



For Family Businesses *“Britain should **leave** the European Union”*

Sir James Dyson

Inventor and Entrepreneur

Sir James, one of Britain’s most well known businessman has said that the European Union is controlled by “very large German companies” who set the rules making sure that the “old guard and old technology” is supported while new technology isn’t.

Bruges Group research shows:

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- EU rules stifle competition and innovation.
- Big businesses spend resources lobbying Brussels for laws that raise the costs of smaller companies to keep them out of the market.
- Multi-national businesses use EU tax rules to push down their corporation tax bill. Putting more of the tax burden on you.

Protect our Small Businesses – **Vote to Leave the EU**



Small businesses have been the backbone of Britain since the Napoleonic era. The EU may have grand romantic imperial ideas but small and medium sized enterprises know that it is pragmatism that balances the books and serves the customer.

It is businesses that create wealth and employ people. It is businesses that buy and sell goods and services to consumers and other businesses. They just want the EU to get out of the way.

Small and medium sized enterprises are the biggest private sector employers in the UK, yet their future is put at risk by the enormous costs of EU membership. The EU, taxing us and driving-up food prices, not only makes us less well-off, taking money out of the economy, but the EU also harms small businesses which are the employers of millions of people all over the country.

The Costs

There are around 20,000 EU laws in force, none can be overturned by our own democracy. Across the EU enterprise, production and entrepreneurship have been replaced with regulation, inspection and compliance.

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- EU rules stifles competition, innovation and is harmful for consumers.
- Big businesses spend resources lobbying Brussels for laws that raise the costs of smaller companies.
- Wealth creating family businesses are not given a chance to compete.
- Multi-national businesses use EU tax rules to push down their corporation tax bill. We pay our taxes.

The EU can't change

Its unaccountable institutions produce costly and complex rules safe in the knowledge that they have no responsibility for implementation. Yet why at this difficult economic time are the regulations still in place and continually being added to?

The British Chambers of Commerce found that only 26% of its members wanted to keep the UK in the EU, while 59% wanted a looser relationship with the EU or an EU exit.

Britain is the fifth largest economy in the world, we should speak for ourselves. The EU is a stagnant old system.

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on Thursday
23rd June**

EU rules put the tax burden on striving businesses

The EU's Court has blown a massive hole in British tax sovereignty and is used by multi-national companies to avoid billions in tax.

Whilst the European Court of Justice applies the most liberal interpretation of international tax rules then those multi-national businesses that can afford the legal costs will limit their tax and avoid paying their fair share.

Good luck to them, but that means that more of the tax burden is falling on smaller enterprises, consumers and the general taxpayer.

After being taken to the EU's Court by multi-national companies the HMRC lost tax case after tax case in front of the EU; which has allowed the big companies to get out of paying their tax. Forcing the Treasury to either borrow more or shift more of the tax burden onto small and medium sized family businesses and you.

THE BRUGES GROUP was founded in 1989 to stop the EU taking power away from our democracy and set out an alternative that brings control over this country's affairs back to the British people. In this referendum campaign the Bruges Group provides support, leadership and resources to those on the front line of the campaign for Britain's independent future. Membership is drawn from all political affiliations in Britain and from the membership of pro-democracy organisations.

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We would never wish the taxman well but surely your big competitors should pay the same rate of tax as smaller firms and the self-employed.

Leaving the EU would give us more control over how we tax multi-nationals and give us the opportunity to create a fairer system.

A vote to leave the EU is the chance for a more level playing field.

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A vote to leave will give us more say over our economy. It is an opportunity to **have**:

- Fair taxation, end big business tax avoidance by restoring national control
- A level playing field for small and medium sized businesses
- Policies which bolster small businesses
- Support for entrepreneurship
- Accountable British people helping to make the regulations, not a faceless bureaucrat in Brussels
- Global trading, better opportunities to open up global markets
- Access to the EU's single market without our economy being dominated by continental countries who make policies in the name of Europe that help their corporations at the expense of our small companies and consumers.

**We should re-join the European Free Trade Association (EFTA)
The EFTA way is a better model for Europe.**

LEAVE

The European Union



Sir James Dyson
speaking to the BBC said,



“I want to keep EFTA – European free trade”

Britain can leave the EU and have full access to trade with businesses on the continent and around the world by re-joining the European Free Trade Association.

There is an alternative to the EU. It is called EFTA. European free trade without EU political control.



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The EU is the “leylandisation” of the economies of Europe. We joined in the 1970s and EU thought is stuck there. You cannot put a lot of failing economic models, any more than rubbish models of cars, into a big group and expect them to succeed just because it is big. No, you need to find a real solution and make a good product. Although shrinking economically, the EU may still be big - but in the modern world it is not the big that beat the small, it is the fast who beat the slow.

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