



UK Detains Austrian Identitarian and American Conservative for Supporting Free Speech

Austrian Generation Identity leader Martin Sellner, who opposes mass immigration, and his girlfriend Brittany Pettibone, a conservative American Youtube commentator, were detained for 3 days in the UK, held as political prisoners, and deported. It has been reported that Sellner was arrested for planning a public speech at Speaker's Corner, on the topic of free speech, that authorities claimed was part of a right-wing group trying to incite hatred. Originally, the Identitarian leader was scheduled to speak at a conference organized by UKIP youth wing Young Independence, but this was shut down due to alleged threats from Antifa leftist extremists.

Brit Pettibone was told that one of the reasons for her detainment was due to her plans to interview former English Defense League leader turned citizen journalist, Tommy Robinson, who is a vocal critic of mass immigration and Muslim violence.

Before the arrest:

After deportation to Vienna:

Austrian hipster-right Identitarian leader [Martin Sellner](#) was detained and refused entry to Britain on Friday at Heathrow airport ahead of a planned speech at Speaker's Corner in Hyde Park, London.

Sellner, along with his partner, YouTube political commentator and author [Brittany Pettibone](#), was refused entry into the UK [according](#) to the British branch of the Generation Identity movement.

In a press release, the group said that Sellner and Pettibone arrived in Britain at Luton airport at 1 pm and were told they were being detained because of the planned speech, with authorities claiming Sellner represented, "a far-right group and intend[s] to incite racial hatred."

The pair were then moved to Heathrow airport at 1 am where they were both placed in detention, along with other foreign nationals waiting to be deported.

Sellner observed that "the UK will open its border to immigration but block[ing] dissenting opinions will only help to grow the silent majority that disagrees with the government,' calling the affair a disgrace.

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Sellner's speech, reorganised for [Speaker's Corner](#) in Hyde Park, which was set aside for free speech by an Act of Parliament in 1872, was on the subject of "threats to Free Speech in the modern world."

Breitbart London spoke to both Sellner and Pettibone, who said they were being held in separate detention centres. Pettibone alleged that border officials told her that one of the reasons for her detainment was not only because of Sellner's speech

but also her plans to interview former English Defence League leader turned citizen journalist [Tommy Robinson](#).

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