NARRATIVES: RACE AND RACISM IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

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OPPOSITION ARGUMENTS

'THEY'ARE THE PROBLEM
Frames: criminality; immigration control; draining resources

RACISM IS INDIVIDUAL
Frames: hatred; violence; integration; victimhood

THERE IS NO RACE
(CRICKETS)
“I HAVE LIFTED RESTRICTIONS ON STOP & SEARCH - GIVING THE POLICE MORE POWERS TO FIGHT THE KNIFE CRIME EPIDEMIC.”

Priti Patel, UK

“THE 480 000 ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS PRESENT ON OUR SOIL SHOULD NOT LIVE IN EXPECTATION OF THEIR REGULARIZATION, BUT RATHER IN THE EXPECTATION OF THEIR EXPULSION,”

Marine Le Pen, France

"OFFICERS MUST USE FIREARMS IF NECESSARY TO PREVENT ILLEGAL BORDER CROSSINGS"

Frauke Petry, Germany
The EU rejects and condemns all forms of racism and intolerance, as they are incompatible with the values and principles upon which the EU is founded.

The proposed regulations aim to improve security within the EU, make checks at external borders more effective and efficient, and prevent and combat illegal migration.

Authorities across the EU use several databases to fight crime, control borders, and manage migration flows.
"because we need to work together to manage migration"
"successful integration of migrants into their host society is essential to maximise the opportunities afforded by legal migration."

"local and regional authorities... [must] be involved in every stage of implementing the EU's policies, because of their role in taking care of new arrivals and then integrating them."
Let's talk about structural racism
"The bias is not unconscious; it's structural"

"Racism is an ongoing structural force in British society"

"structural racism leads to unequal outcomes for minorities in the labour market, which directly impacts their lives, their survival"
The asylum seeker from Sierra Leone had fallen victim to structural police violence.

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They are particularly vulnerable to discrimination, exploitation and sexual harassment, experience high rates of overqualification, as well as segregation in specific sectors.

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“Legislative frameworks have discriminatory effects on newcomers.”

"Roma people are the most marginalised and one of the largest ethnic minority groups in Europe"

"Black children are being traumatized."

"They are being denied access to good-quality, integrated and fully inclusive education. Indeed, their quality of education is considerably lower than the national average".
ACTIVISTS, ARTISTS, PEOPLE
Assa Traore, Justice pour Adama

"I accuse those that have hindered the investigation into the death of my brother experts, police, prosecutor, judges ... Their name will stay in stone. We are in a system that protects the police."
FRAMING STRUCTURAL RACISM

USE

- Racism
- Active verbs.
- This policy is...
- WE are fighting
- X government should...
- personal stories/emotions

AVOID

- integration
- victimising
- "X are being"
- "Affected by..."
- "Target of..."
- Denied access to
RECOMMENDATIONS

- Focus on the call to action
- Talk actively about the cause
- ‘We’ not ‘them’
- Relatable, everyday concepts
- Focus on the call to action