

# The New York Times

## Britons May Hate Trump, but They Like Trumpism

Sept. 16, 2025

By Moya Lothian-McLean

### ORAL EXAM METHOD – INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

#### INTRODUCTION

**Opening statement:** With his **harsh “America First” approach** on international relations, Donald Trump has succeeded in **forcing world leaders** to **negotiate** better trade deals to avoid tariffs. While his **unique political style** is often criticized abroad, his very **conservative agenda** seems to be making its way in many minds, even outside of the US.

**Presentation of the document:** This article from *The New York Times*, published on September 16<sup>th</sup> 2025 and written by Moya Lothian-Mc Lean, explains how, despite **in majority disliking Donald Trump**, more and more British people are becoming **sensible to his far-right ideas**.

**Main topic / key question:** How are far-right, anti-immigration ideologies inspired by Donald Trump growing among the British people?

#### I. A perspective of Donald Trump coming to visit in a divided United Kingdom.

- Donald Trump decided to **honour an official invitation** and to go to the United Kingdom, where he will be received in all the **magnificence** of the British monarchy's decorum.
- Meanwhile, **protests** should erupt against the state visit, even though they should be **less massive** than the last time Donald Trump came to Great Britain.
- Indeed, the American president **isn't well-liked among the British people**, who tend to look at him with **disdain and mockery**.
- However, even though the British don't like Trump and may very well sneer at him during his visit, the general atmosphere may be **more welcoming than expected**.

#### II. A seemingly weaker and weaker Labour party and a disappointing first year in power.

- First, the invitation comes from **trying to keep good relations with the United States** on the part of the British Prime Minister, by bringing an invitation from the King to the American President. A move **flattering** for Donald Trump, as American presidents have only so far been so formally invited by the British monarch during their first term.
- All the while, the Labour party is facing **a weakening of its political power**: for many years now, the British political landscape seems to have **veered to the right**, and even if the Labour party got a majority of seats in Parliament last summer, they haven't made good on their promises of straightening the economic situation in disarray after 14 years of Conservative government.

### III. **An unstoppable wave of anti-immigration sentiment?**

- As a consequence, Trumpian ideas are **growing more and more popular** among the British people, especially those concerning immigration: ideas supported mainly by the **far-right party Reform UK**, lead by alleged agitator Nigel Farage.
- Therefore, many people have put the blame and **protested against illegal immigrants** and would-be refugees, who keep trying to cross the Channel onboard dinghies. They are accused of **costing too much**, as the state dedicates facilities to shelter and help them.
- This anger against immigrants has been epitomized recently by the **multiplication of British flags** hung over houses or public infrastructure. This operation, presented by some as a grassroots movement, may very well have been orchestrated by far-right groups.
- A few days before the publication of the article, **a massive protest** occurred in London, with **British flags flooding the streets**.