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Lyrical

Terrorist

Manifesto Club History is still young



SPEAKERS:

Guido Fawkes a.k.a. Paul Staines - political commentator read by thousands of people daily on his blog www.order-order.com

Hari Kunzru is a novelist and journalist. Deputy president of [English PEN](#). Author of *My Revolutions*, *The Impressionist* and *Transmission*.

Aki Nawaz is a musician and front man of the group *Fun-Da-Mental*. In 2006 the album *All is War* (The Benefits of G-Had) was accused of '[glorifying the war on terror](#)' and two MPs called for Aki's arrest.

Brendan O'Neill is editor of *spiked-online*. He has been described as "one of this country's sharpest social commentators" (*Daily Telegraph*), "devilishly clever" (*The Independent*) and 'a loony lefty hack' (the *British National Party*).

Dr Evan Harris is Liberal Democrat MP for Oxford West and Abingdon. A campaigner against racism, for [refugee rights](#) and civil liberties, he is a passionate defender of free speech - hitting the headlines last year for taking part in an [Oxford Union debate](#) with the BNP's Nick Griffin and historian David Irving.

Everyone laughed when Radio 1 began bleeping the word 'faggot'. But few have spoken out in opposition to Brighton Council's decision to introduce a city-wide ban on all music with homophobic lyrics. And there has been little said in defence of [Samina Malik](#), the self-styled 'lyrical terrorist' who was sentenced to a nine-month suspended sentence for possessing jihadist literature. Doesn't freedom of expression mean freedom even for dodgy poets, homophobes and nihilists, or is this a moral cop-out? Should people who have obnoxious thoughts be challenged legally as well as morally? Are there any limits we should set on what can be said or written?

We have invited free speech supporters from different backgrounds to kick off the discussion on the state of free speech and artistic expression today.

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