

# Britain's EU referendum: Yes or No?

**In the coming EU referendum how are you going to vote and what questions should be asked?**

***Another Europe* suggests we should ask ourselves three simple questions on the debate around the EU.**

**1** The anti EU little Englanders argue that British indigenous culture is being 'swamped' by alien migrants from other EU countries. This noxious chauvinist tone denies the positive contribution immigration has made to British culture, economy and society. Which referendum outcome would encourage and strengthen the racists and ultra-chauvinists most, a Yes or No vote?

**2** If Britain leaves the EU many European regulations controlling working hours, consumer protection, air quality, health and safety, re-cycling, holiday pay, equal pay and other work place reforms will be scraped. Which referendum outcome will most threaten the interests of women's equality and those of organised labour – a Yes or a No vote?

**3** The anti EU right demands a rolling back of the powers of both the EU Court of Justice and the European Court of Human Rights. This will deliver a serious blow to civil liberties and human rights in Britain. Which referendum outcome would represent the greatest setback to human rights in Britain – a Yes or a No vote to continued EU membership?

**Millions of British workers working in Europe** would be made unemployed and forced to return home, to unemployment and likely homelessness. 15,000 UK nationals are working in Berlin alone.

**Millions of retired British citizens in Spain, Italy, France and other European countries** would be forced to sell their homes in a fire sale and return to the UK as they lose permanent residence in the EU.

**Millions of jobs would be put at risk, especially in manufacturing**, if we left the EU as European markets became less accessible. Britain's economy would enter a prolonged slump.

**Much has to change in the EU.** By developing a Europe-wide movement against austerity, racism and xenophobia the foundations for a very different Europe can be built. A Peoples Europe, a strengthened social Europe not a bankers Europe.

**The long suffering Greeks** who have endured much at the hands of right wing European political leaders and bankers, despite facing mass austerity still want to remain in the EU. So do the Portuguese, the Irish and Spanish. Most of the left in Europe want to remain in the EU and are campaigning to change it, not walking away.

**The BNP, National Front, Ulster Unionists, Ukip, much of the Tory party, the right wing press**, all the forces of backward reactionary politics and those that don't celebrate our diverse and culturally mixed society will be actively campaigning to leave the EU.

**The answer to all the questions raised must be a YES to stay in the EU but fight to change it.**

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