



How the EU Keeps you Poor

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How the **EU** Keeps You Poor and holds Europe back

Again and **Again** official figures are showing the EU system makes us poorer than we would be without the EU.

Many live in poverty, yet OFFICIAL FIGURES show UK unemployment is coming down. Office for National Statistics (ONS) figures show unemployment is at 5%. The figures show that the employment rate hit 74%. The number of people in work is at a record high of 31.42 million. British people clearly want to work, but mass migration makes it hard to get a well-paid job. The young are particularly suffering. The youth jobless rate is two and a half times the average unemployment rate with 13.7% of young people out of work. It is not just our young people who are missing out.

- **AGAIN** Government figures show that wages are not increasing as one would usually expect. In normal times wages should rise when demand for labour increases. According to the ONS wage growth has slowed to just 1.9%. That is before inflation is taken into account.
- **AGAIN** today's figures show that most new jobs have gone to EU migrants. By increasing the supply of cheap imported labour the EU keeps big business' labour costs down; but at the expense of hard-working families.
- **AGAIN**, the working people of Britain see stagnation in our living conditions. We have not seen real-terms pay rises for many years.

Well done the EU! Britain is becoming a cheap labour economy with working people living precarious lives often on zero hours contracts, paying high rents and caught in increasing debt.

According to the Bank of England: Low-skilled migration and a reluctance to invest have been cited by a leading Bank of England official as possible factors depressing wage growth and harming Britain's productivity.

Ben Broadbent, Deputy Governor of the Bank of England

It might be great for people who exploit cheap labour - but the rest of us are suffering.

BY BECOMING A CHEAP LABOUR ECONOMY there is little incentive to invest in technological advances and new tooling. So, again, we see the figures show that productivity is not increasing, according to the latest report from the Office of National Statistics output per worker and output per job and manufacturing output per hour has actually been declining. UK Labour Productivity as measured by output is 13% below what it was before 2008. This is because of the cheap labour. This is damaging our economy. Isn't it time we started doing better?

THIS IS HOW THE EU WORKS. By allowing the free movement of labour, it is turning Britain into a low wage and low productivity economy - **again** we see our competitiveness reduced by EU membership. Even in Germany, the only beneficiary of the Euro, working people have seen almost no increase in living standards for many years. So who wins? It is actually lose/lose for Britain and the countries in central and eastern Europe who lose the workers, and the chance build-up their own country.

How the **EU** migration hurts the countries who lose the labour

Ask someone from central Europe: did they vote to join the EU so that their countries could just become pools of cheap labour? No - people hoped their countries would advance. Yet:-

- free-movement of persons is creating a brain-drain effect of trained people not being available to grow their home country's economy
- these people are not paying taxes at home but in another country
- the loss of the young coming to the west is depleting whole parts of some countries in the EU of working age people
- there is a human cost, such as the breakdown of families due to prolonged parental absence

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STUART ROSE, who was Executive Chairman of Marks & Spencer, speaking to MPs suggested that wages of low skilled workers could rise in the event of Britain leaving the EU. According to the former M&S boss, if there were restrictions on EU migrants then “the price of labour will, frankly, go up”. **Pay will go up if we leave the EU!**

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The EU is a stagnant old system and it is holding, not just Britain but all of the EU back. A vote to Leave does not just set Britain free to flourish but will give hope to all Europe .



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