

**MEDIA RESOURCE: Comprehensive links to media comment on David Cameron's new European Conservatives and Reformists group, its leader Michal Kaminski and Edward McMillan-Scott's stand.**

**[New Conservative group united](#)**

EU Reporter - Chris White - 24 June 2009

McMillan-Scott said he is an "internationalist, pro-European Catholic" but worried that if the only coherence of the group was opposition to federalism - over which MEPs had no powers - it would divide on moral questions where they did, like genetics, embryology and sexual politics...

**[A Creeping Coup?](#)**

EU Reporter - Chris White - 8 September 2009

In order to form their multi-national parliamentary group, which has a fragile influence on parliamentary business, the Conservatives allied themselves to the Polish Law and Justice Party led by Michael Kaminski, a former member of the vehemently racist National Revival Party (NOP)...

**[Tory MEP voices 'real concern' over new European grouping](#)**

The Telegraph - Martin Banks - 25 June 2009

A senior Tory MEP, Edward McMillan-Scott, has become the first to break ranks and voice "real concern" over the inclusion of "extreme Right-wingers" in the new anti-federalist group in the European Parliament...

**[Treachery from a Tory turncoat](#)**

The Daily Mail - Peter Osborne - 27 June 2009

David Cameron's policy of withdrawing the Tory Party in the European Parliament from the federalist European People's Party and forming a fresh group of alliances came under scathing attack last week from one of his own MEPs...

**[Tory MEPs 'led by Pole with extremist past'](#)**

The Telegraph - Bruno Waterfield & Matthew Day - 15 July 2009

David Cameron's Conservative MEPs have been forced to surrender the leadership of their new Eurosceptic group to a controversial Polish Right-winger who faces allegations that he has an extremist past...

**[Right-wing Polish MEP Michal Kaminski becomes Tories controversial EU leader](#)**

The Times - David Charter - 16 July 2009

A controversial right-wing Polish MEP became the main voice of the Conservative Party in Europe yesterday, a further embarrassment for David Cameron's new group of eurosceptics...

**[Tory anger at 'anti-gay' claims](#)**

BBC News - 17 July 2009

The top UK Conservative in the European Parliament has defended his group's Polish leader over alleged homophobic comments he made nine years ago...

**[Feud grips new Tory Euro grouping](#)**

The Telegraph - Melissa Kite & Bruno Waterfield - 18 July 2009

After weeks of tension, Michal Kaminski, the Polish leader of the Conservatives' new grouping in the European Parliament, threatened legal action against Edward McMillan-Scott...

**[Rabbi urges Tories: cut link to Polish MEP](#)**

The Observer - Toby Helm & Rajeev Syal - 19 July 2009

One of the most respected figures in the British Jewish community has called on David Cameron to cut all links with the Polish MEP chosen to lead the new centre-right group in the European Parliament, which includes the UK Conservative party, because of his attitude towards a massacre of 1,600 Jews in Poland during the Second World War...

#### **[Joan Smith: Dave has fallen in with the wrong crowd](#)**

The Independent - Joan Smith - 19 July 2009

I doubt whether many people would hesitate if they were offered the choice of an evening with Edward McMillan-Scott, until last week a Conservative MEP, or the right-wing Polish politician Michal Kaminski. McMillan-Scott is by all accounts urbane, popular and committed to mainstream conservative ideas. Kaminski is a fan of General Pinochet, believes that gay men should be called "poofs" and has accused migrant workers from the East of taking Polish jobs....

#### **[Too Conservative for the Conservatives](#)**

Gazeta Wyborcza - 20 July 2009

The Law and Justice's alliance with Britain's Conservative Party may be one of those 'brilliant' moves on the part of the PiS that are eventually going to turn into a disaster...

#### **[Row over Tory link to Polish right grows](#)**

The Observer - Toby Helm & Rajeev Syal - 26 July 2009

The credibility of David Cameron's new alliance in the European parliament is cast into fresh doubt today as the Observer reveals damning new evidence about its Polish leader's past...

#### **[What's Cameron doing with Europe's lunatic fringe?](#)**

The Observer - Nick Cohen - 26 July 2009

Rather than work with Sarkozy and Merkel, the Tory leader courts the company of extremists...

#### **[Tory allies and gay elephants](#)**

The Telegraph - Benedict Brogan - 26 July 2009

The efforts to embarrass David Cameron over his ties with Michal Kaminski are gathering pace. Mr Kaminski is the Polish politician who now leads the new centre-right group in the European Parliament that was put together by Mr Cameron and William Hague...

#### **[Edward McMillan-Scott: Why we must stop rise of a new face of fascism](#)**

The Yorkshire Post - Edward McMillan-Scott - 30 July 2009

In 1942, the Pole, Jan Karski, tried to persuade Allied leaders about the Nazi death camps, which he had witnessed. US Supreme Court judge Felix Frankfurter said: "I did not say this young man is lying. I said I am unable to believe him. There is a difference."...

#### **[Accusing Euro-sceptics of anti-Semitism is the most shameful tactic yet](#)**

The Telegraph - Dan Hannan - 31 July 2009

Critics of the European Conservatives and Reformists – the first bloc of mainstream parties in the European Parliament to oppose deeper integration – have reached a new and nauseating low...

#### **[Punished for challenging extremism](#)**

The Guardian - Edward McMillan-Scott - 17 September 2009

I was shocked to be expelled from the Conservative party on Tuesday without notice. I had already lost the whip in July for winning re-election as vice-president of the European parliament against Michal Kaminski MEP, the Pole with an extremist past...

#### **['I was the victim of Tory smears', says Edward McMillan-Scott](#)**

The Telegraph - Melissa Kite - 19 September 2009

Edward McMillan-Scott, the senior Tory expelled from the Conservative Party following a row over European policy, has accused David Cameron of resorting to Damian McBride-style tactics to smear his name...

#### [\*\*Euro MP is kicked out of Tory party\*\*](#)

Whitby Today - Sep 24, 2009

Yorkshire Tory Euro MP Edward McMillan Scott has been kicked out of the party after a row over alliances in the European Parliament. ...

#### [\*\*Tory outcast doesn't rock the conference boat\*\*](#)

The Guardian - Deborah Orr - 8 October 2010

The unsung hero of the Conservative faithful really ought to be MEP Edward McMillan-Scott. He is not in Manchester, as he was expelled from the party because of his stand against Polish MEP Michal Kaminski. He could quite easily be embarrassing the Conservatives all over the media about their tight links with the repulsive Kaminski....

#### [\*\*Nicolas Sarkozy told David Cameron he was 'stupid' for pulling out of European group\*\*](#)

The Sunday Telegraph - Melissa Kite - 24 October 2009

French President Nicolas Sarkozy angrily told David Cameron he was "stupid" for pulling the Conservatives out of the main centre-right grouping in the European Parliament...

#### [\*\*The curious case of Michal Kaminski\*\*](#)

guardian.co.uk - Oct 6, 2009

A decent Tory MEP, Timothy Kirkhope, was wheeled out to justify the expulsion of the true blue Yorkshire Conservative MEP, Edward McMillan-Scott...

#### [\*\*Is Michal Kaminski fit to lead the Tories in Europe?\*\*](#)

It is three months since the Observer first revealed the outrage British Jews felt at Conservative links to a rightwing Pole, Michal Kaminski. Since then the party has tried to deflect charges of anti-Semitism against the man who heads the group to which Tory MEPs are affiliated. Now new statements by Kaminski about a massacre of Jews during the war raise more questions for David Cameron's party...

#### [\*\*Our weakened parliament\*\*](#)

guardian.co.uk - Denis MacShane - Oct 13, 2009

Denis MacShane explains attacks on Tory loyalism. The only Tory who did dare protest, the MEP Edward McMillan-Scott, was expelled and his career destroyed by the Thomas Cromwells who work for Cameron. ...

#### [\*\*House of Commons computer used to hide past of Tory ally Kaminski\*\*](#)

guardian.co.uk - Oct 17, 2009

Politically embarrassing information about Michal Kaminski, a Polish politician who now leads the Tories in the European parliament, was removed from...

#### [\*\*Holocaust survivor asks Tories to reconsider links with Michal Kaminski\*\*](#)

guardian.co.uk - Oct 20, 2009

A prominent Holocaust survivor has called on the Conservative party to reconsider its alliance with Michal Kaminski, the Polish MEP who leads the Conservatives in the European parliament, citing his "unacceptable" views...

#### [\*\*David Cameron's pledge on Europe misleading, says minister\*\*](#)

Telegraph.co.uk - Melissa Kite - Oct 25, 2009

... claiming the reason why they were happy to sit down with Michal Kaminski of the Law and Justice Party was that they shared his views on homosexuality. ...

#### [\*\*Cameron's Kaminski Problem Goes Global\*\*](#)

New Europe - Oct 26, 2009

The issue of Michal Kaminski and Robert Zile is becoming a huge problem for Britain's Prime Minister in waiting. His Foreign Secretary, William Hague has...

### [Cameron's Ransom](#)

The Economist - Bagehot - 29 October 2009

THE lands between the Baltic and Black seas endured a 20th century of almost unimaginable horror: it brought war, genocide, famine, invasion, occupation, fascism, communism, economic turmoil and corruption...

### [Sit on the fence. It's the least painful position](#)

The Times - Matthew Parris - 31 October 2009

The arcane media spectacle yesterday of the chief rabbi of Poland in prime-time radio debate over the apparently vexed issue of the teenage political fantasies of an obscure right-wing Polish MEP was bizarre...

### [Cameron has only himself to blame for this mess on Europe](#)

The Observer - Peter Osborne - 1 November 2009

When Poland signed the Lisbon treaty on 10 October, the Tory party at once acquired a new hero. This was an unpropitious figure, not a personage who had hitherto loomed large in anyone's consciousness...

### [When it comes to Europe, David Cameron is howling in the night](#)

The Telegraph - Simon Heffer - 10 November 2009

The fraudulent debate being conducted about our economy, and how to revive it, is the result of this; and so, too, is the problem the Conservative Party has about Europe...

### [Digging up the truth about Michal Kaminski](#)

BBC News - Tim Whewell - Nov 23, 2009

But it is around the leader of the group, young Polish politician Michal Kaminski, that debate has raged. Mr Kaminski has been called a homophobe, ...

### [Code of silence on this shaming alliance](#)

Tribune (blog) - Nov 24, 2009

Who thinks the leader of the Tory MEPs in Strasbourg, the controversial Polish politician Michal Kaminski, is a "distasteful cynical demagogue"? ...

### [Polish antisemitism needs examination](#)

guardian.co.uk - Nov 30, 2009

... for an end to attacks on Michal Kaminski, the controversial Polish politician who leads the group the Tories now belong to in the European parliament. ...

### [Cameron hit by Tory backlash on environment](#)

Independent - Andrew Grice - Dec 1, 2009

They were among 18 members of the breakaway European Conservatives and Reformists Group, including its Polish leader Michal Kaminski, to oppose such a deal. ...

### [Nazi trials don't tell the full story](#)

guardian.co.uk - Dec 3, 2009

The trial proves this, as does the ongoing controversy over the antisemitic past of Michal Kaminski, the Polish MEP who heads the Tories' dodgy new group in ...

### [Take a walk on the dark side](#)

New Statesman - James Burgess - Dec 3, 2009

In 2006, Cameron signed a joint declaration to form a new partnership, the European Conservatives and Reformists Group (ECR), chaired by Michal Kaminski. ...

### [The EPP wants an EU that can take on the US and world](#)

New Europe - Dec 13, 2009

Well, on the subject of the Conservatives, there is talk that Edward McMillan-Scott will be coming to join the EPP. Would you welcome him or any other ...

#### [\*\*Tory MEPs become the court jesters\*\*](#)

The Guardian - Dec 28, 2009 - As the new parliament settled in, the very popular longstanding Tory MEP Edward McMillan-Scott, like others outside the new Tory ECR group, described one of...

#### [\*\*Denis MacShane: Go to the theatre to see what a Tory future would be like\*\*](#)

Independent - Denis MacShane - January 4, 2010

One regional editor was called up six times by Tory spin doctors trying to keep out the news of the protest of the Tory MEP Edward McMillan-Scott against...

#### [\*\*Halting Holocaust obfuscation\*\*](#)

The Guardian - January 8, 2010

It was the valiant Conservative MEP, Edward McMillan-Scott, who stood up to the east European heirs to fascist thinking and defeated Kaminski for the ...

#### [\*\*Expelled Tory MEP may sue party\*\*](#)

BBC News - 15 January 2010

Conservative MEP Edward McMillan-Scott has threatened to sue the party for expelling him in an escalating row over the Tories' new European alliance. ..

#### [\*\*Tory MEP defiant after losing expulsion appeal\*\*](#)

The Independent - Geoff Meade - 14 January 2010

A veteran Tory MEP declared war on his party this afternoon after losing an appeal against his expulsion.

#### [\*\*Ousted Tory MEP comes out fighting\*\*](#)

The Parliament Magazine - 14 January 2010

Ousted Tory MEP Edward McMillan-Scott has ruled out joining the EPP, parliament's biggest political group.

#### [\*\*MEP takes legal action against Conservatives Telegraph.co.uk\*\*](#)

The Telegraph - Bruno Waterfield - 14 January 2010

Edward McMillan-Scott is mounting a High Court legal challenge after being expelled from the Tories for defying the Conservative leadership over its European alliance with "extremists".

#### [\*\*Conservatives ignored secret report on extremist Polish allies\*\*](#)

The Observer - Toby Helm - 11 April 2010

David Cameron forged his controversial EU alliance with rightwing Polish politicians despite a secret report by his own party which warned that they had homophobic and nationalistic tendencies...

#### [\*\*Cameron victory 'will marginalise Britain in Europe'\*\*](#)

The Independent - Vanessa Mock & John Lichfield - 13 April 2010

A Conservative-led Britain would be marginalised and powerless in Brussels unless David Cameron swallows his pride and rejoins the European political mainstream, a senior EU politician warned yesterday...

#### [\*\*Cameron criticised for Europe nationalist links\*\*](#)

The Jewish Chronicle - Martin Bright - 15 April 2010

Conservative leader David Cameron has come under fire from a senior European politician over his alliance with "exotic" ultra-nationalist parties in the European Parliament...

#### [\*\*Barack Obama attacks David Cameron. Well, almost\*\*](#)

The NewStatesman - Mehdi Hasan - 23 April 2010

Can those of you who have been seduced by David Cameron's claim to be a "progressive Conservative", in charge of a "modern" Tory party, explain to me why it

is that Dave allied his party in Europe with a bunch of "nutters, anti-Semites, people who deny climate change exists...

**[Top Gay Tory to Fight Polish Homophobia](#)**

The Wall Street Journal - 23 April 2010

The British Conservative party plans to send its most senior gay operative, Nick Herbert, to Poland to help its Polish conservative allies overcome their strong aversion to homosexuality...

**[Cameron's Euro alliance is on the rocks](#)**

The Guardian - Edward McMillan-Scott - 4 May 2010

David Cameron's controversial European alliance, which provoked sharp exchanges during the leaders' debates, is set to unravel. The alliance was put together by Mark Francois, promoted for the task to the shadow cabinet...