In the referendum on EU membership on June 23 Vote Leave to defend jobs and services

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Why vote to Leave the EU?



Leave the EU to protect our industries and services

EU laws prevent us from giving proper support for our industries such as steel and also mean we have to deregulate and privatise our public services. EU laws make it impossible to bring key areas such as our railways back into full public ownership.

Leave the EU to regain control

It is impossible to change the EU as, under the Lisbon Treaty, all member states must agree any changes to the treaties. The vast majority of the laws that affects our lives are now made in the EU and not the UK. We have no say over those laws. As the late Tony Benn said: "The power of electors over their law-makers has gone, the power of MPs over Ministers has gone, the role of Ministers has changed. The real case for (the EU) has never been spelled out, which is that there should be a fully federal Europe in which we become a province. It hasn't been spelled out because people would never accept it."

Leave the EU to end attacks on workers' rights

The EU acts overwhelmingly in the interests of big business and against the interests of workers. It's a myth that the EU is in favour of workers. In fact the EU is attacking trade union rights, collective bargaining, job protections and wages. This is already being enforced onto member states which have received EU "bailouts". EU courts have also ruled that employers' rights to 'establishment' overrule employment rights.



Leave the EU to end austerity

The European Union has used the economic crisis to impose austerity and privatisation on member states. Instead of protecting jobs and investment, EU austerity is driving UK austerity.

Leave the EU to stop the attack on our NHS



The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) trade agreement being negotiated between the EU and the United States will promote big business at the expense of government protections and public service organisations including our NHS! Environmental regulations, employment rights, food safety, privacy laws and many other safeguards will also be secondary to the right of corporations to make even bigger profits.