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Extreme online content from far-right organisations, including the website of a banned terrorist group, is accessible via hardware based in the UK, potentially in breach of the law, and in contrast with Theresa May's call for technology companies to act to remove terrorist content from their platforms.

Cloudflare, an American company which provides websites with protection against malicious spikes in traffic, is enabling the British far-right's attempts to radicalise people online by providing these services to them. As a recent *Wired* Magazine article said, Cloudflare are effectively, "acting like the muscle guarding the podium at a Nazi rally."

The government should:

1) Urgently clarify the law around accessing terrorist and extremist content via UK-based edge servers;

2) Call on Cloudflare to stop supporting access to terrorist and extremist content via their UK-based edge servers.

(below) SPLC Graphic Depiction of Cloudflare

WHAT IS CLOUDFLARE?

Cloudflare, Inc. is an American company founded in 2009. It is an internet services company that provides Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) mitigation – protection against attacks designed to stop websites from functioning by flooding them with traffic, while ensuring that sites load quickly for users visiting them, wherever they try to access the site from in the world.

It is headquartered in San Francisco with additional offices across the US in Champaign, Austin, Boston and Washington D.C., as well as in London and Singapore.

They provide protection to around 100,000 of the top million most-visited websites and over 6 million others (Alexa). Its DNS service answers around 1 million queries per second not including attack traffic.

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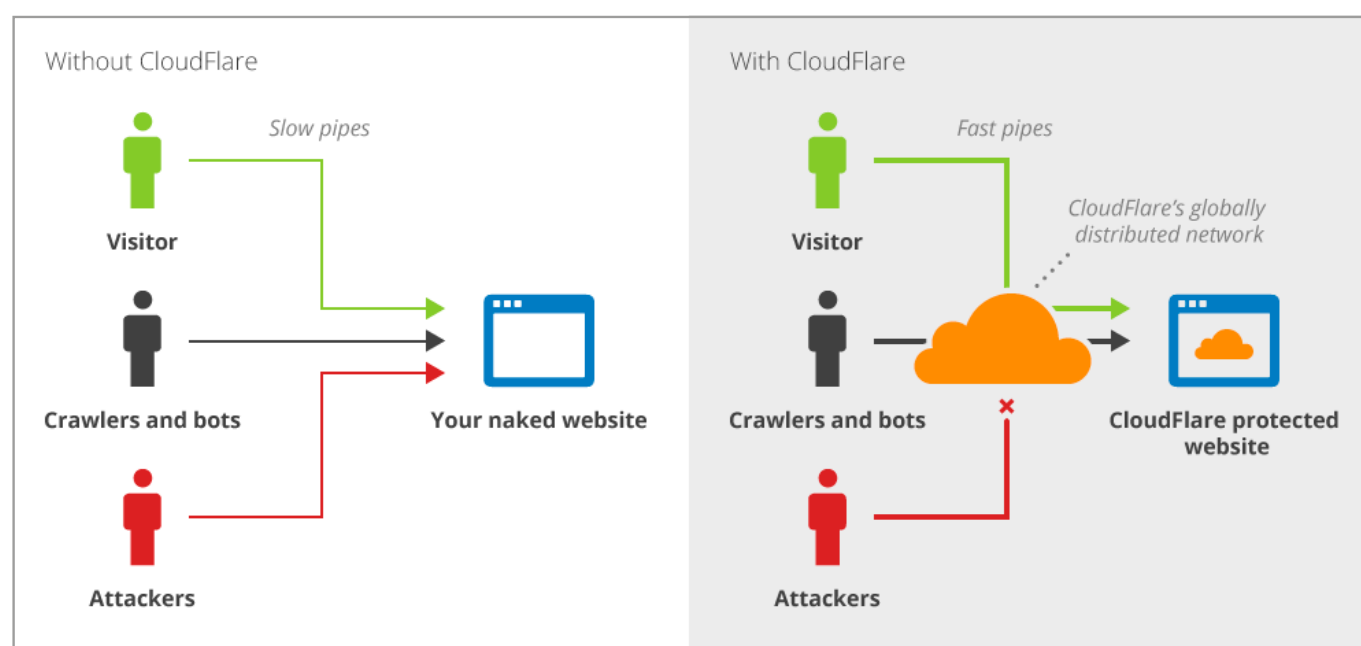
WHAT ARE 'EDGE SERVERS'?

To optimise the speed of content delivery to visitors, Cloudflare owns and operates data centres around the world – known as 'edge servers'. These edge servers store static web content locally (called 'caching'), including images and Javascript (a common website programming language) in order to create an uninterrupted user experience. The Cloudflare Global Anycast Network, as it is called, is powered by 119 data centres around the world including 30 in Europe, two of which are here in the UK, in London and Manchester.

ACCORDING TO CLOUDFLARE THEMSELVES:

"A CDN edge server is a computer that exists at the logical extreme or "edge" of a network. An edge server often serves as the connection between separate networks. A primary purpose of a CDN edge server is to store content as close as possible to a requesting client machine, thereby reducing latency and improving page load times."

IMPORTANTLY:

"CDN edge servers store (cache) content in strategic locations in order to take the load off of one or more origin servers. By moving static assets like images, HTML and JavaScript files (and potentially other content) as close as possible to the requesting client machine, an edge server cache is able to reduce the amount of time it takes for a web resource to load. Origin servers still have an important function to play when using a CDN, as important server-side code such as a database of hashed client credentials used for authentication, typically is maintained at the origin."

EUROPEAN DATA CENTERS

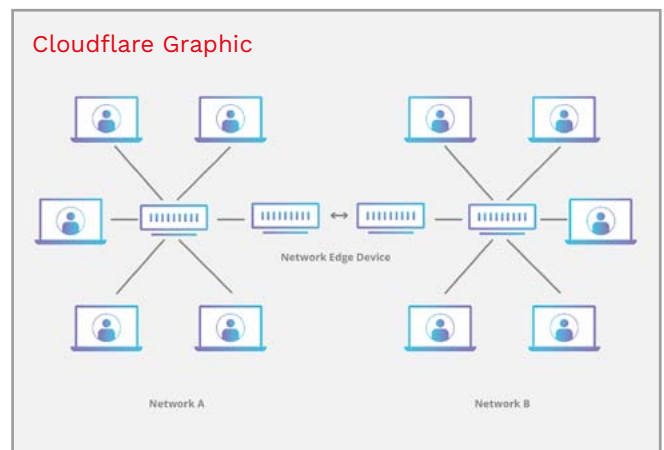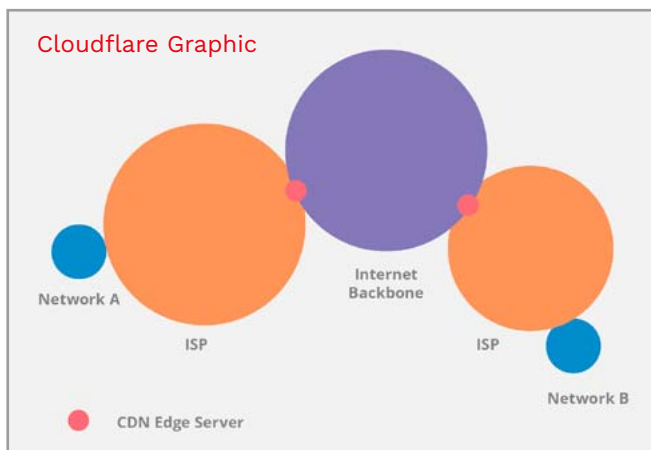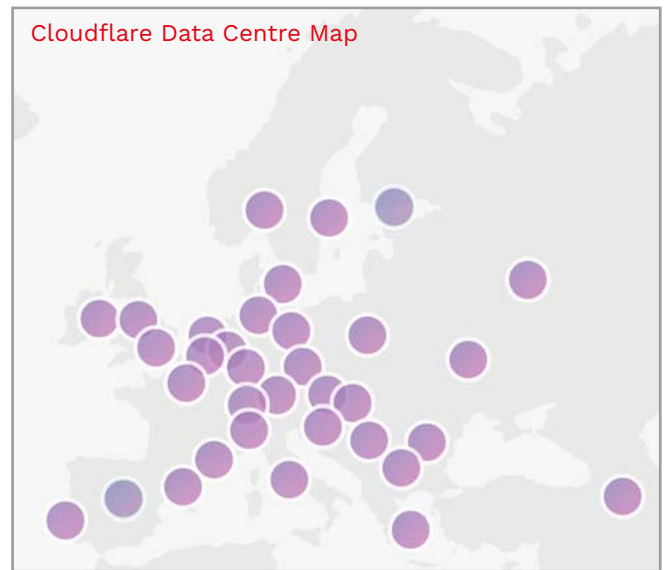The Cloudflare Global Anycast Network is powered by 119 data centers around the world.

UK CENTERS

MANCHESTER - https://blog.cloudflare.com/manchester-uk-cloudflares-63rd-data-center/

LONDON - https://blog.cloudflare.com/groovy-baby-cloudflares-london-data-center-no/

EUROPEAN CENTERS

Amsterdam, Athens, Barcelona, Belgrade, Berlin, Brussels, Bucharest, Copenhagen, Dublin, Düsseldorf, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Helsinki, Kiev, Lisbon, Madrid, Marseille, Milan, Moscow, Munich, Oslo, Paris, Prague, Rome, Sofia, Stockholm, Vienna, Warsaw, Zagreb, Zürich

Cloudflare Data Centre Map

Cloudflare Graphic

Network A
ISP
Internet Backbone
ISP
Network B
CDN Edge Server

Cloudflare Graphic

Network Edge Device
Network A
Network B

SELECTED LIST OF EXTREMIST SITES

Below is a list of far right, nazi, holocaust denial and alt-right websites that use Cloudflare. It is by no means exhaustive but gives a good indication of how widely used the service is amoung hate sites.

Organisations	Website
UK FAR RIGHT	
British National Party	https://bnp.org.uk/
Greenline Front	http://greenline-front.com/international/
MBGA News	http://mbganews.com/
NS131	https://logr.org/ns131/

HOLOCAUST DENIAL	
Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust	https://codoh.com/
Castle Hill Books	https://shop.codoh.com/
	http://www.vho.org/
Carolyn Yeager	http://carolynyeager.net/

ALT RIGHT / WHITE SUPREMACIST	
Altright.com	https://altright.com/
National Policy Institute	https://nationalpolicy.institute/
Arktos Media	https://arktos.com/
Counter Currents: Counter-currents.com	https://www.counter-currents.com/about/
American Renaissance	https://www.amren.com/
The Occidental Quarterly	http://www.toqonline.com/
The Occidental Observer	https://www.theoccidentalobserver.net/
Traditionalist Workers Party	https://www.tradworker.org/
The Right Stuff Blog	https://blog.therightstuff.biz/2017/11/29/the-assault-on-the-aesthetics-that-we-love/
Occidental Dissent	http://www.occidentaldissent.com/
WeSearchr	https://www.wesearchr.com/
4chan.org <- Including /pol/	http://boards.4chan.org/pol/
Council of Conservative Citizens	http://conservative-headlines.com/
Faith and Heritage	http://faithandheritage.com/
The Political Cesspool	http://www.thepoliticalcesspool.org/
The Right Stuff.biz	http://therightstuff.biz/
White Rabbit Radio	http://whiterabbitradio.net/category/animation

Organisations	Website
ALT LIGHT	
Proud Boy Magazine	http://officialproudboys.com/uncategorized/proud-b-oi-playlist-13/
Milo Yiannopoulos	Dangerous.com – https://milo-inc.com/
EUROPEAN FAR RIGHT	
Sweden Democrats	https://sd.se/
National Party (Ireland)	http://www.nationalparty.ie/
PVV	https://www.pvv.nl/
NEO NAZI	
Stormfront Forum	https://www.stormfront.org/forum/index.php
American Nazi Party	http://www.americannaziparty.com/
KKK	
Traditionalist American Knights of the Ku Klux Klan	http://traditionalistamericanknights.com/
CHRISTIAN IDENTITY	
Non-Universal Teaching Ministries	https://emahiser.christogenea.org/
BLACK SEPARATIST	
Nation of Islam	https://www.noi.org/
ANTI-LGBT	
Westboro Baptist Church	http://www.godhatesfags.com/
ANTI-MUSLIM	
American Freedom Defense Initiative	http://freedomdefense.typepad.com/
American Freedom Law Center	http://www.americanfreedomlawcenter.org/
Bomb Islam	http://www.bombislam.com/
Clarion Project	https://www.clarionproject.org/
Faith Freedom	http://www.faithfreedom.org/
Political Islam	https://www.politicalislam.com/
Secure Michigan	http://www.refugeeresettlementmonitormichigan.com/
Shoebat Foundation, The	http://shoebat.com/
Stop the Islamization of the World	http://www.siotw.org/
David Horowitz Freedom Center	https://www.davidhorowitzfreedomcenter.org/
American Freedom Law Centre	http://www.americanfreedomlawcenter.org/about/
GENERAL HATE	
Tightrope	http://tightrope.cc/catalog/

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EXAMPLES OF HATE CONTENT

■ NS131

In December 2016, National Action, the most notorious neo-Nazi group operating in the UK at the time, was declared a banned terrorist organisation by the UK Government. More recently, after information originating from HOPE not hate that the group was still operating, six alleged members of National Action were arrested and charged with the intended murder of Labour Member of Parliament Rosie Cooper.

As of September 2017, the banned order was widened to include two aliases used by the group, one being 'NS131'. The group is known for its fetishisation of violence, admiration of Hitler and extreme antisemitism.

The website also carries links to 'resources' that show how to carry out graffiti, do banner drops, make posters, and legal advice if caught breaking the law.

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■ Bombislam.com

This is an extreme anti-Muslim website that threatens murder and genocide against Muslims and Jews. The website is protected by Cloudflare.

My name is Robert and some day I am going to seize control of this country and end this sick joke we call democracy. I'm running for President in 2024 and when I win I'm going to kill every last fucking Muslim & Jew on the entire planet. I am completely serious. Every. Last. Fucking. One. We have a Muslim problem because we have a Jew problem. Code-words like "globalists" are a waste of time. It's the kikes. So vote for me in 2024 and we will get to the gassing. In the meantime if you want to see the rest of my content you will have to subscribe to me at my Minds.com channel since the fucking kikes at JewTube & Facebook have repeatedly shut me down.
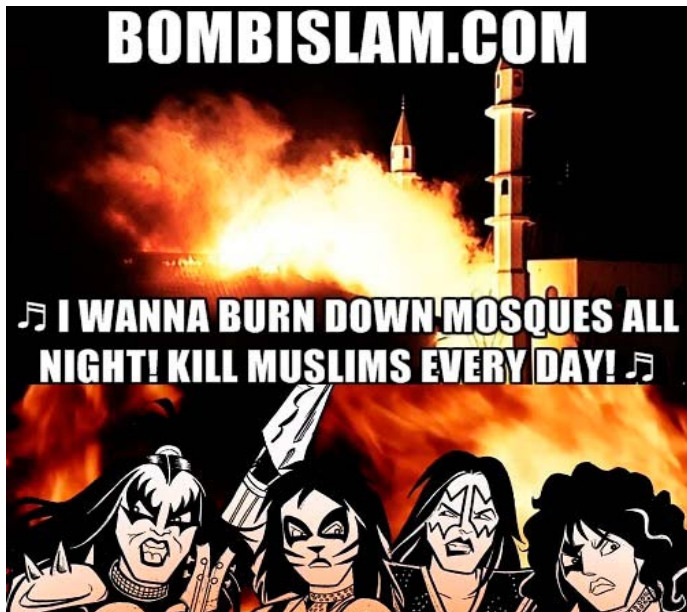
■ Committee for the Open Debate on the Holocaust (CODOH)/Castle Hill Books

Among the holocaust denial websites using Cloudflare is the notorious Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust (CODOH) and its integrated publishing arm Castle Hill Publishing established by the leading denier Germar Rudolf. This website alone has reams of content that contravene laws against Holocaust denial in numerous European countries.

The Cloudflare protected CODOH website explains that they "no longer believe the German State pursued a plan to kill all Jews or used homicidal "gassing chambers" for mass murder during the years of World War II", while the book shop includes articles by key Nazi ideologue and race theorist Alfred Rosenberg.

They even brag that they "specialize in particular on the publication and dissemination of mainly scholarly-historical books and documentaries which can no longer be published or distributed in Germany or other European countries [...]."

Castle Hill Publishers is a British-based publisher of Holocaust denial literature, set up in 1998 by the convicted German Holocaust denier Germar Rudolf. Based in Hastings, it publishes a large catalogue of denial literature from prominent international and domestic deniers including Thomas Dalton, Arthur Butz, Nicholas Kollerstrom and Rudolf himself.

In 2013, Castle Hill joined forces with the American Holocaust denial organization CODOH and, in 2014, officially became part of the CODOH trust. As such it is now just the book and video publishing outlet for the American organisation.

Castle Hill published 23 new titles or new editions in 2017, including Richard Tedor's Hitler's Revolution and several titles in Rudolf's Holocaust Handbooks series.

Both websites use Cloudflare and hold content that contravenes numerous anti-denial laws in numerous European countries.

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■ **Godhatesfags.com**

This is the homophobic, Islamophobic and antisemitic website of the infamous Westboro Baptist Church. The Southern Poverty Law Center have described them as "arguably the most obnoxious and rabid hate group in America."

■ American Nazi Party

This is a pro-Hitler party based in Arlington, Virginia, USA, founded by the notorious fascist George Lincoln Rockwell in 1959.
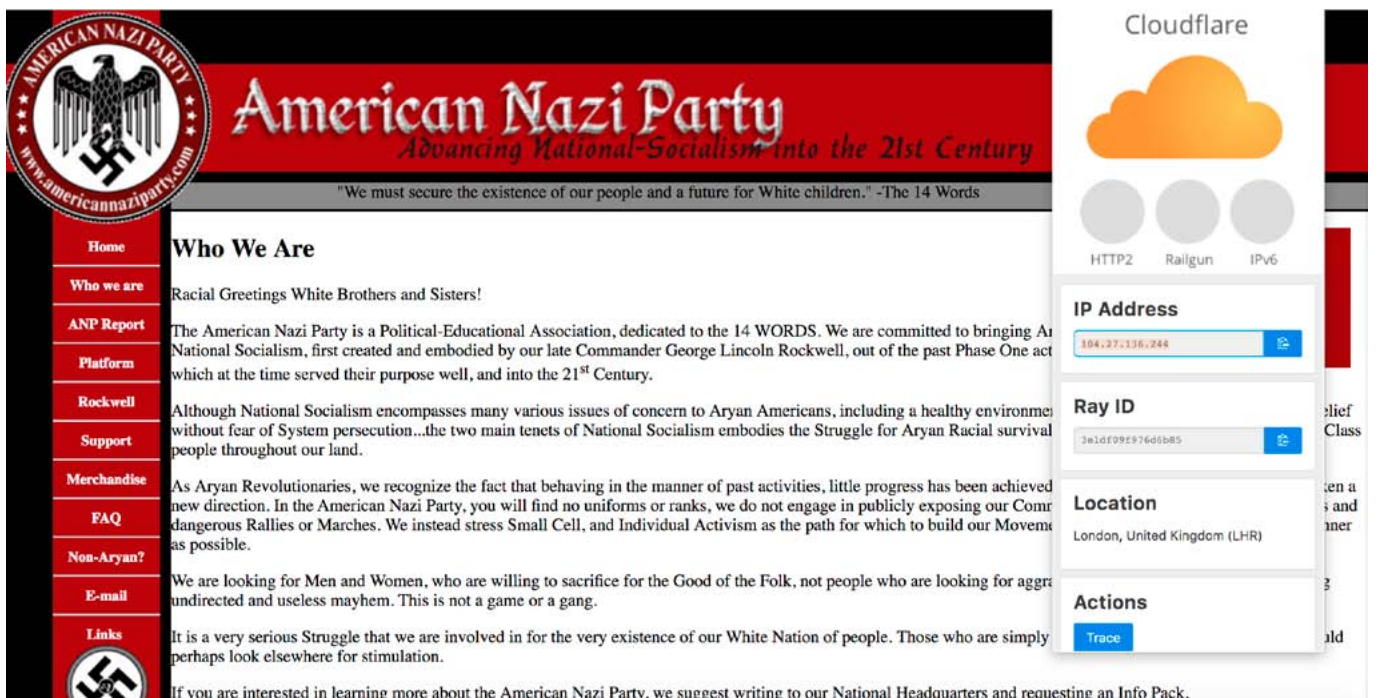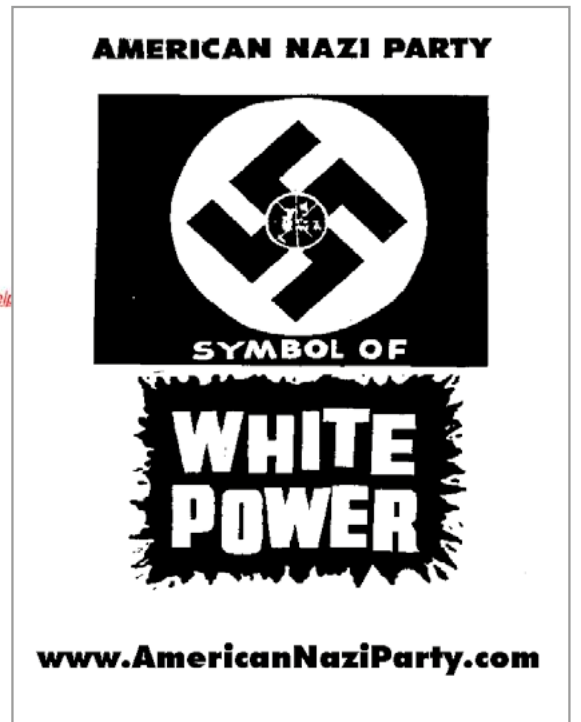
■ Stormfront

Stormfront has more than 330,000 registered users drawn from across the extreme right wing including neo-Nazis, white supremacists and KKK members.

A 2014 report into the forum found almost 100 hate-crime murders were linked to this single site with former users including mass murderer Anders Behring Brevik, who killed 77 people in Norway in 2011.

In 2017, as shown in the recent Anti-Defamation League report, the number of white supremacist murders in the United States more than doubled, begging the question as to why Cloudflare allow their services to be used by a website with strong ties to racist murders.

Here is a recent example of the sort of pro-violence content regularly posted on Stormfront.