

The Top-10 Reasons why the UK Should LEAVE the EU

10. **The USSR was an integrated economical and political union.** It collapsed in 1996 due to economic failure. It had a non-elected, centralised government, and increasing economic integration. The central legislative body could override all economic, judicial, and political decisions of the member states.

9. **For the UK, EU membership seems to have had little or no positive economic effect.** The top economy in the world is Switzerland. It is not in the EU. The 11th is Norway, again, non EU. Of the top 10, **5 are in the EU**. Only the UK and Germany were among the top 10 in 1990 (pre-EU). France, Italy, and Spain are no longer on the list. 1960-2000, the UK has consistently placed 4th, 5th, or 6th in the rankings.

8. **WWII displaced 40,000,000 people who were relocated** throughout Europe and the Middle east in the years immediately following the fall of Nazi Germany, and that within the context of a largely devastated Europe. The EU has been unsuccessful in addressing the immigration crisis, although dealing with approximately 10% of the WWII levels, and given with the technology, resources, and experience accrued in the past seventy years *and* a Europe untouched by conflict in that time. The organization that handled the post-WWII immigration crisis still exists: the UN.

7. **Commonwealth countries account for 6 of the top 21 economic performers world-wide**, as ranked on economic competitiveness: Singapore (2), Britain (10), Canada (13), New Zealand (16), Malaysia (18), Australia (21). The commonwealth has no central legislative, financial, or judicial system.

6. **The attitude toward work and industry of southern and eastern Europe are fundamentally different** from the values of northern Europe. This difference makes a centrally legislated set of specific rules to govern work hours, pay, leave policies, and employment law counter-productive. There are also major differences in tolerance for corruption, the rule of law, the respect given to honesty, self-sufficiency, and the dignity of labour. These are not so easily quantifiable, but they are real differences, and are unlikely to be changed by the whims of a few who are unaccountable to any populace.

5. **The EU has no global leadership position** within the global framework of climate change, reliance on fossil fuels, water policy, off-shore drilling, or other major environmental problems facing Europe and the world. The Kyoto agreement is made by member-states; the EU is not involved as an entity.

4. **Agriculture: The EU has an abysmal record with respect to agricultural policy.** It has just voted to disallow member states from refusing to import genetically modified seeds, animals, or foods. There is no requirement that the purveyors of these substances label such on consumer products. Traditional breeds of livestock have been discriminated against by the EUROPE grading process that favors grossly hybridised European breeds, and require the international transportation of live animals, long a UK no-no. The EU has given

the UK no help with bovine tuberculosis, BSE, or any other agricultural issue, yet continues to promulgate regulations that hamper self-sufficiency in food production. Food is important.

3. **The European government has proposed no workable plan** to the immigration crisis, the weakening state of the European economy as a whole, the threat to Lithuania and Europe from Russia, the growing crisis in Turkey, human trafficking, terrorism, nuclear weapon proliferation, nuclear fuel safety and security. Obama made headway with Iran; no-one is able to do anything about North Korea, but certainly the EU is not going to be part of the solution. NATO exists, INTERPOL exists, and the UN exists. The EU seems simply irrelevant.

2. **After 20 years, there is no clear indication that there has been a net benefit to the EU, or member states.** There have been no demonstrable, quantitative benefits claimed by the “remain” supporters. There are no data to show the benefit of the UK remaining within the EU. Instead, there is fear and innuendo about “uncertainty” and “investor risk,” but nothing measurable. In any market economy or individual economic entity, is this a reasonable level of transparency and accountability?

1. **The law of averages** says that the top 50% of economic performers will support the bottom 50%. There are only poor economic performing countries who desire membership in the EU. 5 countries of 26-- Iceland, Ireland, Spain, Greece, Italy have all had bail-outs by the European Central Bank. France and Finland? In 1995, 5 of the world's 10 largest economies were in Europe. In 2015, there were four. Who's next?