

Ideological divisions in the Alternative Right and their intellectual influences

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The Alternative Right is an amalgamation of different ideological alignments and personalities, with no central organization nor single unifying policy. The purpose of this research was not to extrapolate a boogie man, but to better understand the ideological underpinnings of different factions and personalities in the Alt-Right, particularly the public figure of Richard Spencer. The research involved reading through numerous interviews and watching debates and presentations put on by Spencer, coupled with reading numerous influences mentioned by Spencer. Through this investigation, influences could be drawn between the writing of Aleksandr Dugin and Spencer, presenting a blend of Russian Left-Wing ideology and White Ethnonationalism. As this work continues, other influences shall be examined in regards to Spencer and others, to attempt to paint a more complete picture of the ideological jungle of the Alt-Right. This research better clarifies who influences who in this community, where ideological splits occur, and attempts to encourage academic and public understanding regarding the labyrinthian and opaque nature of the Alt-Right.