

# EU REFERENDUM: JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup>

- Food is 17% more expensive as a direct result of EU policies. (IEA)
- The UK is unable to defend its interests in the EU. Its share of the vote over European Union law is just 11%. (EU)
- In the time it takes to read this leaflet the UK will have paid £58,219.18 to the EU. (HoC Library)
- 50% of UK laws are now made in Brussels. (HoC Library)
- Only outside the EU can we be sure the UK never adopts the Euro.
- Total immigration from the EU in the last 3 years is greater than the population of Leeds. (ONS)

## EU MYTH BUSTERS

### Without the EU, wouldn't we be less secure?

Only by leaving the European Union will the UK have total control of its borders and be able to deport dangerous foreign criminals. Cross-border security and intelligence cooperation is in every European country's interest, and will continue, regardless of the outcome of the EU referendum.

### Won't leaving the EU make our economy weaker?

The UK is the world's fifth largest economy, boasting among the highest economic growth and lowest unemployment rates in the developed world, not to mention the EU. It also receives the most foreign investment in Europe. Leaving the EU will improve our quality of life: with its right to strike deals restored, the UK will be able to gain better access to those markets that buy most of our goods and services.

### Won't the 'special status' the prime minister negotiated with other EU leaders solve these issues?

The only meaningful part of the agreement, the 'emergency brake' on in-work benefits for EU migrants, is yet to be approved by the European Parliament. Meanwhile, promises to protect Britain from deeper integration are not legally binding.

### Won't we have less global influence?

The EU takes the UK's place in many global bodies and overrules Britain in most of the others: climate change, the environment and standards are just a few examples. Once freed from the EU's gagging order, Britain will be able to capitalise on its enormous cultural, political, economic, scientific and business clout in global affairs.

### We will lose many financial benefits if we leave the EU.

Britain is not better off in the European Union – we pay far more into the EU budget than we get in return. Leaving the EU would provide a £15.3bn windfall, enough to pay for 35 new hospitals and still double current EU spending on Research and Development in the UK. Britain's national and regional governments would also decide how this money is spent, not the EU.

### Won't goods and services suffer from a drop in trade

Lower trade barriers for imports will result in a greater choice of goods in shops at lower prices. It will be easier for UK exporters to sell abroad too. But even without expanded trade, prices should begin to fall as costly EU regulations and subsidies are withdrawn and discontinued. For examples, food in the UK is 17% more expensive because of inefficient EU subsidies.

## WHO ARE WE?

Leave.EU is the 'Leave' campaigning group making the biggest impact amongst everyday people – like you. On 23 June we will be able to vote to leave the EU, and because we believe this is a People's Referendum, we aim to equip every single person with the information they need to make an informed vote.

### Why is our campaign so important?

We are funded by the people not the government and focused on providing facts about leaving the EU to challenge the scaremongering information being produced by the Stay Campaign.



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