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# Leaders 'feed on the poor'

THE Scottish Defence League was accused of preying on poverty-stricken Scots to spread its vile views.

Top academic Dr Alastair McIntosh branded the SDL a "noisy minority" who use immigrants as figures of hate.

Dr McIntosh, of Glasgow's Centre of Human Ecology, said: "They feed on people feeling hard done by. When people are hurting, which a great many are with benefit cuts, it's easy to turn that feeling into a hatred of anyone from the outside.

"The current economic climate is ripe for these views to grow. These right-wing groups exploit concerns that people have. What is ugly is they draw attention to themselves when Scotland is considering its political future."