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What would UK Security policy look like under Reform? The Security Politics of the Right

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In recent years, the UK has increased police powers to suppress protest, expanded counter-terror laws, adopted an increasingly hostile stance on immigration and asylum, put itself on a war footing, increased defence spending and cut foreign aid. Yet more change may lie ahead. From Reform garnering significant public support, to well-attended demonstrations for far-right figures such as Tommy Robinson who enjoy the global solidarity of figures such as JD Vance and Elon Musk, there are signs that the most right-wing government in history may soon come to power in the UK. These UK dynamics echo the rise of the right in many other polities, within and beyond Europe. Drawing on our understanding of right wing security politics both within and beyond the UK, this session discusses the security politics of the right, and specifically how security policy might evolve in the UK if Reform took office at the next election.

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