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Anders Behring Breivik is a right-wing extremist and now regarded by many as a Christian fundamentalist/extremist/terrorist who goes by the codename of Sigurd Jorsalfar after the twelfth-century Crusader King Sigurd I of Norway. He claims he has a mentor and refers to him as Richard the Lionheart. He claims that he is a member of an international Christian military order based on the Knights Templar which was established in London in 2002 by nine individuals with a large number of 'knights' and even bigger number of 'civilians' including a number of cells in Europe. He was a member of a local Masonic lodge and was a proud freemason and he also claims he has contacts with the EDL and as his mentor's codename is Richard the Lionheart it seems to suggest the EDL is very influential on him and his political views.

His main political goal was to stop as he refers to it, the 'Islamification of Western Europe'. He claims he killed nearly eight people, who were in the majority non-Muslims, in order to save Europe from a 'Muslim takeover.' Now I don't believe his actions will be condoned by many but a few have supported his political views.

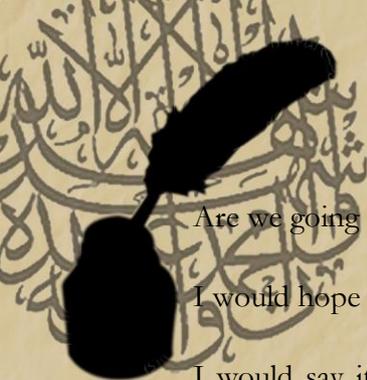
Mario Borghezio, for instance who belongs to the anti-immigration Northern League party in Italy, which is a partner in Italy's government coalition, condemned Breivik's attacks, but supported his position against Muslim immigration to Europe. He was reported to have said, "Some of the ideas he expressed are good, barring the violence. Some of them are great."

In addition to the far right in Italy, the Guardian states that the far right are making political gains in France, Denmark and the Netherlands. Most recently Belgium has passed a law which makes the wearing of the face veil in public illegal following France's decision months earlier.

The EDL connection has caused David Cameron to react and as a result he has ordered the security services to conduct a review of the far right in Britain. It seems the death of individuals is the only thing which causes us to take action. Again, we are reactive rather than active. It is quite clear that extremism is an ideology which can manifest itself in different ways. We were somewhat short sighted to link extremism with Islam rather than the individuals perpetrating it; we should have been tackling extremism as extremism.

Are we now going to see Churches searched in order to determine if extremism is taught?

Are we going to install secret cameras in the Parishes to see what is discussed in Sunday classes?



Are we going to make illegal, individuals having blond hair in public as it is a security issue?

I would hope the answers to the above are an absolute and clear, “No!”

I would say it is easier to isolate and deal with an individual as an individual when they look, dress, worship, celebrate, eat and live like us then when they are different.

If Europe is to be a home for Muslims then we need to send a clear message to extremists that they will not be tolerated and our politicians should not allow the policies of our countries to lean towards the far right.

This is also an opportunity to bring in legislation to protect the rights of Muslims and their religion in order to make them feel Europe is a home for Islam and not a home for xenophobes, extremists and bigots. I’m sure that’s not the Europe most sensible individuals, Muslims and non-Muslims, would wish to be part of.

This is also an opportunity for non-Muslims to come out and stand against these extremists as was rightly expected for Muslims to come out and speak against extremists.

The next several years will be a challenge to us all. This will be a true measure of humanity, decency and good will amongst our human family.

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