

MAIN POINTS

The Government has pulled a con-trick
the anti-EU press has backed it up
they say that Britain has decided to leave the EU
they have convinced everyone that it is true
the public, the media, the EU and the world believe it
but it is not true
Britain has not yet decided to leave the EU

The High Court has given a judgement
the Government can't make the decision
a referendum can't make it either
only Parliament has the power to decide
the Government has appealed to the Supreme Court

If it loses, the Government plans to cheat
it plans to force a Bill through Parliament
it plans to make the Bill impossible to amend
it plans to severely limit time for debate
Parliament must resist
it must not pass a Bill like that
no matter how many times the Government tries

Parliament must insist on a proper process
on a Bill on one clear and simple proposition
that of Leaving the EU
on ample time for full debate – several days
on Ministers being bound to cede the floor
on a free vote

MPs must vote without fear or favour
They must consider only the people they represent
they must vote in the best interest of those people
they must ignore pressure from their party
they must ignore personal interest
They must not feel bound by the referendum result
such a big decision required a decisive majority
the actual majority was very small
the actual majority was very dubious
due to a probable large anti-Government vote
They must not allow themselves to be intimidated
they must ignore threats from the anti-EU press and trolls
They must carefully consider three things
the benefits of being in the EU
the benefits of being outside the EU
the costs of getting out of the EU

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Benefits of being in the EU

Free trade within the largest customs union in the world
Trade agreements with 46 countries and unions outside the EU
28 countries share the (very great) costs of regulating
labour standards
environmental standards
goods and services standards
infrastructure standards
many others

Joint defence of shared social and cultural values
in a world of mega-states
in a world of mega-corporations
in a world of security threats from non-state actors
in a world of international organized crime
in a world of instability and mass migration
in a world whose climate is changing
in a world facing many other environmental threats
in a world of epidemics and other health threats
in a world where many are in need of aid
Britain is simply too small to go it alone
in this world of giants and global crises

Benefits of being outside the EU

Saving £350 million pounds a week in contributions to the EU budget
but £100 million of that comes back in rebates (never goes out, actually)
another £90 million comes back in subsidies and other kinds of support
the remaining £160 million won't go very far among 65 million people

Freedom from burdensome EU regulations

but we need regulations, and will now have to make up our own
which won't be much different, because we helped write the EU ones

Reduced competition from foreign works for UK jobs

but unemployment has gone down while EU immigration has gone up
many UK businesses can't find the workers the need in the UK

Reduced strain on Government services and benefits

but EU immigrants pay taxes that that pay for services and benefits
EU immigrants have higher rates of employment than UK average
EU immigrants have lower rates of benefit claim than UK average

Reduced strain on housing and infrastructure (roads etc.)

but at the cost of a smaller UK economy

Reduced social tension due to large numbers of EU immigrants who
don't understand our language at a colloquial, neighbourly level
don't know our manners, customs, celebrations and general way of doing things
gather together in communities, making us feel shut out

Getting our country back

the EU wants to abolish nationality
that's the agenda of the aging EU elite
it's based on memories of the horrors of war
but it is being pushed too far and too fast
French people want to be French, English to be English, etc.
but the EU elite just don't get it

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Costs of getting out of the EU

An end to the export of many financial services to the EU

Tariffs & quotas on trade in goods with the EU for up to 10 years

Tariffs & quotas on trade in goods with 46 EU partners for up to 10 years

Negotiation of a new trade agreement with the EU

Negotiation of a new trade agreement with each of the 46 EU partners

Huge teams of negotiators working those agreements for up to 10 years

Legislation to replace all EU regulations and standards

These costs will vastly outweigh any conceivable net benefit