

NUS No Platform Policy

This Union Notes:

1. That the proposed N.U.S "No Platform" policy will mean "N.U.S. Steering Committee may ban any group and it's entire membership, if, it at its sole discretion, deems it to be racist, fascist or both from all N.U.S. activities including participating in any election".
2. That at present Hizbut - Tahrir, The British National Party and Identity Tradition and Sovereignty are subject to the N.U.S. No Platform policy.

This Union Additionally Notes:

1. That under the terms of the "Racial and Religious Hatred Act 2006", a person who "uses threatening words or behaviour, or displays any written material which is threatening, is guilty of an offence if he or she intends thereby to stir up racial or religious hatred."
2. That a person who contravenes the "Racial and Religious Hatred Act" may be lawfully imprisoned by a court.

This Union Believes:

1. That the "Racial and Religious Hatred Act 2006" adequately covers any immoral behaviour a political organisation is likely to commit in relation to aggravating racial or religious hatred. Legal behaviour by a political party is therefore morally acceptable (though not necessarily morally desirable) and within the realms of legitimate debate.

This Union Further Believes:

1. That in order to discredit illiberal, extremist or racist ideologies it is necessary to openly confront these ideas and not merely pretend they do not exist.
2. That ideologies based on the equal value of all human beings are more logical and will therefore win if directly counter-posed with ideologies which believe in the superiority of a particular race or religion.

This Union Resolves:

1. To make it official Union Policy to oppose the N.U.S No Platform policy.
2. To mandate all Union delegates to N.U.S. Annual Conference to vote against the current attempt to entrench the No Platform policy into the N.U.S. constitution and to support the complete abolition of No Platform.
3. To mandate the Executive to write a letter to the N.U.S. President outlining the reasons for our opposition.

4. To elect a 5 person committee to draw up the text of a proposed amendment to the N.U.S. constitution to be put before Union Council for submission to N.U.S. Annual Conference 2008.