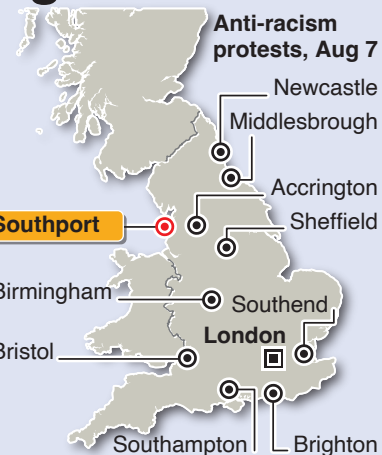


# Anti-racism sweeps UK after far-right riots

Thousands of police and anti-racist protesters gathered across Britain after more than a week of violent Islamophobic attacks following social media misinformation over a 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:** Website **Channel3Now** gives false name for Southport attacker, claiming he is an asylum seeker. This, combined with untrue claims from other sources that attacker is Muslim, leads to 300 rioters, linked to **English Defence League**, attacking local mosque

**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

**Aug 7:** Upswell of peaceful public support to some **6,000 riot officers** in many towns and cities outnumber planned 100 far-right demonstrations



**Aug 8:** Ten more suspect rioters arrested in London following violent disorder outside Downing Street on July 31

**Sir Mark Rowley, Metropolitan Police Commissioner:** "The show of force from the police and frankly the show of unity from communities, together defeated the challenges."

**600 additional prison places made available for rioters**



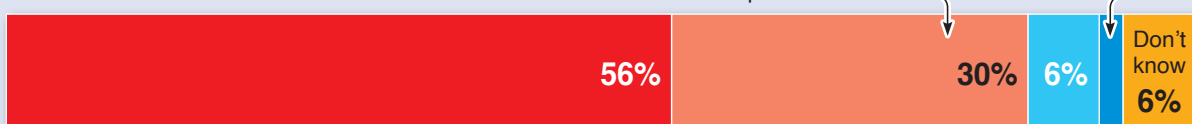
**Who is responsible?** In eyes of British public, rioters themselves and social media to blame for unrest

● 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