



## Campaign for an Independent Britain

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# WRONG! Statements About the EU Referendum

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### **Business supports remaining in the EU**

**WRONG!** Many businessmen make speeches about the advantages of remaining in the Single Market (the European Economic Area). It will be perfectly possible to remain in the Single Market when we leave the EU. Norway and Iceland are also in the Single Market but not in the EU.

Businessmen **DO NOT** make speeches supporting any other part of EU membership.

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### **The alternatives are presented by the government as remaining in the EU as it is, or leaving for an unknown future**

**WRONG!** There is no option of remaining in the EU as it is. The correct alternatives were put by the former President of the European Commission Jacques Delors in 2012: "If the British cannot support the trend to more integration in Europe, we can remain friends but on a different basis. I could imagine a form such as an European Economic Area or a Free Trade Agreement."

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### **The referendum is about whether or not Cameron's reforms are satisfactory**

**WRONG!** The referendum is about 'remain or leave', not choosing between an 'unreformed' and 'reformed' European Union. A 'remain in' vote proved to be a blank cheque way back in 1975 after the Wilson referendum. Subsequent British governments took a 'remain in' vote as authority to push through numerous further treaties, causing further integration and loss of independence. A new 'remain in' vote would be another blank cheque.

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### **The referendum is about British influence and sitting at the 'top table'**

**WRONG!** The UK does not need to be a member of the 'inner core' of the EU. If we leave we shall take our proper place at the top global tables (as Norway does now). The EU long ceased to be the 'top table' and is nowadays more of a transmission belt for regulation from global bodies.

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### **It is safer to stay in the European Union**

**WRONG!** The EU is facing a crisis over its currency and its economy, and a similar one over 'freedom of movement' and security. The risk of staying in is considerable, not just for our economy but increasingly, to our national security and democracy.

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**"If Britain remains chained to Brussels after this charade we will be in a weaker position than before. We will be the country that makes eurosceptic noises for decades but capitulated when it mattered. The EU's bureaucracy, courts and politicians will see us as all-bark, no-bite, moaning minnies."** [Tim Montgomerie, *The Times*]

# **Vote to Leave** the European Union



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