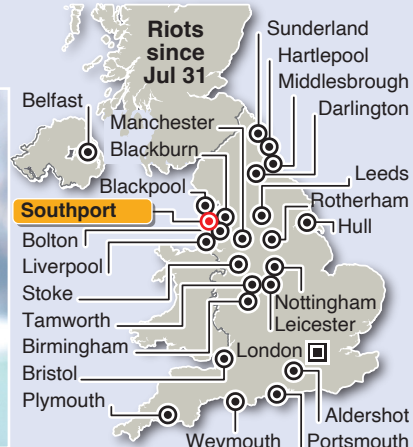


# Far-right violence explodes across the UK

Riots sweep Britain as crowds championing anti-immigration and Islamophobic rhetoric clash with police over social media misinformation about Southport knife attack



**Jul 29:** Three girls (*from left*) **Elsie Dot Stancombe, 7**, **Bebe King, 6**, and **Alice Dasilva Aguiar, 9** are fatally stabbed in Southport. Eight other children and two adults are injured. Police detain 17-year-old suspect at scene

**Jul 30:** Russian-associated website **Channel 3 Now** posts fake name for attacker, Ali Al-Shakati, alleged to be Muslim immigrant. Around 300 rioters, linked to the **English Defence League**, attack local mosque with bricks, bottles and rocks

**Jul 31:** Rioters attack **Holiday Inn** housing asylum seekers in Manchester. Violence spreads to Hartlepool, Bristol and London, leading to over 100 arrests

**Aug 1:** Authorities identify underage suspect in bid to stop rumours

**Aug 2-6:** Far-right riots erupt in Sunderland, Liverpool, Hull, Belfast, Middlesbrough and Rotherham – where **Holiday Inn Express**, used to house asylum seekers, suffers attack. Further escalations occur in Bolton and Greater Manchester. **428 people arrested – 120 charged**

**Aug 7:** Some 6,000 riot officers around country monitor reports of more than 100 planned far-right demonstrations targeting asylum centres and immigration law firms across the country and 30 counter-protests. **Extra 600 prison spaces made available for rioters**



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**Elon Musk:** Billionaire owner of X becomes engaged in war of words with British Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer over riots gripping UK. Musk criticised for tweeting: **"Civil war is inevitable"**

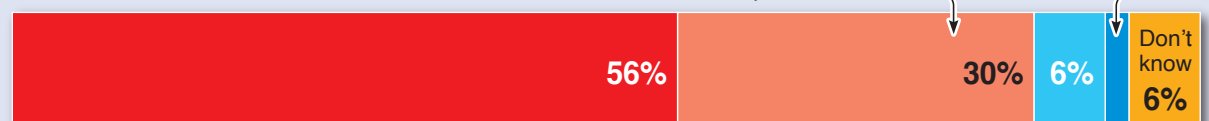
**Who is responsible?** In eyes of British public, rioters themselves and social media to blame for unrest

● Great deal of responsibility ● Fair amount of responsibility ● Not much responsibility ● No responsibility

**Those taking part in the unrest themselves**



**Social media**



YouGov survey of 2,114 UK adults, Aug 5, 6, 2024

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