

# TV channel bans BNP election broadcast

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Channel Five has announced today it is not going to show a British National Party (BNP) European election broadcast amid fears it would stir up racial hatred.

The five-minute television broadcast features the mother of a teenage girl who claimed her daughter was drugged and gang-raped by Asian men in Keighley, West Yorkshire.

It was based on claims made by a Channel 4 documentary that Asian men in Bradford are grooming and targeting white girls as young as 11 for sex and drug abuse.

This programme was also pulled after West Yorkshire Police said it would risk inciting community disorder in the area.

A Five spokesman said today: "Having viewed the European Parliamentary Election Broadcast submitted by the BNP, Five has taken the decision not to transmit it as we feel it is likely to stir up racial hatred, as prohibited by the existing Programme Code."

The programme, which was due to go out this evening at 5.55pm, was one of five BNP broadcasts to be shown on terrestrial television stations in England, Scotland and Wales this week.

## 'Denied freedom of speech'

A BNP spokesman said the Scottish version was broadcast last night and said the BBC is due to show the main English broadcast tonight on BBC2.

He accused Five of "censorship" and said the BNP was being denied freedom of speech "on the whims of the broadcasting companies".

The Five version was filmed in response to the postponement of the Edge Of The City documentary last week and was the only broadcast of the five to feature the issue of the grooming of young white girls by Asian men.

It claimed this was a growing problem in towns across the North, including Rotherham, Dewsbury, Colne and Rochdale, but said Keighley - where the BNP have two candidates standing in the forthcoming local elections - was the worst hit, with 60 girls, some as young as 12, being targeted.

The broadcast featured an actress voicing the words of the mother, "Donna", who claimed her 13-year-old daughter was one of the victims, being drugged by her Asian boyfriend and gang-raped by his friends.

She said: "In a way we're lucky. Some of her friends have suffered the same abuse and ended up hooked on crack. I just want to get out of this town. We're just not at home here any more."

The broadcast criticised West Yorkshire Police Chief Constable Colin Cramphorn for "politically-correct censorship" and also showed BNP councillors discussing the 2001 Oldham riots and Asian football-related violence.