

especially those between partners of the same sex.

This appeals to many ordinary people, whose family is often the only haven of support in the nasty, brutal world of the “flexible labour market”. But “traditional family values” mean a return to the days when women were supposed to be totally dependent on a male bread-winner, and were often kept in the home by insultingly low wages. It also means an end to the right of women to choose whether to have a child or not. Low wages and no choice in whether or not to bring children into the world are no good for any working people, male or female.

Like the NF attack Asian immigrants, the Destiny Church attack the “homosexual minority” - and both go after “politically correct” politicians. They both try to rally small business and non-unionised workers against an “elite” who are supposed to be gaining privileges at their expense.

But they don't really want to change the system which is responsible for poverty, stress and hopelessness among working families. Instead, they want to distract ordinary people from the real cause of the misery in their lives by directing it towards a scapegoat - just like the fascists.

The Destiny Church and the National Front claim to be speaking for “ordinary New Zealanders”. But they want to divide us against each other - straight against gay, immigrants against locals. And that just makes it more difficult to fight for what we really need.

How YOU can help stop the Blackshirts!

- **SIGN THE PETITION.** We are organising a petition against the divisive politics of Destiny and the NF, and for unity of ordinary New Zealanders. Sign it and get all your friends to do so! Order petition forms from us.

- **JOIN THE MARCH!** The NF are holding an anti-immigrant rally during Labour Weekend; we will be one of several groups helping organise a counter-march. Ask us for more details.

- **GET ON THE MAILING LIST** to keep in touch with future events! **Send an email to:**
campusleft@randomstatic.net

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SAY NO TO BLACKSHIRTS!

The original Blackshirts (right) were the fascist thugs who helped Mussolini seize power in Italy in the 1920s.



The homophobic Destiny Church revived this symbolism on their rally at Parliament on August 23rd, wearing black shirts and giving fascist-style salutes. Worse still, real fascists - the National Front - were there supporting them.

Both Destiny and the NF claim to be acting in the interests of ordinary New Zealanders. We think it's about time that *real* ordinary New Zealanders told them where to get off.



What The NATIONAL FRONT Really Stand For

The National Front is a neo-Nazi organisation. Their secretary, Kerry Bolton, is a devotee of Mussolini and a former leader of the NZ Fascist Union. A recent sticker carried the slogan “One Family – One Folk – One Nation” – based on the original Nazi Slogan “Ein Volk, Ein Reich, Ein Führer.

The NF’s main aim is stirring up racial hatred. They have been linked with attacks on Jews, Maori and immigrant communities and the Sunday Star Times reported that “Lower Hutt’s National Front was trying to support young skinheads who were becoming involved in street fighting with Maori and Pacific Island youth gangs”. A recent leaflet posted to homes in Wellington carried the slogan “Stop the Asian Invasion”.

The NF deny the Holocaust. Holocaust denial is the lie that claims six million Jews were not murdered by the Nazis in death camps like Auschwitz. Holocaust deniers - like David Irving, recently refused entry to New Zealand - claim that the evidence of gassing and mass genocide has been faked, and that the small number of Jews who died did so from diseases like typhus.

This lie is important to Nazis because they know that the knowledge of the Holocaust and of what happened in Nazi Germany is a huge political block on their growth. People who might be attracted by seemingly respectable talk about jobs or housing will be horrified by being identified with Hitler’s mass genocide. National Front secretary Kerry Bolton claimed in a letter to the Evening Post (27th May 2000) that “The Holocaust allegation was contrived jointly by the World Jewish Congress and the Stalinist Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee”.



The NF carry out violence and thuggery. Aware that their views cannot be accepted by the vast majority of people, the NF resort to violence to promote them. Wellington representative and central area secretary Nick Miller has been charged with a brutal attack on a group of Somali men in Wellington in June. President Kyle Chapman has a criminal conviction for the fire-bombing of a marae. There is also a group within the NF training as an armed militia. Christchurch NF fûhrer, Todd Sweeney, has declared “we are working on getting enough people into gun clubs to be able to get the training needed for each individual”.

How The DESTINY CHURCH Attacks Families

Brian Tamaki’s Destiny Church, and its allied political movement, claim to be rallying in support of “the family”. But Destiny’s scapegoating of liberal social legislation will actually make matters worse for the ordinary families they claim to support.



The Destiny Church are not fascists - even though they dress like them. But they are trying to build a mass movement in a similar way to the Nazi National Front.

They are trying to appeal to ordinary Kiwis who feel alienated from modern society. They play on ordinary people’s fears of violence, economic insecurity, of not being able to bring up happy and healthy children. But they don’t question the economic system which causes these things.

According to Destiny, the fundamental problem in today’s society is the decline of the traditional two-parent family. Hence, **they attack all alternative ways for people to live together and raise children.** They oppose the Civil Unions Bill as a social sanction for other kinds of relationship,