

OUTREACHING TIPS / SCRIPT & Prompts

Starting Question: Have you heard anything about the Policing Bill / Protest Bill / PCSC Bill? Or the Nationalities and Borders / Anti-Refugee Bill?

If “Yes”: What have you heard about it so far?

Do you feel like you have been given much information about how these bills would affect your life?

No:

So essentially these are proposals that **take away** our human rights, which the Government has already nearly passed. I am here today to raise awareness in my community about the risks of these laws to you personally, just so that you know, and give you actions you can take to fight against it if you want to.

Would you like to hear about it?

If yes:

Ok, first question is about your life experiences, and then I will explain how the PCSC Bill affect you in any of these situations?

Have you, or anyone you know, ever been:

Discriminated against based on your ethnicity or culture?	<p>The PCSC Bill would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legalise stop and searches on the street and in vehicles, especially near protest locations, without any suspicion of a crime. • Allow the Home Office and senior police officers to decide which protests are allowed and which are criminal. • Give police the power to arrest you simply for not complying to all of their requests during these searches. • Potentially allow police to arrest you without giving you any reason why.
Been part of a Union	<p>One of the proposed amendments to the bill, designed to protect corporations over peoples rights, criminalises anyone who stops a business from running.</p> <p>Because the PCSC Bill is worded so broadly, this means it could become illegal to strike with a union, be part of a picket line, as well as protests and marches.</p>
Attended a Protest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You could be arrested without warning if the protest suddenly becomes illegal. • Arrestable offences are not clearly defined, so could mean anything from having a cardboard sign, to holding hands with someone who is trying to ‘lock on’ (a common protest tactic).
Organised a Protest	<p>Ever organised with your community to fight against inequality or new legislation that you don’t want?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under the PCSC Bill, you could be put on a watch list for the “crime” of advocating for your rights. • “Known organisers” of demonstrations could be arrested if they are suspected of travelling to protests, be sentenced to 51 weeks in prison, and be banned from using the internet and communication apps.
Shared protest information online	<p>Sharing information about protests or advocating for others to attend protests would be a criminal offence.</p>

<p>Been stopped by police for no reason</p>	<p>The bill would legalise discriminatory “suspicionless” stop and searches on the street and in vehicles. Stop and Searches are already used against Black people 7 times more than their white counterparts, in the UK, often for no reason other than Police racial and class biases.</p> <p>Rather than educating people to be less biased, this government are just legalising the bias.</p> <p>What is worse still, is that the PCSC bill gives the police the right to arrest anyone who doesn’t comply with <i>everything</i> asked of them during the stop and search.</p>
<p>Been temporarily excluded from school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The bill aims to bring police presence into schools, to help with child exclusions - which teachers are known to disproportionately use against children who have learning difficulties, disabilities or are from discriminated against backgrounds. ● Police will be able to funnel children directly from school disciplinarys into “secure schools” -- essentially child prisons, where physical, sexual and mental abuse have been recorded for the last decade. ● A pilot test of this system was already tried out in Manchester schools in 2021 (before the bill has passed!).
<p>Lived or travelled in a campervan</p>	<p>Ever gone on holiday in a van or dreamed of travelling in one, or are you from a Gypsy, Roma or Traveller background?</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Do you have some bad memories of people living in Vans, feeling like they were taking up too much of your local green spaces?</p> <p>Either way, this affects you.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The bill follows 10+ years of permanent residents and travellers alike submitting complaints to councils about lack of spaces for travelling communities to exist, or complaints like “why are they in my space?”. ● But both of the above issues have the same answer: an Intentional and increasing shortage of space to live, compared to recorded demand. ● The PCSC bill takes this further though, punishing anyone staying too long in “illegal” spaces with prison, huge fines and by confiscating their homes. ● Despite the fact that the government, through our councils, refuse to provide enough legal spaces, forcing people into using the “illegal” spaces. ● The culture of travelling communities is as important as any other way of life and cultural identity. ● This move from the Government is Ethnic Cleansing. <p>If you consider yourself to be anti-racist, then standing in solidarity with travelling communities is essential, as the section of the bill which criminalises their lifestyles has already passed its vote in the</p>

	House of Lords.
Not complied with something Police asked you to do	Under the new stop and search orders, police would be able to stop you for no reason other than how they think you look, and if you don't comply with every single thing they ask, you can be arrested.
Been assaulted by another person	Under the PCSC Bill someone who writes with a chalk on the ground or a statue can get a harsher prison sentence than someone who physically assaulted another person.

IT GETS WORSE.

- The government also proposes the Nationalities and Borders bill, which would allow the home office to strip anyone who has dual citizenship or the right to claim citizenship in another country of their British citizenship without warning or notice.
- 5.6 million people in England and Wales could potentially be affected by the new rule (Source: The New Statesman, 2011 census data).
- Just one in 20 of the above are white, while half of British Asians and 39% of black Britons are potentially at risk.

What can we do to stop these new laws?

- The PCSC bill is progressing through the House of Lords
- This could be the final opportunity to make changes to some of the worst parts of the bill.
- The bill will be voted on in the Lords from the 10th to 17th of January.
- We have this chance only to persuade enough of the Lords to vote in favour of human rights - Opposing Priti Patel's new amendments, and Section 3 of the bill (which is still to be voted on, and all about Protest rights).
- Amendments that would have protected Traveller rights (something actually good!) failed with a tied vote of 171 to 171 votes (new amendments must have a majority to pass).
- There's a silver lining! This shows that there is a number of Lords who are advocating for our basic human rights. We just need to Lobby some more so that we get a majority on every vote!
- If we can persuade a few more then we just might be able to preserve our right to protest legally.

But we must act now before voting resumes 10/1/22

Otherwise this law could move through the Lords without any changes made

Which could mean it would return to MPs for its final vote, and with the Tory majority that we have, it would pass into law very quickly. Once this happens, it will become illegal to oppose any of the horrifying new laws this government is bringing in, so we MUST speak up NOW just to keep our right to keep speaking up!

Building community awareness and connection is also a key tool in resisting these laws, as we can see from the Poll Tax bill and the more recent blocked deportation in Glasgow last year (Guardian News: "...men freed after immigration van standoff")

With enough community pressure we can resist any law!

Those with power will always try to divide us because solidarity is the greatest weapon.

Speaking to your community, family and friends about what you have learnt about these bills is such a vital tool in preventing our steady slide into fascism.

If you would like to get involved in outreach, you can order your free outreach pack through the links in this flyer. Keep the message going!

What We Can Do

- Lobby the Lords to oppose the Government's new amendments '148-159', and oppose the whole of 'Part 3'
- You can do this with these easy links from [Digitalrebellion.uk/policingbill](https://digitalrebellion.uk/policingbill) or through the ktbofficial.org
- Take a photo of a placard that explains why it's important to YOU to reject the PCSC bill.
 - Tag 3 friends/celebrities, and ask them to do the same
 - Share on twitter / Instagram / facebook / 4Chan / Reddit with the hashtag #killthebill,

and if you want more #wewontbesilenced #policestatebill #policingbill #protestbill #killthepolicingbill are also great to use.

Outreach to your communities to RESIST the bill

If you want to speak to your friends, families, neighbours and communities about this too, you can get a resource pack of leaflets and info sent to you, for free, by going to ktbofficial.org!

Building community knowledge is very important in resisting this bill. Like the Poll Tax - We **can** make this ungovernable, even after it passes into law.

Thank you for your patience hearing me out on this!

How have you found it?

Do you have any questions?

(if you can't answer their questions direct them to our social media and emails, where direct questions are always welcome!)