

**FOR DEMOCRACY. FOR THE PEOPLE.**

# **OUT OF THE EU!**

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# **INDEPENDENT**

# **BRITAIN!**

## **Take responsibility. Take control.**

PARLIAMENT HAS set its face against the people. But something is stirring in Britain. Up and down the country ordinary people are doing it for themselves, demanding that our democratic decision be honoured.

After the referendum, frustration and dismay mounted as Remain groups and campaigns gained funding and (predictably) massive media coverage. Yet the official Leave campaign disbanded, as if the job were done.

Now things are changing. Independent local groups are springing up (some never went away) and a truly national network of grassroots organisations is starting to emerge.

Whatever happens in the next weeks or months, despite or even because of this pernicious parliament, the genie is out of the bottle. Independence and sovereignty are being discussed wherever people get together – at home, in pubs and clubs, in the streets. Control is on the agenda.

Decades of self-deception were



swept away in June 2016 when the people of our overwhelmingly working class nation voted for independence. Whatever temporary obstacles are thrown up, this is a fight we will win.

With independence, we can end EU control of our industry, energy supply, transport networks, farms, fisheries and

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trade. The people must take control – it certainly can't be left to MPs!

A country that controls its own future can plan for the needs of the people. It will be able to sort out the problems across society in the NHS, education, home care and residential care, house the homeless, protect our industries, services and environment from corporate predators, control the movements of capital and labour.

Staying in the EU leads to just one set of policies – so-called austerity, creating poverty to make the rich richer. It has turned a whole continent into a playground for the multinational monopolies, tearing up national sovereignty to do so.

Leaving the EU is Britain's opportunity to reverse decline. The battle is under way. Take part! Take control!

# Dishonourable members

IF DEMOCRACY means anything, if it is more than an empty assertion, it means the rule by the people. And by any measure, it is now clear where the main threat to democracy lies in Britain today: in parliament.

All that is rotten in Britain's governance has come together in the Palace of Westminster. The idea that the people are too stupid to be entrusted with the future of the country. The belief that Britain – and by extension the British people – is finished, too weak and pathetic to make its own way in the world (unlike virtually every other country). The notion that Britain cannot survive in any form except under rule from abroad.



All this is the essence of reaction, distilled and purified with the sole purpose of steering decline. It denies the enormous productive force of the British people, among the most educated and skilled in the world. It denies the future.

**'The people of Britain are realising their own worth.'**

The European Union, on the other hand, is merely a would-be empire in decline. Resented by the peoples of Europe – even if some for now lack the clarity and courage to fight to leave – and weighed under by debt, it is riven by minor revolts and sinking into recession

Two hundred years ago Robert Peel opposed the extension of voting rights in the Great Reform Act of 1832, praising the “moral authority” of parliament over “public opinion”. Now the arguments are back – supported by many euophiles, with the arrogance of people who think themselves liberal and open-minded.

But the British people don't react well to abuse. They have shown a stubborn determination to stand firm against the edicts of the establishment, of political and academic elites who know they know best.

It's a determination born out of the knowledge of working people that they are the true creators of wealth – not parliament, not economists, not bankers, and certainly not newspaper pundits. The people of Britain are realising their own worth. Now they need to assert it again – loudly.

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