3023/publications</a><br><a href="https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3023/stages/16003">https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3023/stages/16003</a><br>Current status: Lords Report stage, 28 February 2022 -  |
| Law Society          | <a href="https://www.lawsociety.org.uk/topics/immigration/parliamentary-briefing-nationality-and-borders-bill-house-of-commons-committee-stage">https://www.lawsociety.org.uk/topics/immigration/parliamentary-briefing-nationality-and-borders-bill-house-of-commons-committee-stage</a>  |
| Refugee Council      | <a href="https://www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/information/resources/nationality-and-borders-bill-second-reading-refugee-council-briefing/">https://www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/information/resources/nationality-and-borders-bill-second-reading-refugee-council-briefing/</a>  |
| 3million             | <p>A cross party amendment to the Nationality and Borders Bill which will require the Government to give physical proof of immigration status to EU citizens in the UK is to be debated in parliament <b>THIS WEEK</b>. We need MPs to receive as many letters as possible asking them to support <b>New Clause 9</b> (amendment NC9) and would be very grateful if you would support this and share with all your contacts. See our latest <a href="#">newsletter</a> and for further information and links to our briefing on this.</p> <p><b>Very Importantly:</b></p> <p>The Bill is mainly about the overhaul of the UK asylum system and campaigners have raised their concerns that it will reduce the legal and safe routes for people fleeing persecution and wars to seek refuge in the UK.</p> <p>We would like to share the work other organisations are doing on the subject:</p> <p>JCW: <a href="#">link</a><br/>         Freedom from Torture: <a href="#">link</a><br/>         Migrants Organise: <a href="#">link</a></p> <p>The bill also ushers in significant challenges to protecting people from modern slavery and trafficking:<br/>         Hope for Justice: <a href="#">link</a></p> |

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| Justice                                 | <a href="https://justice.org.uk/nationality-and-borders-bill/">https://justice.org.uk/nationality-and-borders-bill/</a>   |
| Harriet Harman MP                       | <a href="https://www.politicshome.com/thehouse/article/the-nationality-and-borders-bill-is-littered-with-measures-that-will-breach-human-rights">https://www.politicshome.com/thehouse/article/the-nationality-and-borders-bill-is-littered-with-measures-that-will-breach-human-rights</a>   |
| BlackBelt Barrister                     | <a href="https://www.change.org/p/halt-the-government-power-grab-c5b2a518-39ab-4e85-b79e-b3b800b6e017">https://www.change.org/p/halt-the-government-power-grab-c5b2a518-39ab-4e85-b79e-b3b800b6e017</a>   |
| Joint Committee on Human Rights         | <a href="https://committees.parliament.uk/publications/8021/documents/83303/default/">https://committees.parliament.uk/publications/8021/documents/83303/default/</a>   |
| Caroline Lucas MP twitter<br>08 12 2021 | So depressing to see vile Nationality & #BordersBill pass Commons 298 to 231 It's one of most inhumane & draconian bills before Parliament It criminalises those seeking asylum & gives Home Sec power to strip UK citizens of citizenship without even saying why. Now to the Lords  |
| 08 12 2021                              | The Nationality and Borders Bill passes Third Reading in the Commons. The Bill now goes to the House of Lords, with Second Reading taking place on 5 January 2022.  |
| Another Europe is Possible              | Letter-writing tool against the Nationality & Borders Bill <a href="#">Defeat the Anti-Refugee Bill! – Another Europe is Possible</a><br><a href="#">MSPs condemn the Nationality and Borders Bill – Another Europe is Possible</a><br><b>Saturday, January 15th 13:00 UTC Another Europe Is Possible PROTEST:</b><br>SAT 15 JAN, 1PM outside the Home Office 2 Marsham Street, SW1P 4DF London<br>Kill the racist Nationality & Borders Bill<br>Speakers include John McDonnell MP, Marsha de Cordova, BAME<br>Lawyers 4 Justice, PCS Union & more.<br><a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/2092939680862760">https://www.facebook.com/events/2092939680862760</a> |
| Best for Britain                        | <a href="https://www.bestforbritain.org/januarycrossroadsdemocracy">https://www.bestforbritain.org/januarycrossroadsdemocracy</a> 16 12 2021<br><a href="https://www.bestforbritain.org/nationality_and_borders?">https://www.bestforbritain.org/nationality_and_borders?</a>   |

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|  | <a href="https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2021/dec/15/shamima-begum-stripped-british-citizenship-nationality-and-borders-bill">utm_campaign=220105_nat_and_borders_3&amp;utm_medium=email&amp;utm_source=b4b</a> 05 01 2022  |
| Naga Kandiah   | <a href="https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2021/dec/15/shamima-begum-stripped-british-citizenship-nationality-and-borders-bill">https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2021/dec/15/shamima-begum-stripped-british-citizenship-nationality-and-borders-bill</a>   |
| New Statesman/Ben van der Merwe/100 civil society leaders                            | <a href="https://www.newstatesman.com/politics/2022/01/exclusive-leading-uk-charity-heads-condemn-the-nationality-and-borders-bill-as-overtly-racist">https://www.newstatesman.com/politics/2022/01/exclusive-leading-uk-charity-heads-condemn-the-nationality-and-borders-bill-as-overtly-racist</a><br>Article plus video.  |
| Petition UK Government and Parliament  | <a href="https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/601583">https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/601583</a><br>Remove Clause 9 from the Nationality and Borders Bill<br>Under provisions in Clause 9 of this Bill, individuals could be stripped of their British citizenship without warning. We believe this is unacceptable, and inconsistent with international human rights obligations.   |
| Lord Woolley   | <a href="https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/nationality-borders-bill-lord-simon-woolley-b1986556.html">https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/nationality-borders-bill-lord-simon-woolley-b1986556.html</a><br>Nationality and Borders Bill would make people like me second-class citizens, warns peer<br>Exclusive: Equalities campaigner Lord Woolley says controversial legislation has echoes of Windrush scandal                |
| Organisations including Migrants Organise, Media Diversified and the Sikh Council UK | ‘Most racist law to come to Britain’: Protestors voice anger over Nationality and Borders Bill outside Parliament<br>Legislation brought by Priti Patel condemned as ‘tool to divide’ as peers debate citizenship laws<br><a href="https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/protest-nationality-borders-bill-parliament-b1987492.html">https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/protest-nationality-borders-bill-parliament-b1987492.html</a> |
| Muslim Council of Britain  | <a href="https://www.thenational.scot/news/19823099.vote-tory-nationality-borders-bill-muslim-council-britain-urges-lords/">https://www.thenational.scot/news/19823099.vote-tory-nationality-borders-bill-muslim-council-britain-urges-lords/</a>   |
| Lords Second Reading debate  | <a href="https://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2022-01-05/debates/5565C246-FDC7-4A38-86E8-52825DE21125/NationalityAndBordersBill">https://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2022-01-05/debates/5565C246-FDC7-4A38-86E8-52825DE21125/NationalityAndBordersBill</a>   |
| Another Europe is Possible   | <a href="https://www.anothereurope.org/nationality-and-borders-bill-model-motion/">https://www.anothereurope.org/nationality-and-borders-bill-model-motion/</a>   |

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|   | Cllr. Shaista Aziz: NATIONALITY AND BORDERS BILL MODEL MOTION<br>Model motion passed unanimously by Oxford Labour Party’s Rose Hill and Iffley Ward.  |
| Law Gazette                               | <a href="https://www.lawgazette.co.uk/commentary-and-opinion/is-the-nationality-and-borders-bill-just-another-example-of-bad-law-making-/5111093.article">https://www.lawgazette.co.uk/commentary-and-opinion/is-the-nationality-and-borders-bill-just-another-example-of-bad-law-making-/5111093.article</a>   |
| <b>Andra Maciuca, The London Economic</b> | WATCH: Home Office video defends British citizenship move – reactions<br>Despite the Tories' claim, two prominent UK lawyers and the United Nations released serious warnings for the UK public regarding the Nationality and Borders Bill.<br><a href="https://www.thelondoneconomic.com/news/home-office-video-british-citizenship-misleading-bill-308390/">https://www.thelondoneconomic.com/news/home-office-video-british-citizenship-misleading-bill-308390/</a>  |
| <b>Good Law Project</b>                   | The Nationality and Borders Bill is racist – we want Government to think again [18/01/2022]<br><a href="https://goodlawproject.org/news/nationality-borders-bill-clause-9/">https://goodlawproject.org/news/nationality-borders-bill-clause-9/</a><br><a href="https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/uk-nationality-borders-bill-legal-experts-fear-impact">https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/uk-nationality-borders-bill-legal-experts-fear-impact</a>   |
|   | Exclusive: Nationality and Borders Bill is “unconstitutional”, says top law firm<br>New powers sought by the government to strip British citizenship have been deemed “exorbitant, ill-defined and unconstitutional”.<br><a href="https://www.newstatesman.com/politics/uk-politics/2022/01/exclusive-nationality-and-borders-bill-is-unconstitutional-says-top-law-firm">https://www.newstatesman.com/politics/uk-politics/2022/01/exclusive-nationality-and-borders-bill-is-unconstitutional-says-top-law-firm</a>        |
| Financial Times                           | <a href="https://www.ft.com/content/c9df527f-2ae4-48ec-ac62-43a76c5f5731">https://www.ft.com/content/c9df527f-2ae4-48ec-ac62-43a76c5f5731</a><br>The UK’s erosion of citizenship rights [£]   |
| UNHCR                                     | UN rights experts say Nationality and Borders Bill fails to respect the UK’s obligations under international human rights and refugee law<br><b>Summary:</b><br>Four Special Rapporteurs restate their serious concerns over the Bill; UNHCR issues new observations<br><a href="https://www.ein.org.uk/news/un-rights-experts-say-nationality-and-borders-bill-fails-respect-uks-obligations-under">https://www.ein.org.uk/news/un-rights-experts-say-nationality-and-borders-bill-fails-respect-uks-obligations-under</a> |



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| HOUSE OF LORDS<br>Select Committee on the Constitution        | Nationality and Borders Bill<br>"The House may conclude that this clause [9] is unacceptable and should be removed from the Bill."<br><a href="https://committees.parliament.uk/publications/8606/documents/86994/default/">https://committees.parliament.uk/publications/8606/documents/86994/default/</a> [21/01/2022]  |
| Joint Committee on Human Rights                               | Nationalities and Borders Bill risks failing victims of modern slavery<br><a href="https://committees.parliament.uk/committee/93/human-rights-joint-committee/news/160035/nationalities-and-borders-bill-risks-failing-victims-of-modern-slavery/">https://committees.parliament.uk/committee/93/human-rights-joint-committee/news/160035/nationalities-and-borders-bill-risks-failing-victims-of-modern-slavery/</a> |
| Joint Committee on Human Rights                               | Asylum reforms would undermine UK's human rights obligations<br><a href="https://committees.parliament.uk/committee/93/human-rights-joint-committee/news/160367/asylum-reforms-would-undermine-uks-human-rights-obligations/">https://committees.parliament.uk/committee/93/human-rights-joint-committee/news/160367/asylum-reforms-would-undermine-uks-human-rights-obligations/</a><br>[19/01/2022]                 |
| Alexandra Sinclair, Saba Shakil (LSE) -<br><i>Law Gazette</i> | Is the Nationality and Borders Bill just another example of bad law-making?<br><a href="https://www.lawgazette.co.uk/commentary-and-opinion/raab-shows-his-hand-on-rights-revision/5110798.article">https://www.lawgazette.co.uk/commentary-and-opinion/raab-shows-his-hand-on-rights-revision/5110798.article</a>  |
| Lord Anderson   | Government answers to written questions on the use of deprivation of citizenship orders <u>Written questions submitted by Lord Anderson of Ipswich - MPs and Lords - UK Parliament</u>  |
| Court of Appeal   | UKHome News<br>Home Office loses case over stripping citizenship without notice after challenge by alleged Isis member<br><a href="https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/home-office-isis-citizenship-case-b2000956.html">https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/home-office-isis-citizenship-case-b2000956.html</a>   |
| Status Now Network  | 'Indefinite Leave To Remain' for people who are undocumented, destitute, and those in the legal process<br><a href="https://statusnow4all.org/what-the-nationality-and-borders-bill-really-means/">https://statusnow4all.org/what-the-nationality-and-borders-bill-really-means/</a>  |
| Simmone Shah, Time  | 'Maximum Suffering.' A Man Stripped of His Citizenship Sheds Light on the Potential Impact of the U.K.'s Nationality Bill<br><a href="https://time.com/6146655/uk-citizenship-nationality-immigration-bill/">https://time.com/6146655/uk-citizenship-nationality-immigration-bill/</a>  |

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| Abbas Farshori, Tribune    | The Borders Bill Will Rip New Holes in the Social Safety Net<br><a href="https://tribunemag.co.uk/2022/02/priti-patel-nationality-and-borders-bill-no-recourse-to-public-funds-refugees/">https://tribunemag.co.uk/2022/02/priti-patel-nationality-and-borders-bill-no-recourse-to-public-funds-refugees/</a> |
| Helen Lock, Global Citizen | The UK's 'Anti-Refugee Bill': What Everyone Should Know<br><a href="https://www.globalcitizen.org/en/content/nationality-borders-bill-refugees-explainer/">https://www.globalcitizen.org/en/content/nationality-borders-bill-refugees-explainer/</a>  |

### 3.4. Judicial Review and Courts Bill

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| Joint Committee on Human Rights                            | <a href="https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3035">https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3035</a><br><a href="https://www.scottishlegal.com/article/lord-committee-recommends-amendments-to-judicial-review-and-courts-bill">https://www.scottishlegal.com/article/lord-committee-recommends-amendments-to-judicial-review-and-courts-bill</a><br><a href="https://committees.parliament.uk/committee/93/human-rights-joint-committee/news/159492/committee-recommends-amendments-to-judicial-review-and-courts-bill/">https://committees.parliament.uk/committee/93/human-rights-joint-committee/news/159492/committee-recommends-amendments-to-judicial-review-and-courts-bill/</a><br><a href="https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3035/stages/15898">https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3035/stages/15898</a><br>Current status: Lords Committee stage 21 <sup>st</sup> February - . |
| Justice  | <a href="https://justice.org.uk/judicial-review-and-courts-bill/">https://justice.org.uk/judicial-review-and-courts-bill/</a>   |
| Alexandra Sinclair, Saba Shakil (LSE) - <i>Law Gazette</i> | Is the Nationality and Borders Bill just another example of bad law-making?<br><a href="https://www.lawgazette.co.uk/commentary-and-opinion/raab-shows-his-hand-on-rights-revision/5110798.article">https://www.lawgazette.co.uk/commentary-and-opinion/raab-shows-his-hand-on-rights-revision/5110798.article</a>  |
| Best for Britain   | 16 12 2021  |
| Dite Bagdonaite, Corporate Law Journal                     | <a href="https://www.bestforbritain.org/januarycrossroadsdemocracy">https://www.bestforbritain.org/januarycrossroadsdemocracy</a>   |
|  | <a href="https://www.parallelparliament.co.uk/bills/government">https://www.parallelparliament.co.uk/bills/government</a>   |
| Gary Neville   | <a href="https://twitter.com/GNev2/status/1468838487499673603?s=20">https://twitter.com/GNev2/status/1468838487499673603?s=20</a><br>Downing Street 18 December 148,000 votes.  |
| COP26 Coalition  | <a href="https://cop26coalition.org/about/the-coalition/">https://cop26coalition.org/about/the-coalition/</a>   |
| 38 Degrees , Liberty                                       | To: The Lord Chancellor<br>Save our legal safeguards<br>Lord Chancellor: Don't fundamentally weaken vital legal safeguards like the Human Rights Act  |

and Judicial Review that allow ordinary people to challenge powerful state bodies when they get things wrong.

**Why is this important?**

We have all – in different ways – needed to use the law to protect our families or challenge public bodies when they make mistakes that don't comply with the law.

That is why we are opposed to the Government's plans to reduce protections under the Human Rights Act and restrict judicial review - changes that would make legal challenges like ours harder to bring.

Help us send a strong message to the Lord Chancellor that the right of ordinary people to be treated fairly by holding government and state bodies to account is too precious to be tampered with.

Stewart: My elderly mother-in-law, Eliza, needed judicial review after the council wrongly refused to pay for the costs of her care.

Magda: My seven-year-old son Ian, is happy and settled at school - thanks to judicial review.

Daniel: Without judicial review, my bright and sporty daughter would have dropped out of school and would not now be in her final year of university.

Tina: We took legal action as a last resort when my learning-disabled teenage daughter Lauryn was left without schooling or support during lockdown

Joe Ousalice: I used the law to get my medals back, when I was kicked out of the Navy after 18 years because of my sexuality.

Trevor Birney: My experience shows how much journalists like me need legal protections to defend our right to publish important stories in the public interest

All of us were protected by laws and legal procedures which have long been a cornerstone of our democracy - and we want to ensure those protections are still there for others in future.

That's why we're starting this petition with support from Liberty. Please sign today.

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Read our stories in full on the Liberty website <https://www.libertyhumanrights.org.uk/issue/how-i-stood-up-to-power/>

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## ***Liberty – campaign actions and resources on PCSC***

4 videos.

**October 2021 \*\*\* KEY BRIEFING DOCUMENT \*\*\* Briefing on PSCS Bill** <https://www.libertyhumanrights.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Libertys-full-briefing-on-the-PCSC-Bill-for-Committee-Stage-in-the-House-of-Lords-October-2021-1.pdf>

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## ***Best for Britain – campaigning against current legislation***

<https://www.bestforbritain.org/betterdemocracy>

<https://www.bestforbritain.org/januarycrossroadsdemocracy> 16 12 2021 – overview of four Bills.

<https://www.bestforbritain.org/governmentagendaantidemocraticanticonservative> [Nov 5<sup>th</sup>]

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|   | Lizzie Dearden, Independent   | <a href="https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/human-rights-act-reform-dominic-raab-b1976034.html">https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/human-rights-act-reform-dominic-raab-b1976034.html</a>  |
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