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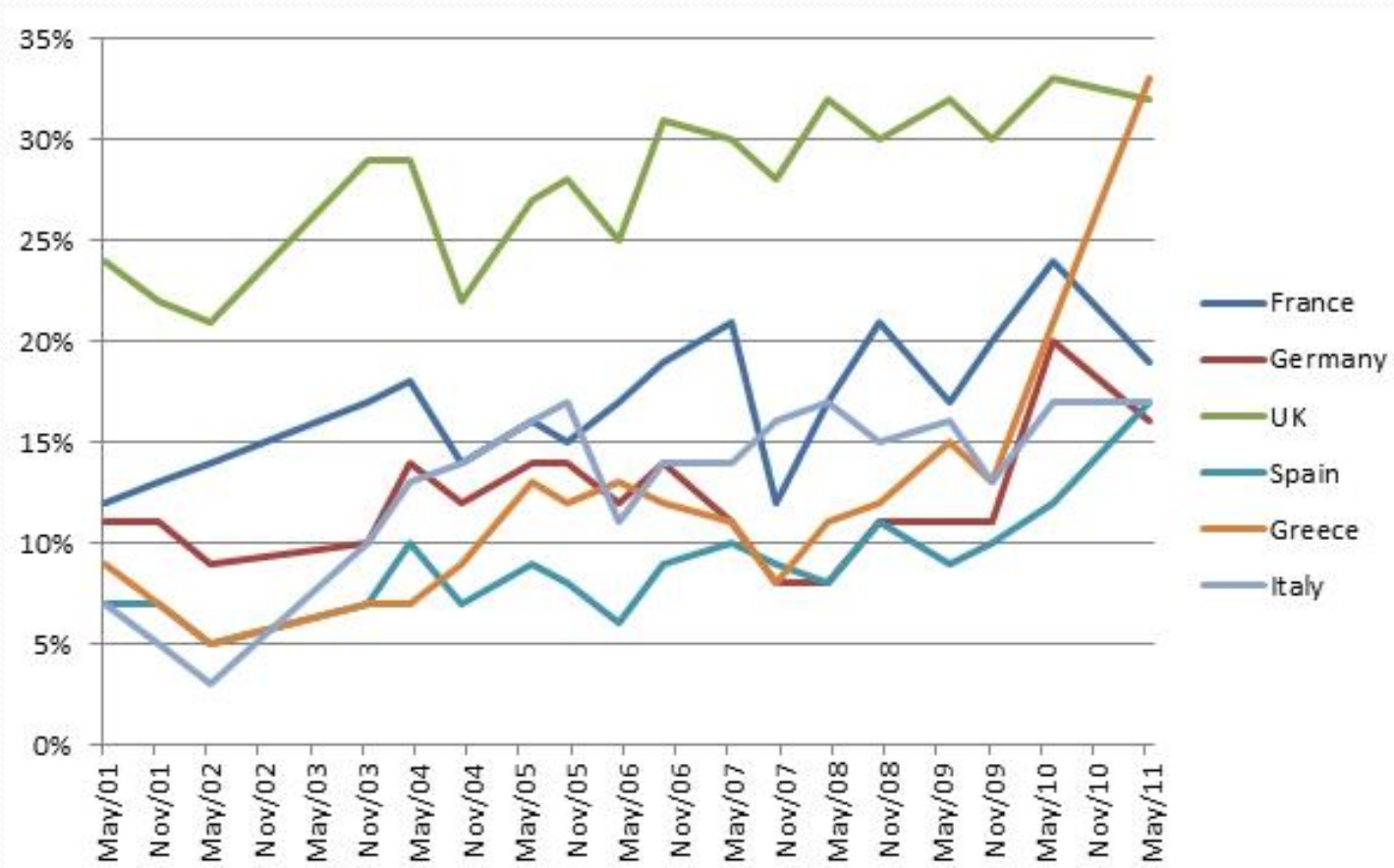
## Beyond Brexit: Implications for the UK and the wider world

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# Themes

- Why Brexit?
- Potential consequences for UK's integrity and influence
- A 'Global Britain' in the post-Brexit future?
- Obstacles to 'Global Britain'

# Why Brexit?



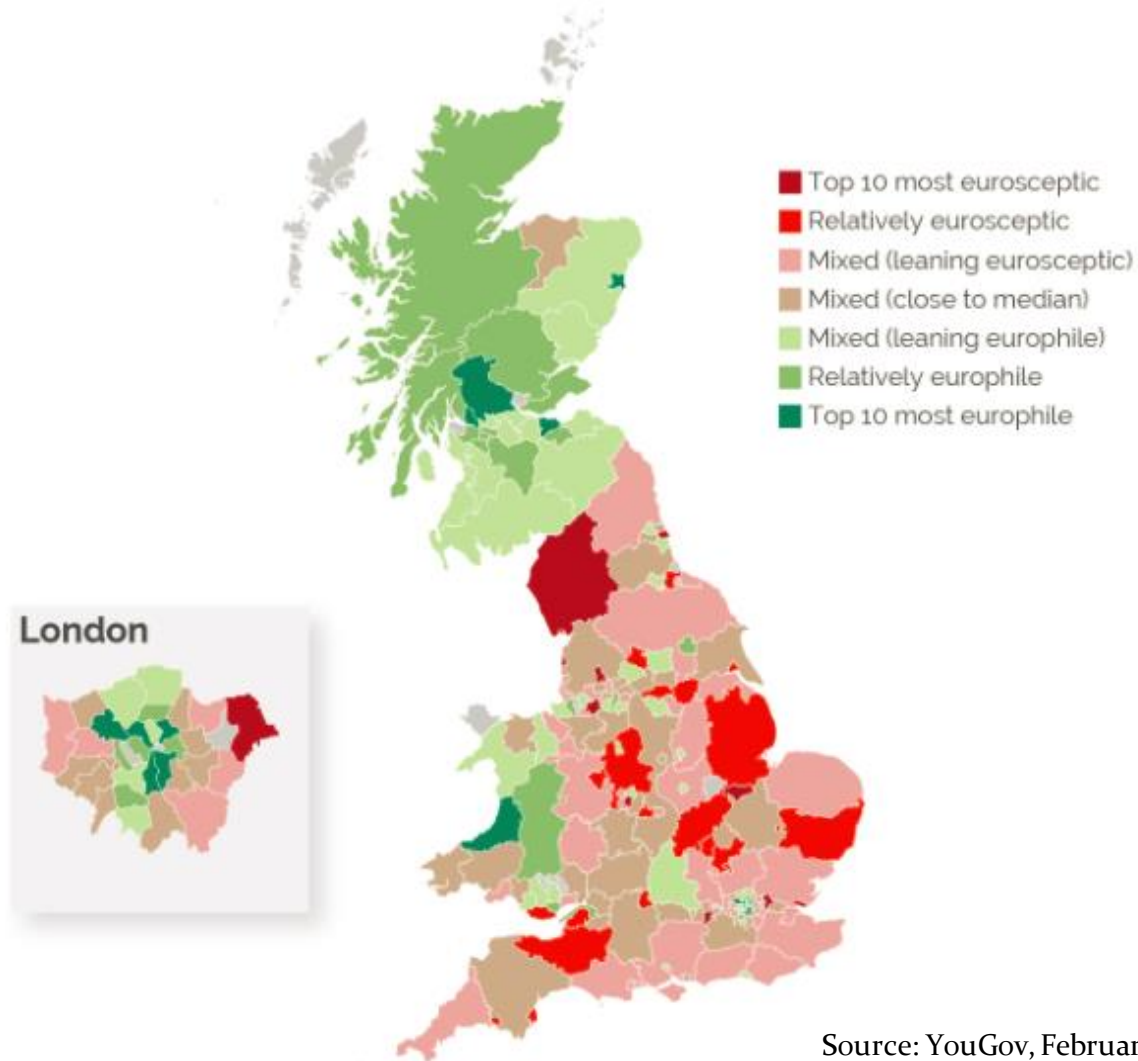
Historical view: percentage of population that view membership in the EU as a 'bad thing'

source: Eurobarometers 2001-2011

## The eurosceptic map of Britain

YouGov Profiles data of 80,552 adults reveals the level of euroscepticism in 188 areas of Britain, measured by net support for leaving or remaining in the European Union.

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Source: YouGov, February 2016





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*of Britain and Europe*

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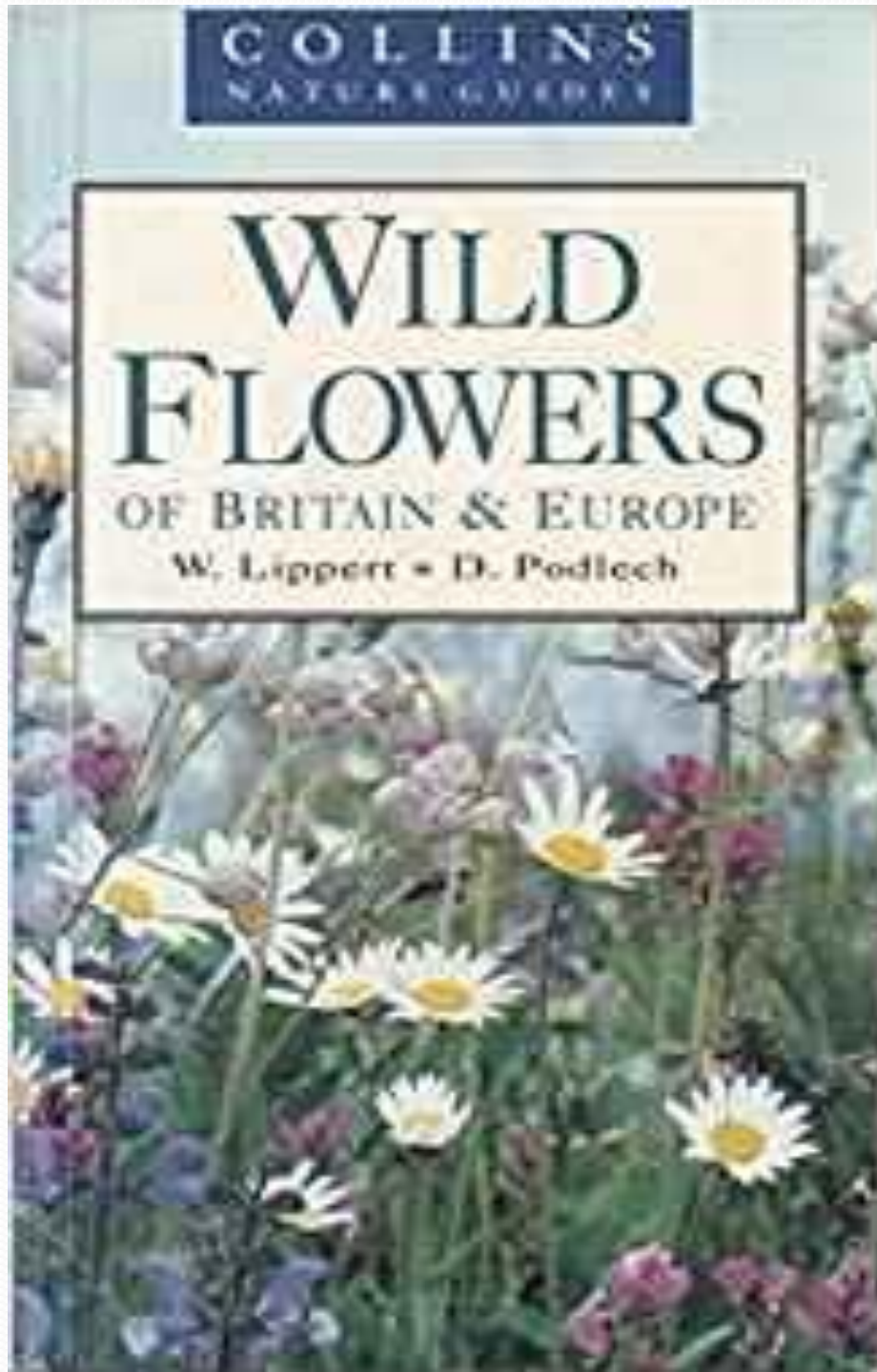


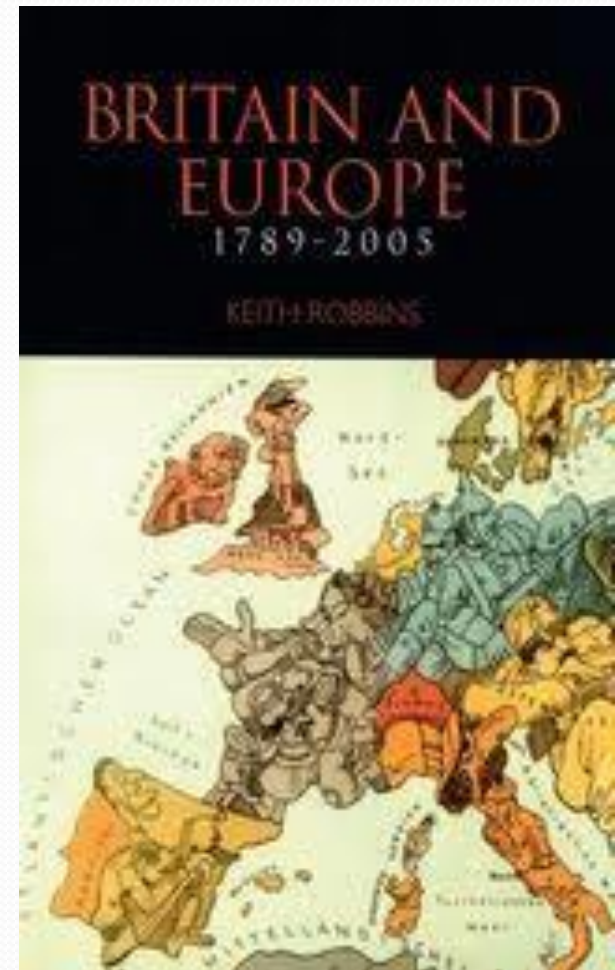
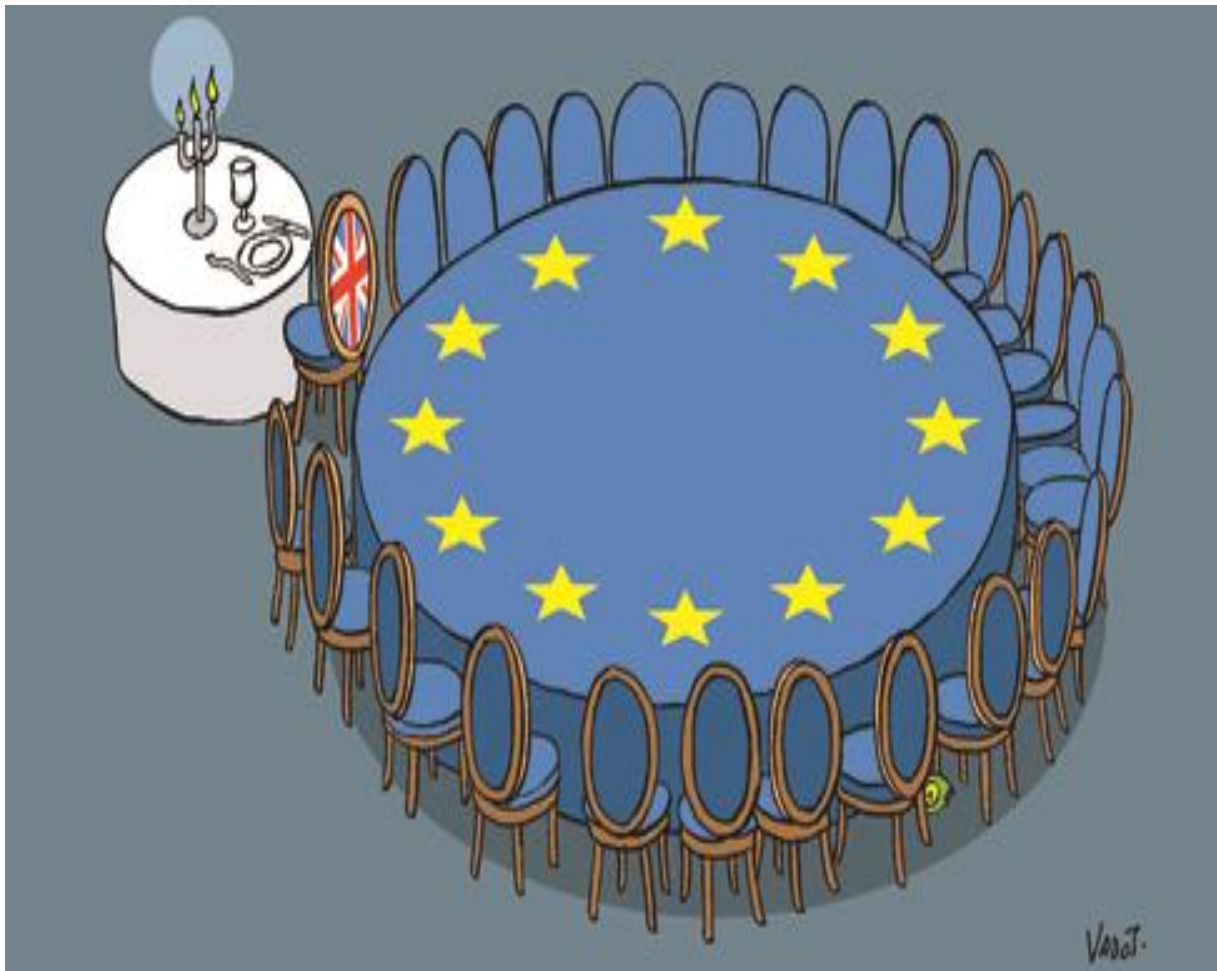
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- The relationship between Britain and Europe "is determined by strong cultural notions of differentness" (Spiering, 5)
  - "Europeans are viewed either 'en masse' as non-British, or one nation is made to represent Europe as a whole" (Spiering, 20)



BRIAN LAVERY

# THE ISLAND NATION

A History of Britain and the Sea

*This scepter'd isle...*

*This precious stone set in the silver sea*

*William Shakespeare*



CHRISTIAN  
2005

## The UK's 'splendid isolation'

"It is often suggested that living on an island gives people special characteristics..." (Spiering, 30)

\* Including a fierce attachment to liberty (or sovereignty)



# BREAKING POINT

The EU has failed us all

We must break free of the EU and take back control of our

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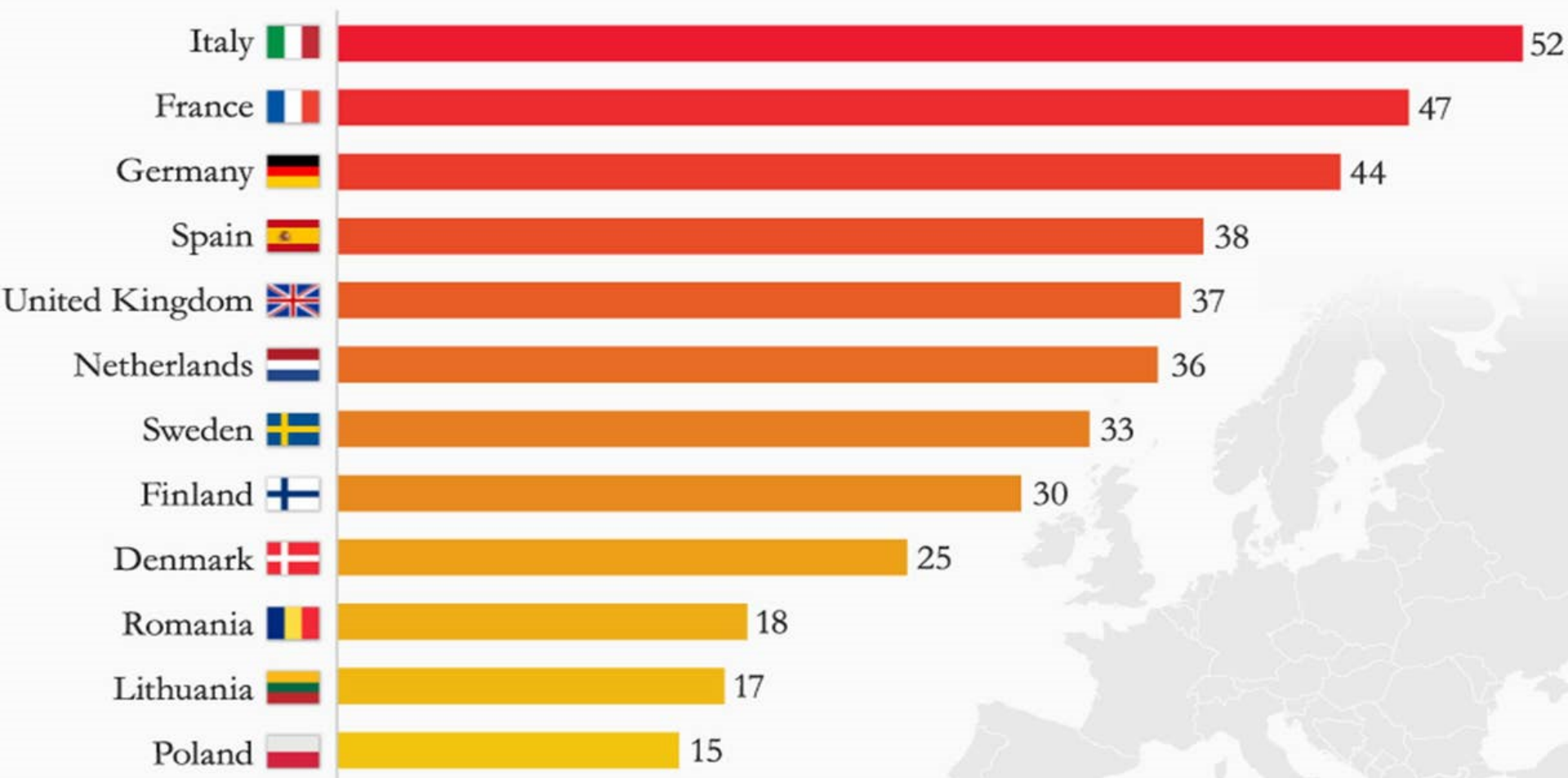




Members of the English Defence League (EDL) gather for a protest in Leicester city centre, England, on 9 October, 2010

# The most anti-immigrant countries in Europe

"There are so many foreigners living here, it doesn't feel like home any more." % agreeing



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 **INDEPENDENT**

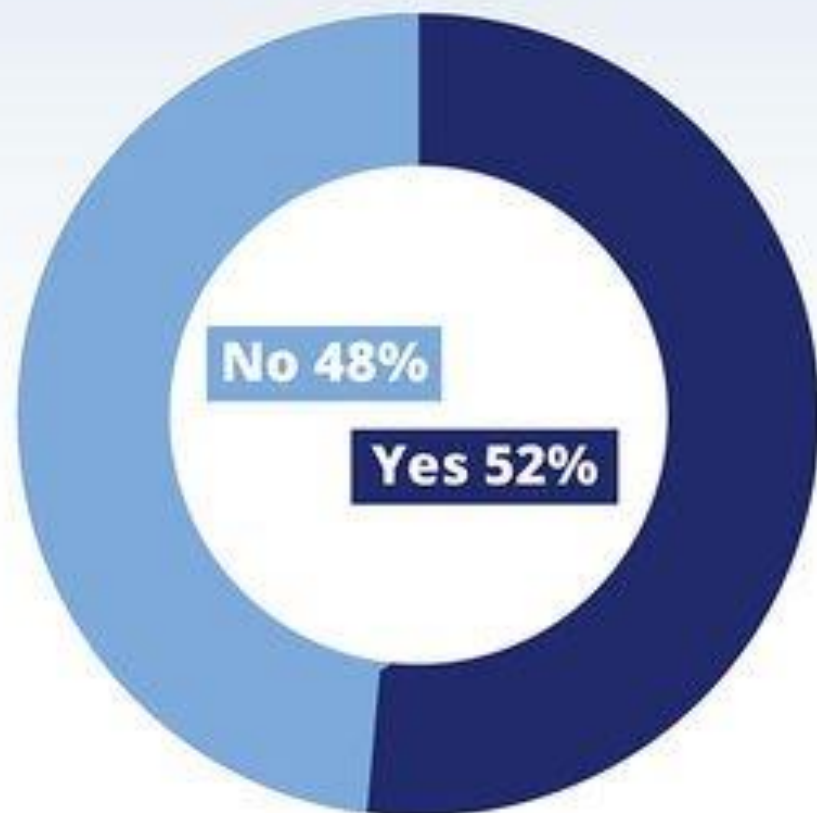
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YouGov (December 2016)

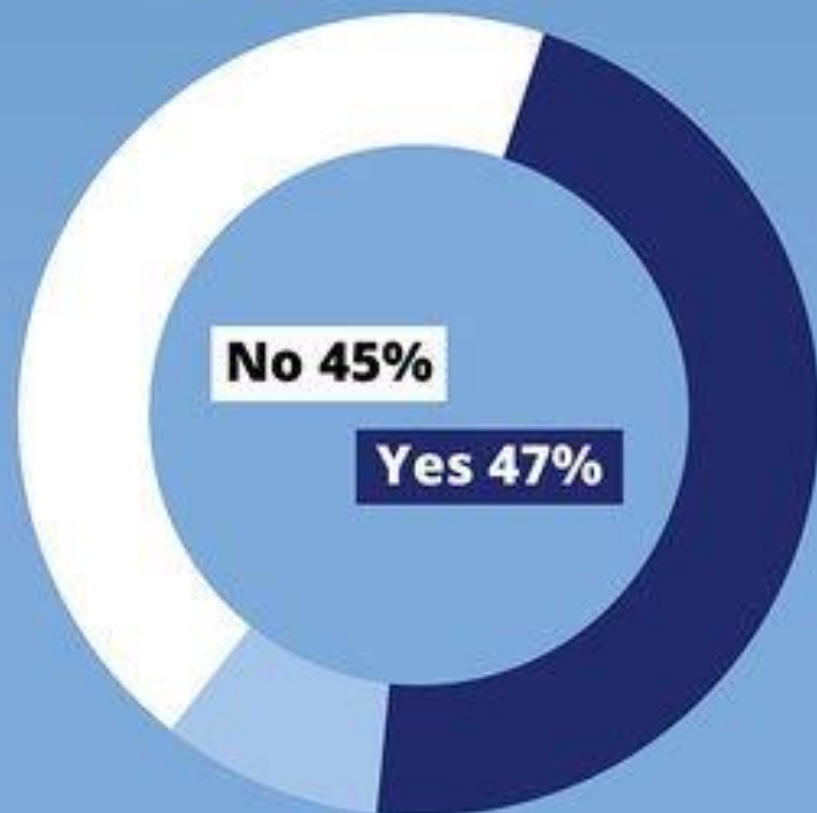


# Brexit's consequences

**Should  
Scotland be  
an independent  
country?**



**Do you agree with  
Nicola Sturgeon that  
there should be another  
vote on Scottish  
independence by 2021?**



The recent survey on Scottish independence was conducted by Tory peer Lord Ashcroft for Holyrood Magazine just days after Prime Minister Boris Johnson's visit to Scotland.

2014 :



Leaving me is  
leaving the EU

I want out!

Fine I'll stay then



2016 :

I'M LEAVING YOU!



Son of a ...





Chart 1 – United Kingdom Family of Nations (UK-FON) references (27 May 2010 – 31 Oct 2018)

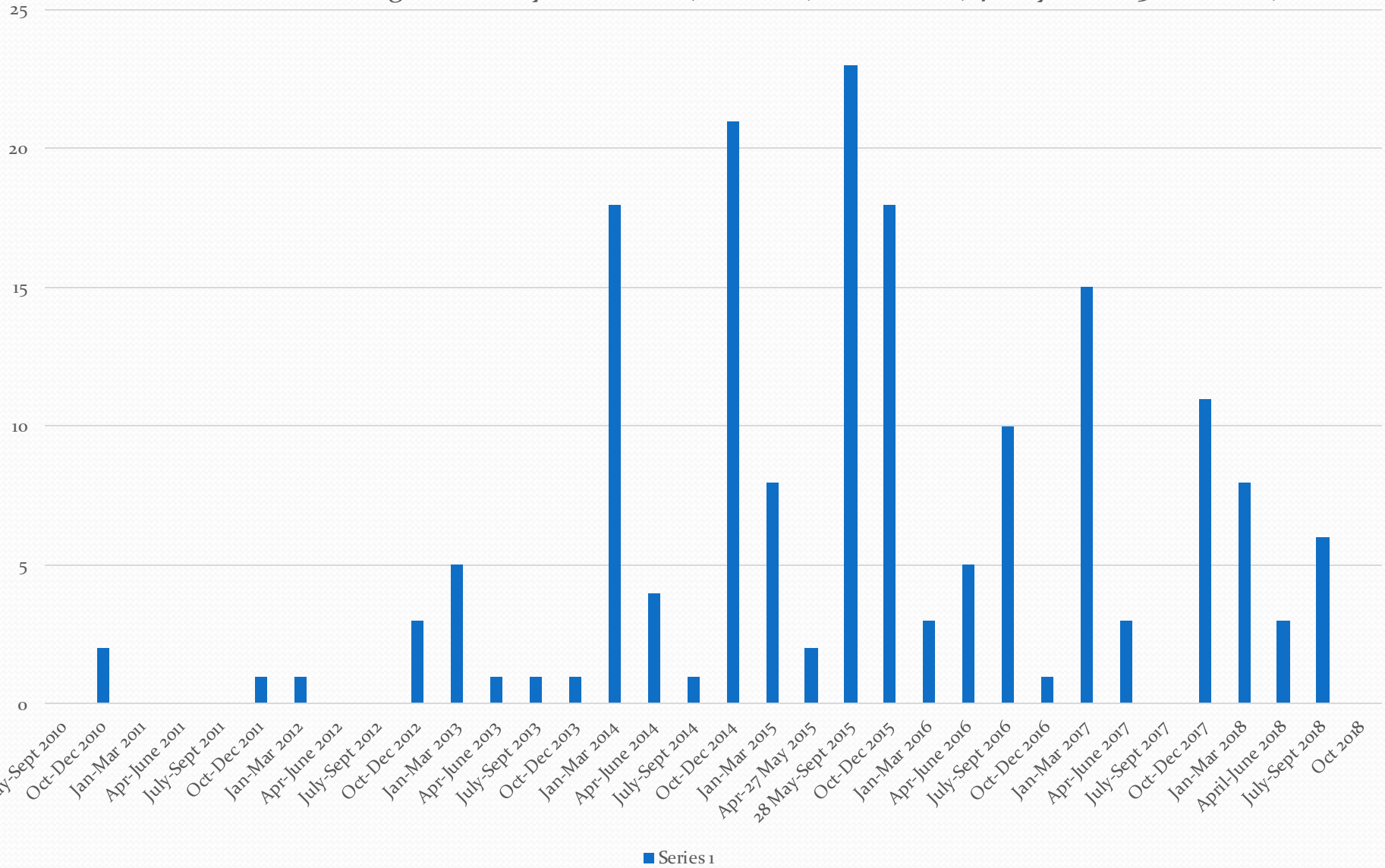
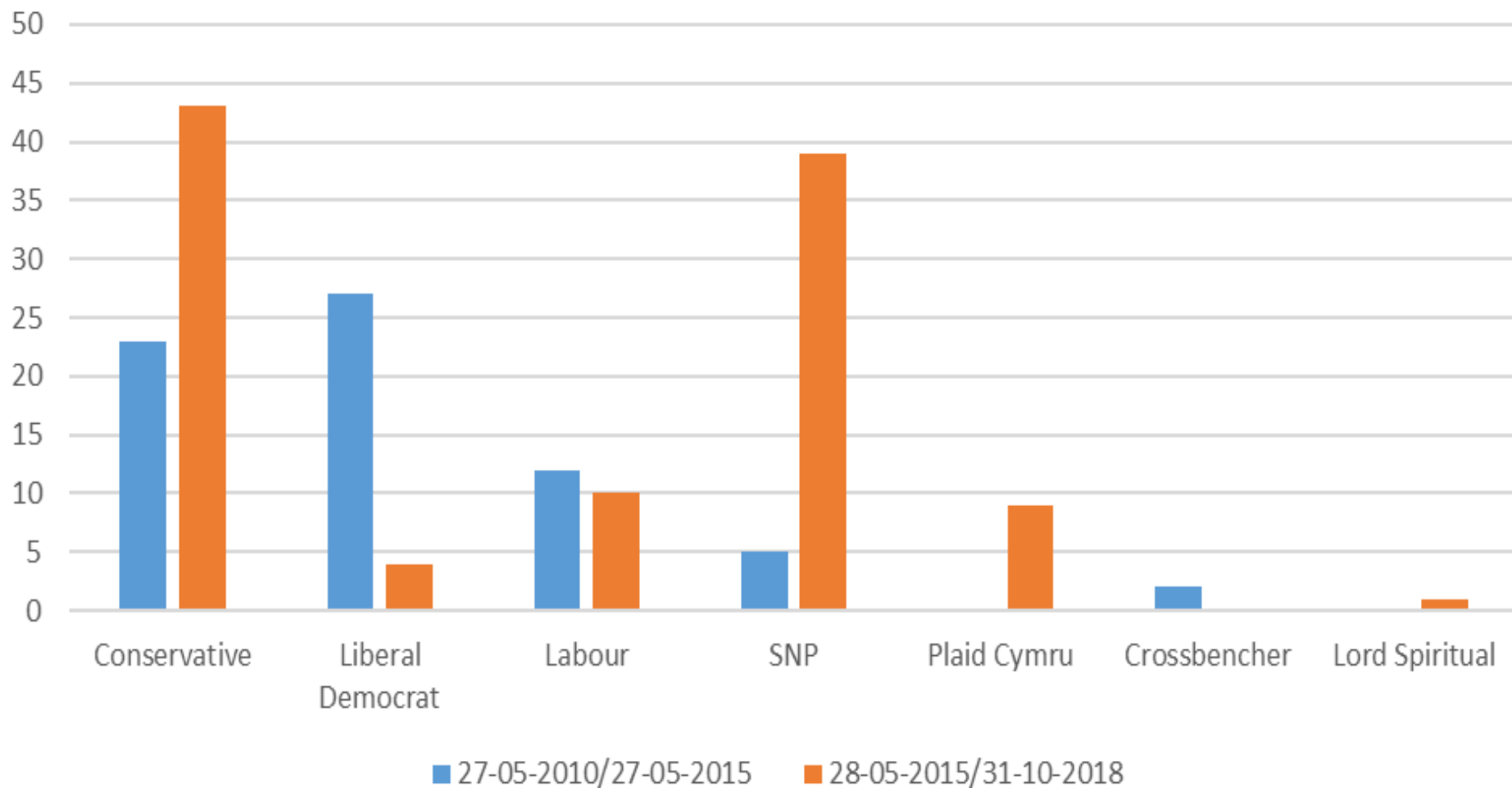


Chart 2 – United Kingdom Family of Nations (UK-FON)  
references by party affiliation



Welcome to  
**NORTHERN  
IRELAND**



Speed limits in  
miles per hour

**NO EU FRONTIER  
IN IRELAND**

**NO HARD BORDER**

RESPECT THE REMAIN VOTE



**BORDER COMMUNITIES  
AGAINST BREXIT**



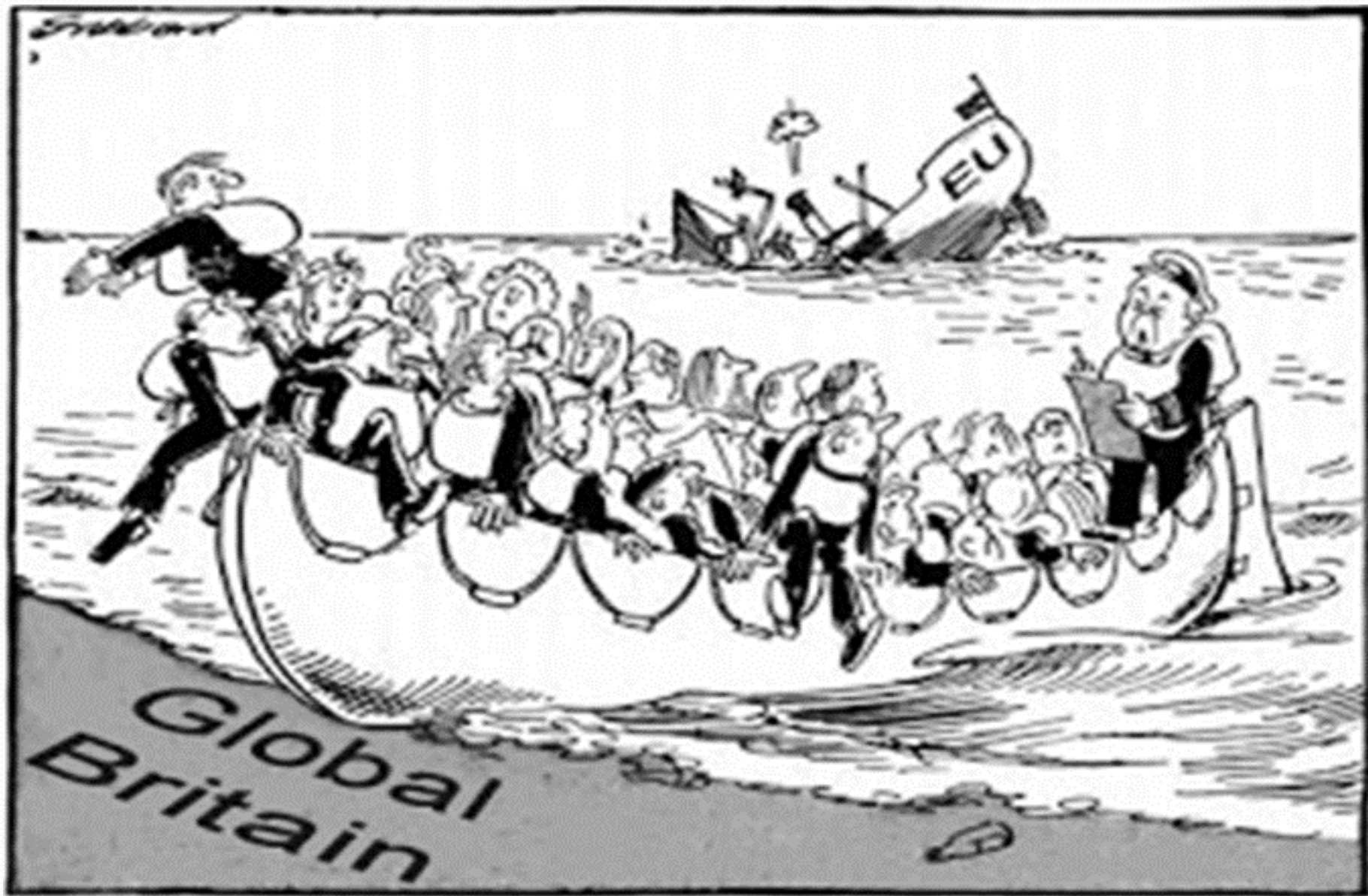


"VERY WELL, ALONE"

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# A 'Global Britain' in the post-Brexit Future?



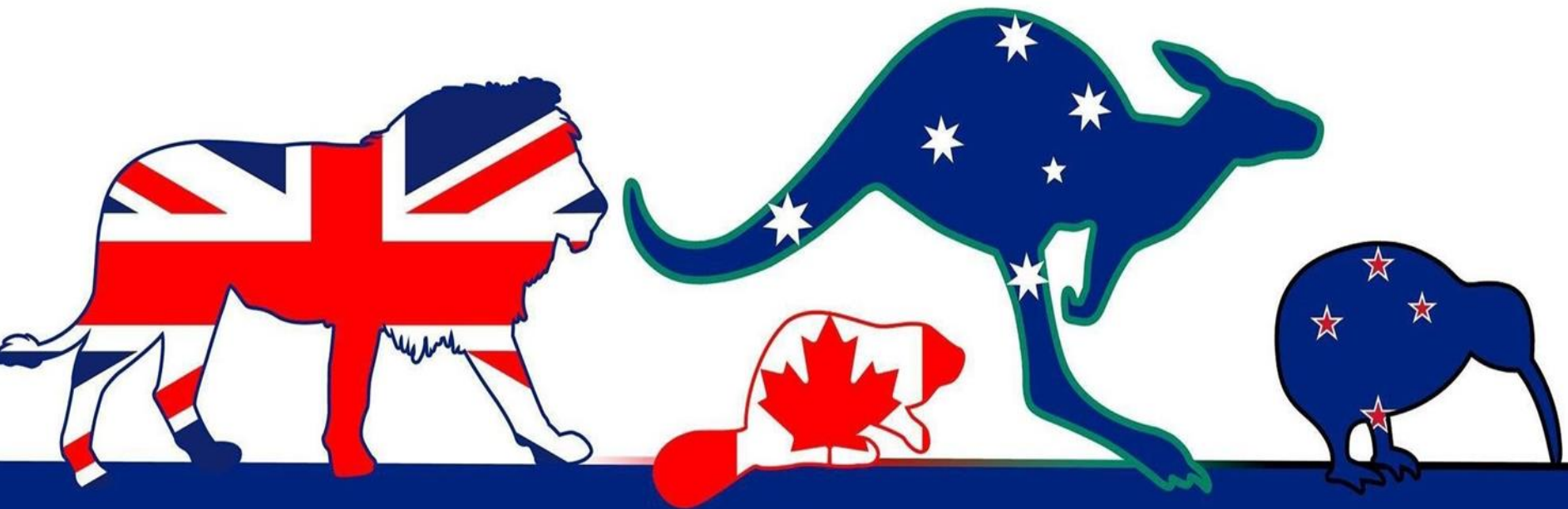


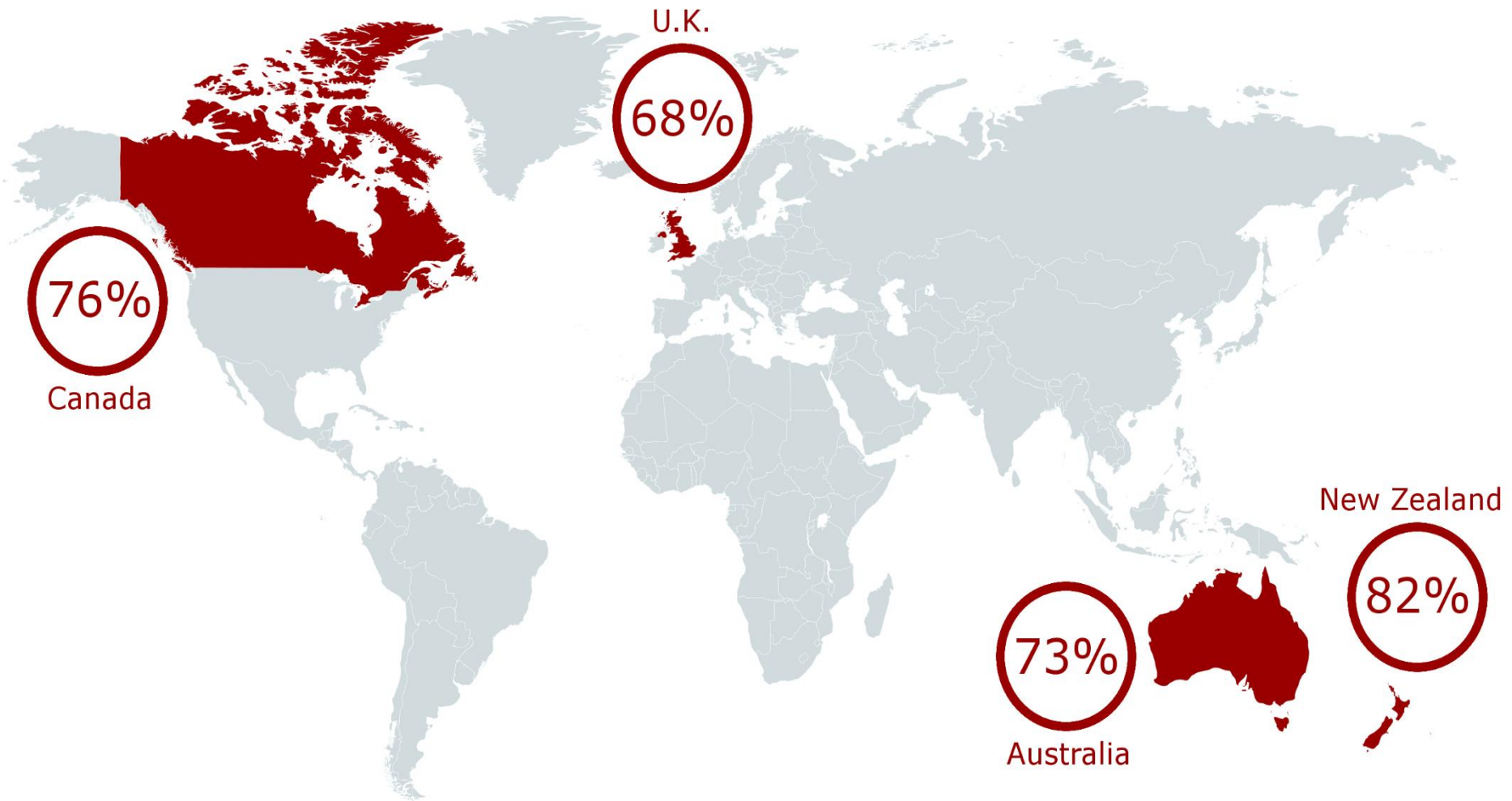
"But first, all passengers will vote on whether we step ashore or continue our luxury cruise ..."

Caption: 'But first, all passengers will vote on whether we step ashore or continue our luxury cruise ...'



# CI CANZUK INTERNATIONAL





Polling of over 13,600 people shows significant support for CANZUK free movement

A wide-angle photograph of Uluru, a large red sandstone monolith in the heart of the Australian outback. The rock formation is the central focus, with its characteristic rounded top and weathered surface. The surrounding landscape is a vast, flat desert with sparse, low-lying vegetation. The sky is a deep blue with scattered white clouds. A white, stylized rectangular frame with rounded corners and small circles at the ends is superimposed over the center of the image, containing the word "Australia".

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# Tory government 'looking at' granting Australians freedom of movement denied to EU citizens after Brexit, cabinet minister Liz Truss says



Andrew Woodcock

The Independent 18 September 2019

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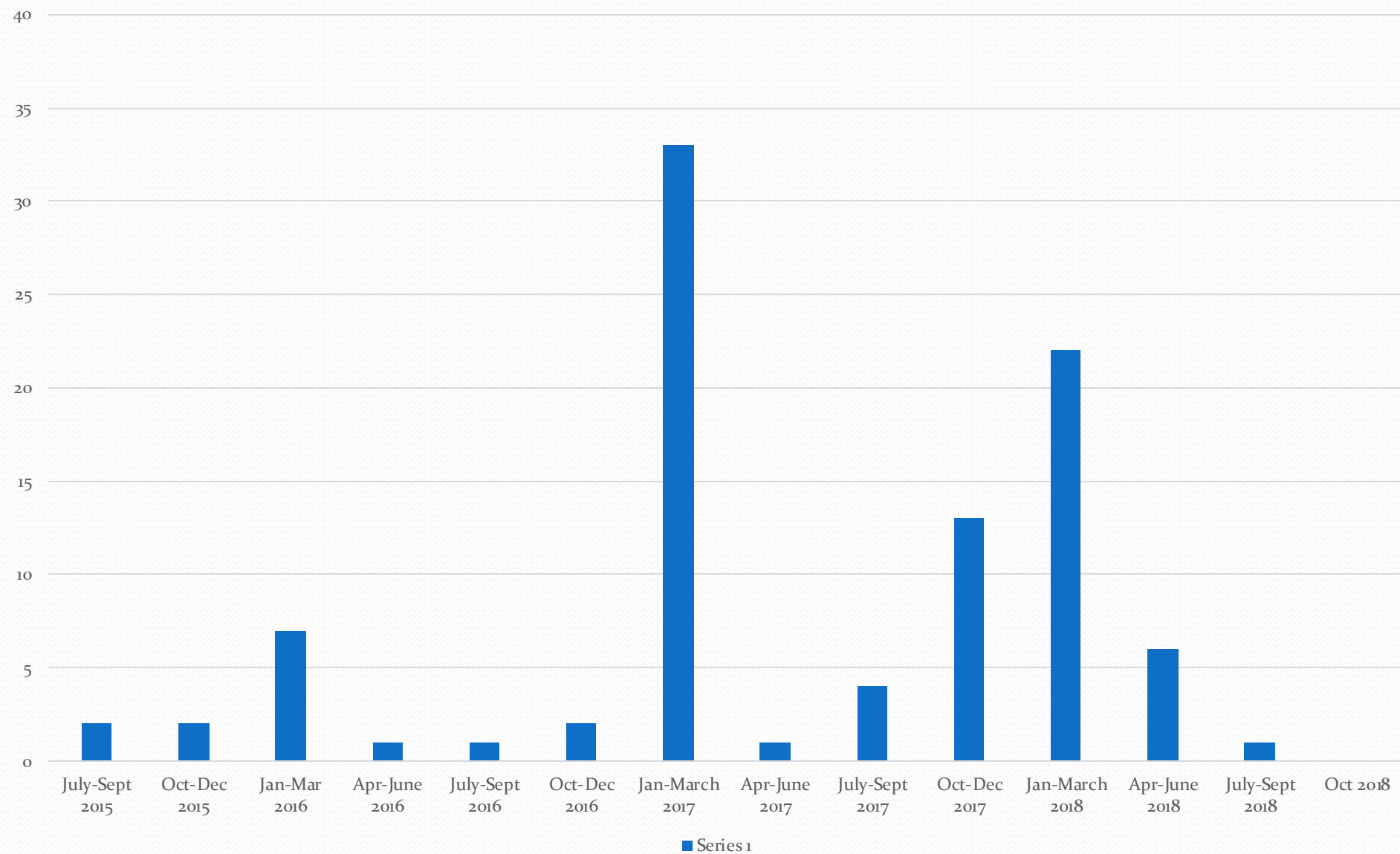


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Australian citizens could get [freedom of movement](#) rights denied to EU nationals after [Brexit](#), international trade secretary [Liz Truss](#) has suggested.



## Commonwealth Family of Nations (CW-FON) references (23 June 2015-31 October 2018)



**Table 2** Variants of the CW-FON metaphor (23 June 2015–31 October 2018)

	Aspirational (positive) variant	Judgmental (critical) variant	Other	
			Positive	Critical
CON	30	6	19	4
LAB	0	4	0	0
LD	0	7	0	3
SNP	0	1	1	0
DUP	1	0	1	0
CB	1	3	2	2
NAF	8	1	0	1

*CON* Conservative Party, *LAB* Labour Party, *LD* Liberal Democrat, *SNP* Scottish National Party, *DUP* Democratic Unionist Party, *CB* Crossbencher, *NAFL* non-affiliated

# Obstacles to 'Global Britain'

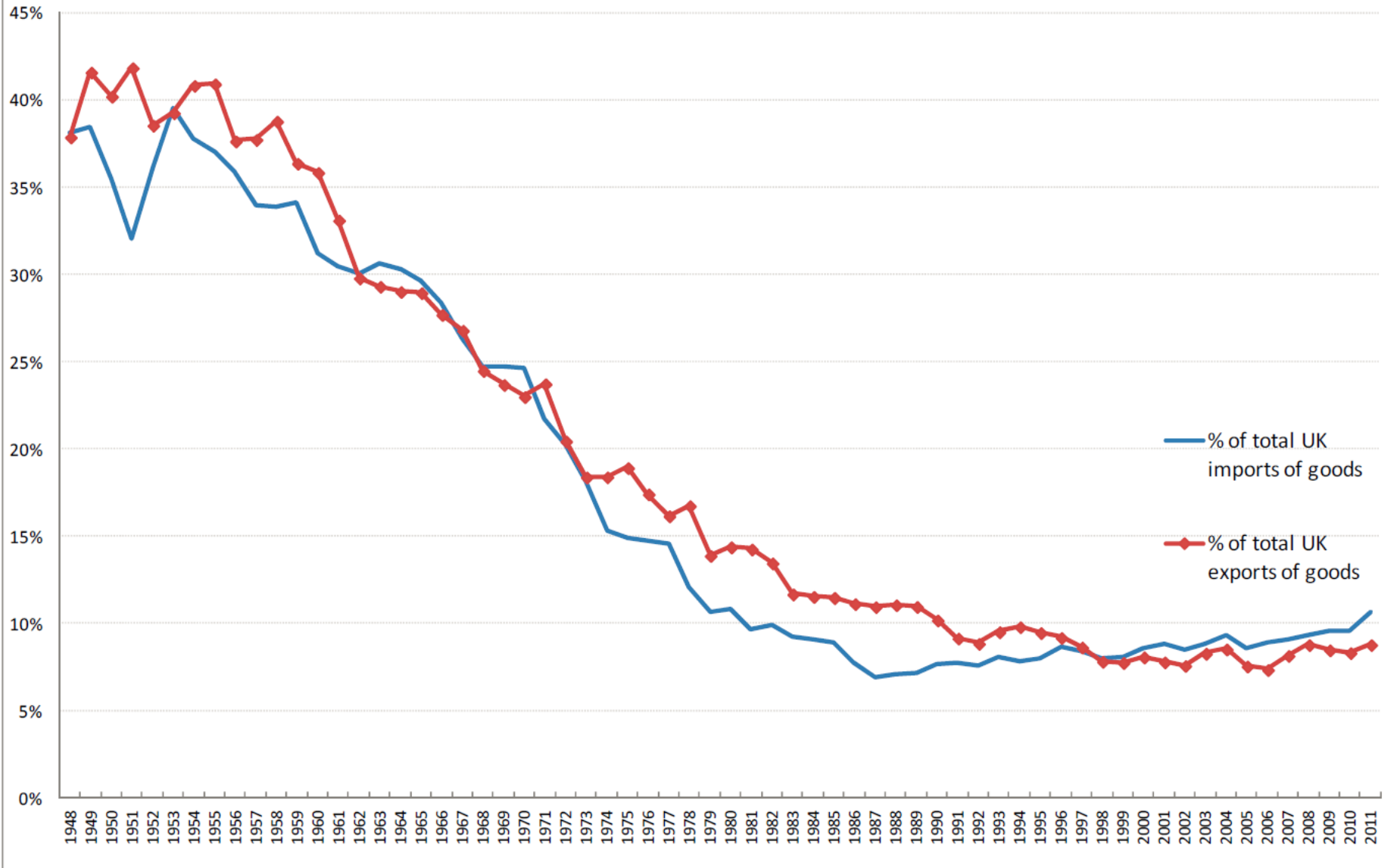


# Regionalization of trade

exports to the UK	1960	1969	--
New Zealand	50%	39%	2.9% (2017)
Australia	24%	12.5%	2.8% (2015)
Canada	16%	7.5%	2.8% (2018)

**Source:** A. May (2013), "The Commonwealth and Britain's Turn to Europe, 1945-73," *The Round Table*, 102:1, 29-39; <https://tradingeconomics.com/canada/exports-by-country>; [https://www.aph.gov.au/About\\_Parliament/Parliamentary\\_Departments/Parliamentary\\_Library/pubs/BriefingBook45p/AustraliaTrade](https://www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/Parliamentary_Departments/Parliamentary_Library/pubs/BriefingBook45p/AustraliaTrade); <https://oec.world/en/profile/country/nzl/>

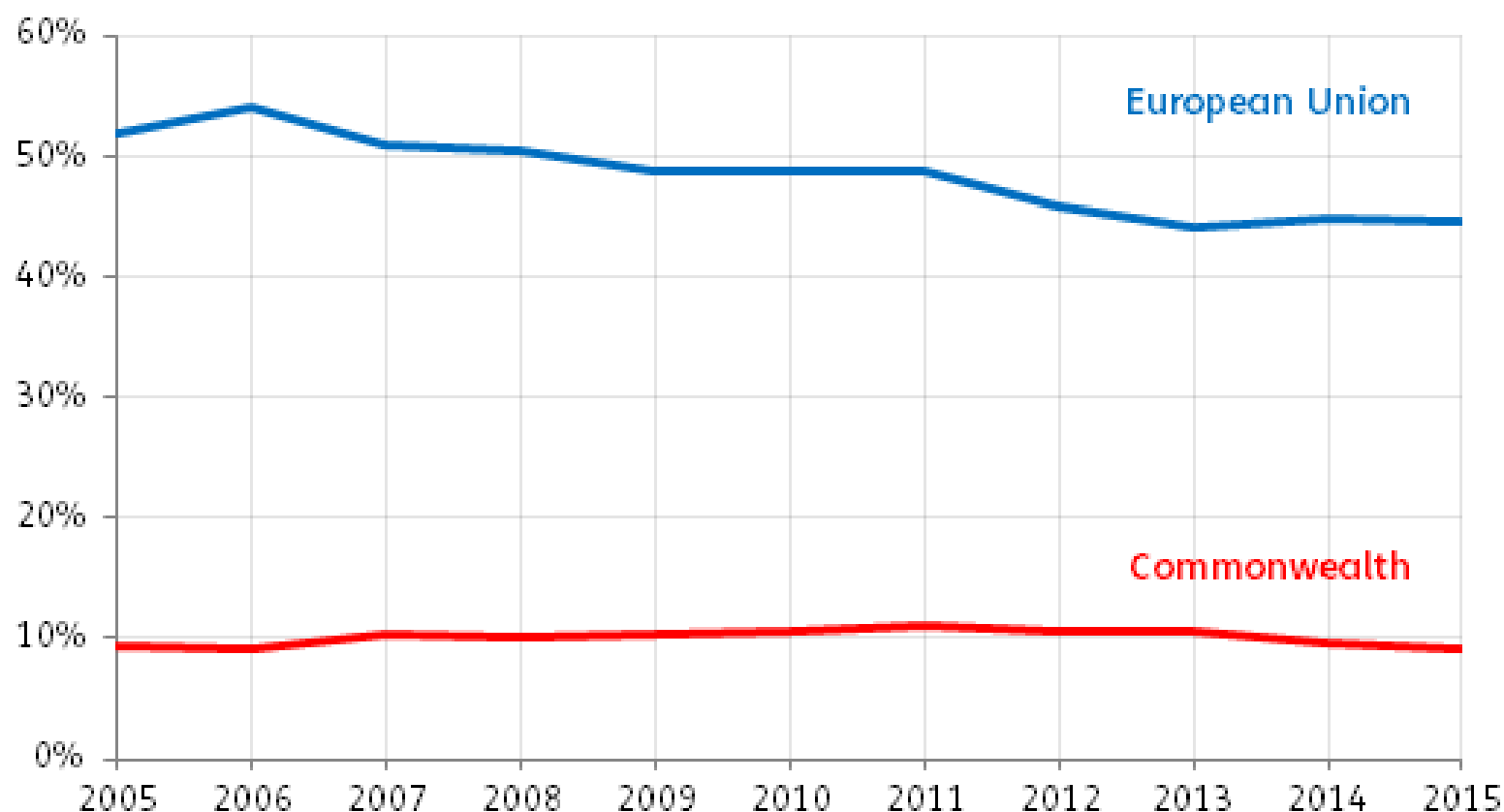
## UK trade in goods with the Commonwealth as a % of UK total trade in goods



<https://www.politico.eu/article/brexiters-trade-on-a-myth-euroskeptic-sovereignty-destiny-global-economy/>

# Trade with the EU and Commonwealth

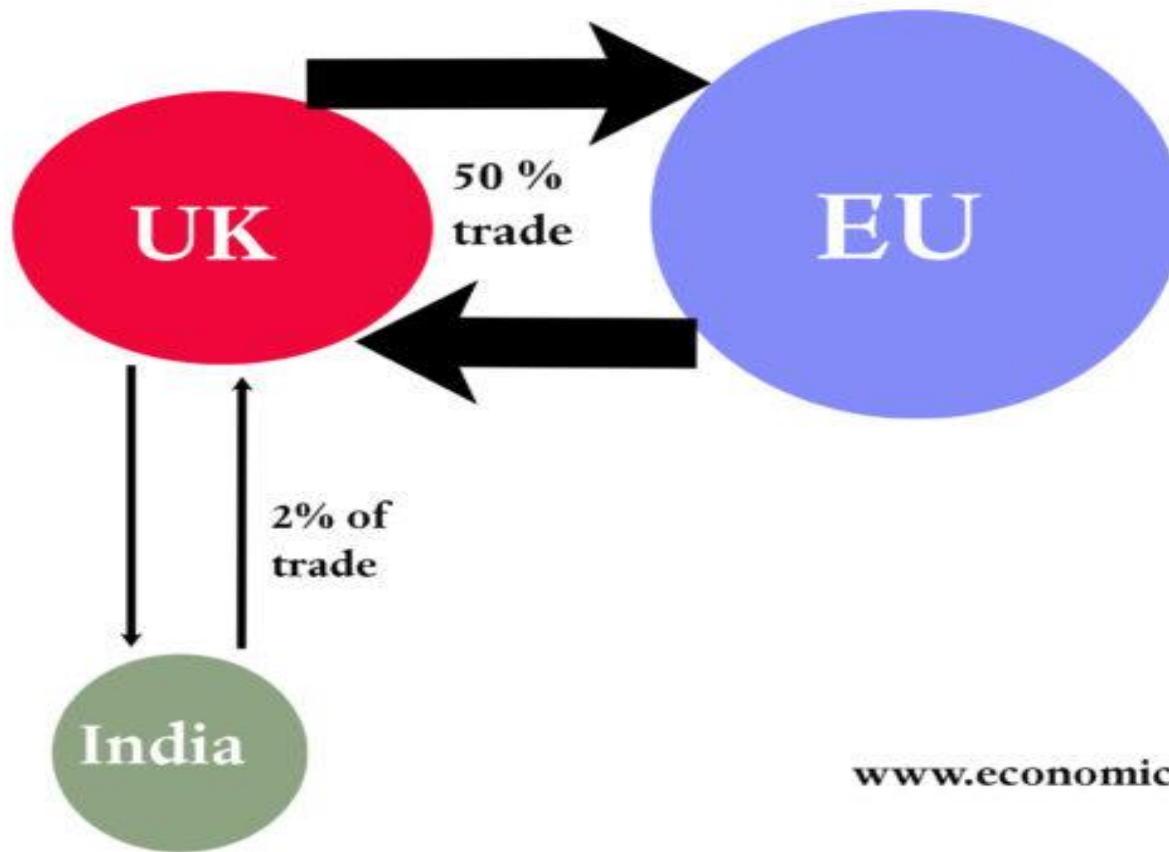
Proportion of UK exports going to EU (27 other members) and Commonwealth (51 other members)



**Source:** Office for National Statistics, "Balance of Payments annual geographical tables", user requested data reference 006656, tables 10 and 11



# Gravity theory of trade



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**Poll boost for Libs in key seats**

**DAVID BARNES**  
POLITICAL EDITOR

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# THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK

**BRITAIN EXITS EUROPEAN UNION**



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**YOU CAN FREE UK FROM CLUTCHES OF THE EU TODAY**



# INDEPENDENCE DAY

**Sun SAYS**

10000 you can make history — by winning Britain's independence from the crushing weight of the Brussels machine.

We urge you to vote today — and make today our Independence Day. For many of us it will be the first vote we've ever cast.

**BRITAIN'S RESURGENCE**





# WHAT IS THE IRISH BORDER BACKSTOP?

## TRANSITION PERIOD



Under the terms of the transition period in Theresa May's plan, the UK stays in the Single Market and the Customs Union until the end of 2020. This means that all goods, services, capital and labour can move between Ireland, Northern Ireland and the UK without being checked. A situation that bureaucrats call frictionless trade

## BACKSTOP



Under Theresa May's deal, the backstop comes into force if the UK and the EU fail to strike a trade deal after 2020. To preserve the frictionless border with the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland will stay aligned with most EU single market rules. This means goods can move over the Irish border without checks. The whole UK will stay in the Customs Union which means most goods can travel between Northern Ireland and Britain without checks. However some checks will be necessary on some goods, such as agricultural products, because the EU's single market rules still apply

## NO DEAL



If Britain abandons Theresa May's plan and leaves the EU without a deal, there will be a hard border between Northern Ireland and the Republic. This means all goods and people travelling between the two will be subjected to heavy checks. The Republic of Ireland does not like this arrangement because it threatens the Good Friday agreement that secured peace and ended the Troubles