

**BREXIT**

**DISASTER**

**CAPITALISM**

## Brexit: threat to economy & society

Brexit will plunge our economy further into disaster. Car factories are already at risk, as Honda in Swindon shows. Modern industry depends on JUST IN TIME and cross border production. Big corporations depend on global markets. The UK drew investment because it was in the EU. It gave access to that huge and generally affluent market.

The British economy is globalised, perhaps more than any other economy, and successive governments have been content to see industry decline and to support the growth of finance. London became the finance capital of the world, but even before Brexit, trillions have been moved out of the UK to ensure those big banks and finance organisations can still trade in Europe.

A flight of capital like that under a Labour government would have been headline news but for this government it's just another Brexit problem. There are people making huge fortunes from Brexit and there are more fortunes to be made from speculation. Already Rees-Mogg has said his gains from financial investments are not for disclosure.

For speculators, Brexit is Christmas come early. But Brexit cannot be another 'shock doctrine' hit and run by the very rich and gangster capitalists. Working class communities have carried the full weight of austerity, with schools underfunded, children going hungry and homelessness soaring. The rich must pay the price of Brexit, not one penny from the poor.

## Climate crisis: we're stronger with Europe

The climate crisis is severe and worsening. Yet the Trump government won't even support effective action against single-use plastic, let alone against fossil fuel pollution.

Humans have the capacity intellectually and practically to avert this climate disaster. Yet the ownership of industry is based on profit and as fossil fuels make profits (and war), forcing these huge corporations to change will not be easy.

We are stronger fighting for environmental regulation within Europe than outside of it. 512.6 million people in the EU are a stronger global force than 66 million in the UK.

The EU already has the best (limited though it is) environmental protection in the world and there are countless environmental campaigners throughout Europe. As a massive trading block the EU can enforce regulations; the UK as a small country lacks the same power.

School students are now leading the way and they're right: make climate a top priority.

## Support Corbyn's social & economic project

The Corbyn surge is a huge opportunity to build an alternative to austerity and deregulation - the continuation of Thatcher's policies. We support Jeremy Corbyn on jobs, on health, on housing, on workers' rights, on investing in our towns and cities, and on renationalising the railways and the public utilities: breaking the dominance of the Few.

We support the fight to end austerity, all of it. We demand fully-funded public services and an end to Universal Credit #UCOFF and child poverty. The NHS is being repackaged, not for the needs of people's health but for selling off wholesale. There are significant and imminent risks to the NHS from US free trade.

There is no future in supporting austerity parties or the pro-austerity section of the Labour party. We need a general election, and a second vote on Brexit. Brexit is a project of the far right, promoted by the chaos capitalists of the right-wing of the Conservative Party.

They want a "liberal" outcome: no rights for workers, extreme free trade and reduced environmental protection. If we think things are bad now, they would get a lot worse under a Brexit imposed by a rightwards-moving Conservative government.

That's why we have to support the Corbyn project. A Corbyn government with its vision for change, in or out of Europe, will need the support of the British and European working classes, in all their diversity.

Left Unity is proud to stand for the internationalism, for the solidarity, on which the whole socialist movement was founded.



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## Defend & welcome migrants: "You are us"

Millions of working people and their families are hurt by or put at risk by the hostile migration environment in the UK. Free movement must be defended and extended. Economic and political solutions must be used to halt the refugee crisis in the Mediterranean. Meanwhile normal means of transport must be opened up. People must be allowed to travel in safety. The twenty-first century economy is global, owned and controlled by a handful of people. It is a disruptive, environmentally damaging and violent economic model and forces within it drive both migration and the movement of refugees.

But the economic problems working class people face do not come from migration, or migrants - the problems are the result of the policies pursued by our governments. Migrants and refugees get the blame, yet their movement is often driven by the same bad policies, whether war, economic policy or climate catastrophe. We benefit enormously from migration into the UK, economically, culturally and in terms of social solidarity without division across communities. We also benefit from free movement ourselves, to work, travel or live.

We defend free movement and call for an end to the hostile environment against all migrants; we stand with the Windrush generation, oppose the unjust charging of migrants in the NHS, and call for an end to deportations and detention.

## Remain and transform Europe

The EU needs reform. It needs fundamental change. And across Europe people are mobilising to change it, to create a Europe for all its peoples. We need to be together, stronger together, against the rise of the far right and all the other problems that we face, across national borders. We want to transform Europe together with socialists across the continent.

We want to work together across Europe for climate protection, environmental protection, peace, women's rights and increased democracy and workers' rights. We want to help defeat neo-liberalism in Europe, in solidarity with left and progressive forces, like the Party of the European Left, which includes parties like Die Linke in Germany and Izquierda Unida in Spain.

Staying in Europe would not stop the Corbyn project in the UK, and it would not prevent the renationalisation promised by a Corbyn-led government. In fact it would strengthen the left across Europe and prevent the isolation of a progressive government in Britain. Solidarity will be needed and it can be found in the left and progressive movement in Europe. And that solidarity must reach out even more to the global south when it resists imperialism and ruthless globalisation. We must build solidarity across Europe and beyond, for a fundamental challenge to capitalism.

## No Pasaran: against the rise of the far right

The far-right is on the offensive across Europe: the biggest upsurge since the 1930s. From street attacks and mobilisations to government office, they use Islamophobia, anti-Semitism, xenophobia and racism to spread hate and fear. They attack trade unionists and the left, and the rights and liberties of us all. Gaining succour from the Trump White House, they are increasingly internationalised, well-funded and well-organised.

Bolsonaro's victory in Brazil has extended this wave into Latin America, and the terrible attacks on the Muslim community in New Zealand have exposed the full brutal and fanatical extent of the organised ideological far right. These developments must be countered by rapid and effective mobilisation from the labour and progressive movement internationally. We must be united in Britain and across Europe, and beyond, to defeat this immensely dangerous political turn. These problems cannot be fought on a national basis - they can only be fought and defeated internationally through cooperation, coordination and solidarity.

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