



# Brexit: What happened? What now?

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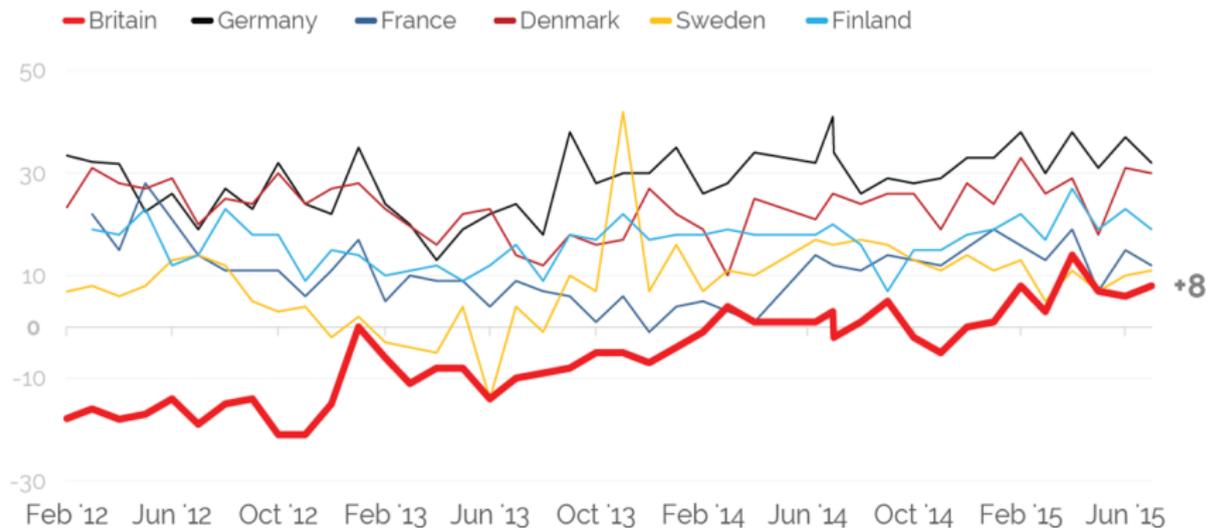
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“If there was a referendum on your country’s membership of the EU, how would you vote?”



**IF THERE WERE A REFERENDUM NOW ON WHETHER BRITAIN SHOULD STAY IN OR GET OUT OF THE EUROPEAN UNION, HOW WOULD YOU VOTE?**

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Source: Ipsos MORI

SE-Oxford Commission on  
**State Fragility,  
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## **UKIP's PLEDGE TO BRITAIN:**

- Say NO to the EU**
- Control our borders**
- Extra £3 billion for the NHS**
- Cut foreign aid spending**
- No tax on the minimum wage**

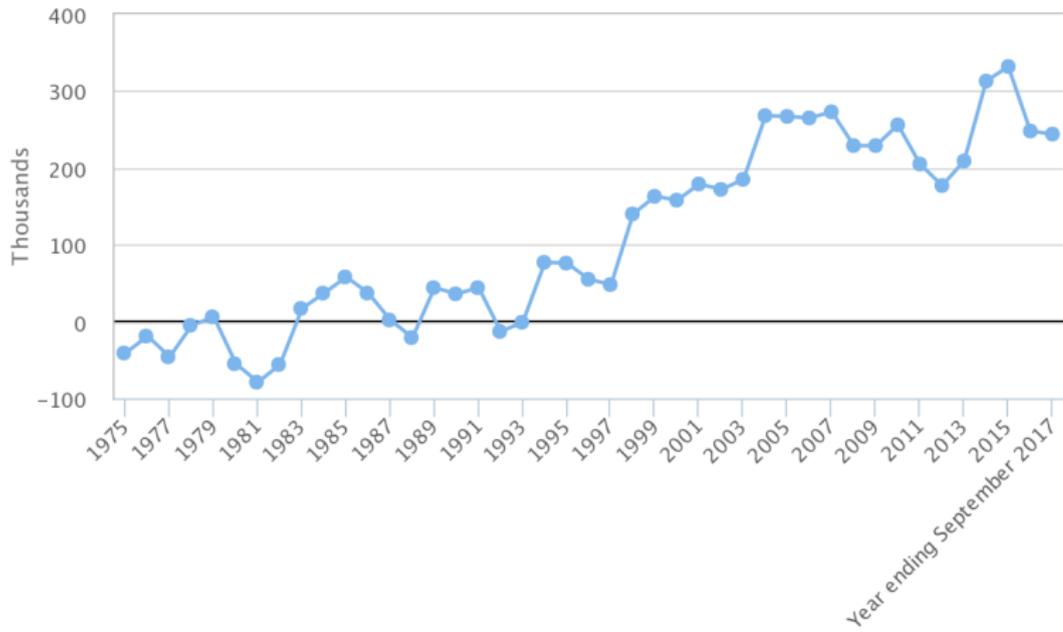


**ukip.org**



## Net migration to the UK 1975 to the year ending September 2017

Office for National Statistics, Long Term international Migration by Citizenship Data





HM Government

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**Why the Government believes  
that voting to remain in the  
European Union is the best  
decision for the UK.**

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The EU referendum, Thursday, 23rd June 2016.

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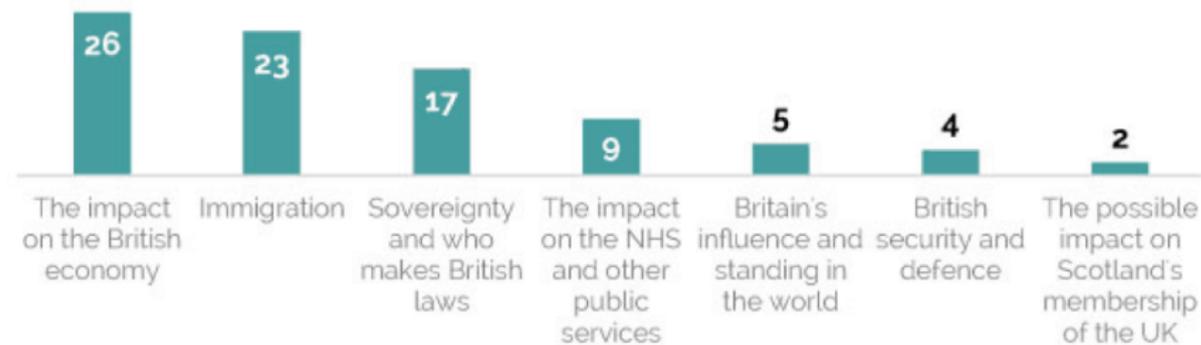
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Let's take control



## Most important issues in Brexit debate

Which of the following issues is most important to you in deciding how to vote in the referendum? %



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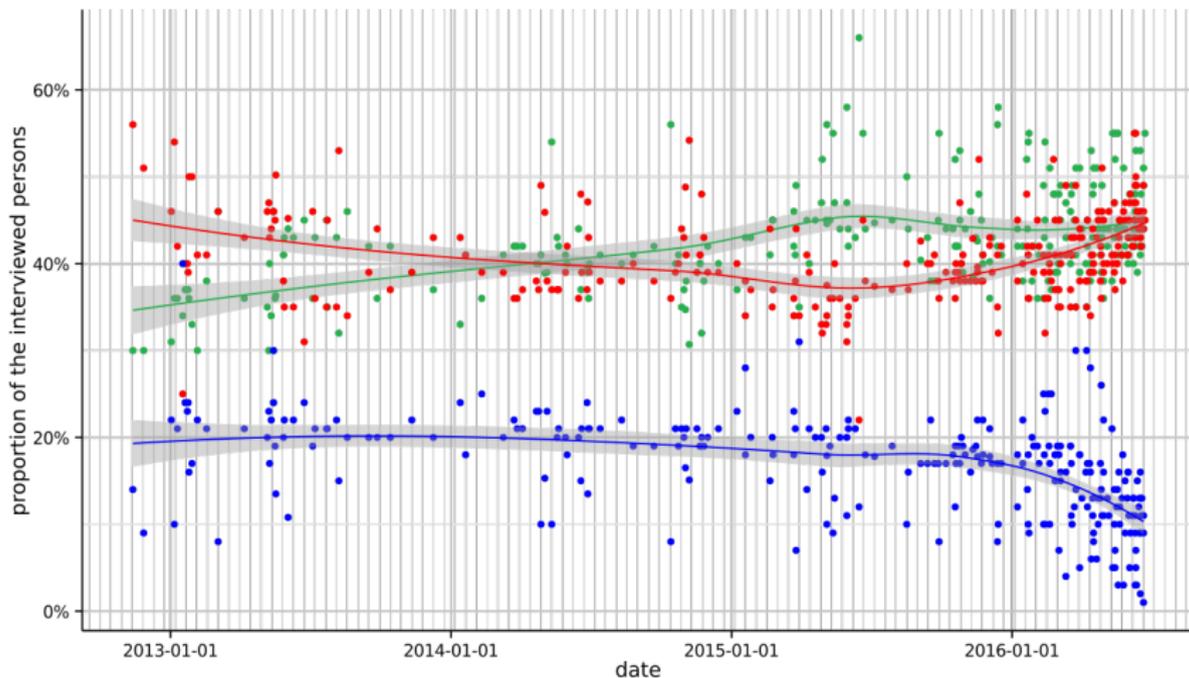
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## United Kingdom European Union membership referendum Opinion polling

● Remain ● Leave ● Undecided



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## **Referendum on the United Kingdom's membership of the European Union**

**Vote only once** by putting a cross  in the box next to your choice

Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the European Union or leave the European Union?

**Remain a member of the European Union**

**Leave the European Union**

## EU referendum results

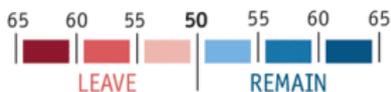
As of 08:00, June 24th 2016

Based on 382 results reported

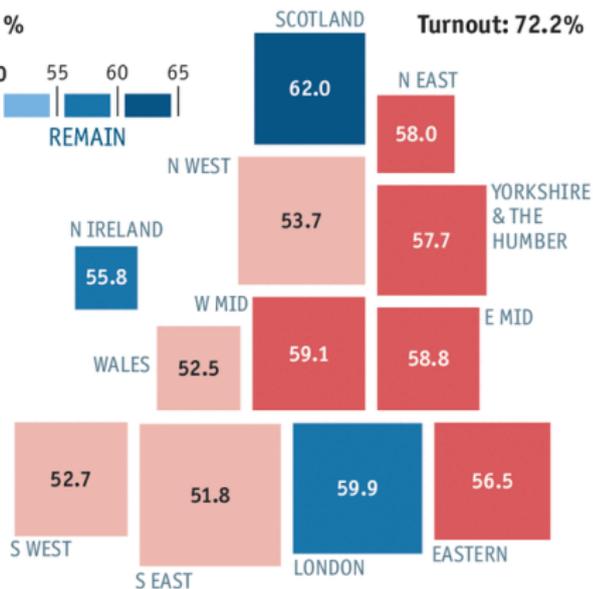
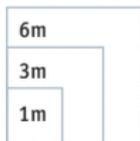


Source: BBC

### Results by region, %



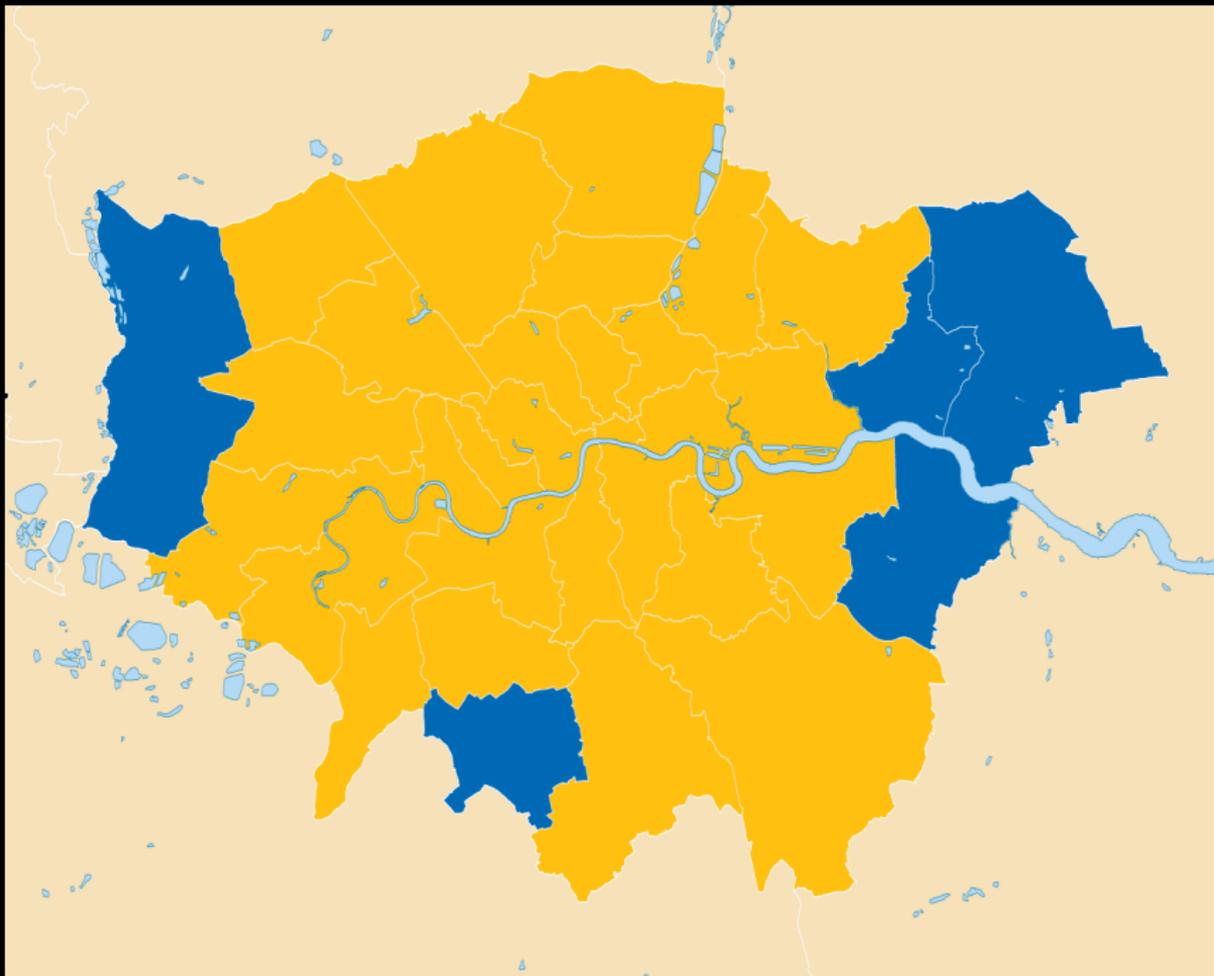
### Electorate size











## Turnout was low in areas with more young people

Turnout %



18-24-year-olds, % of population

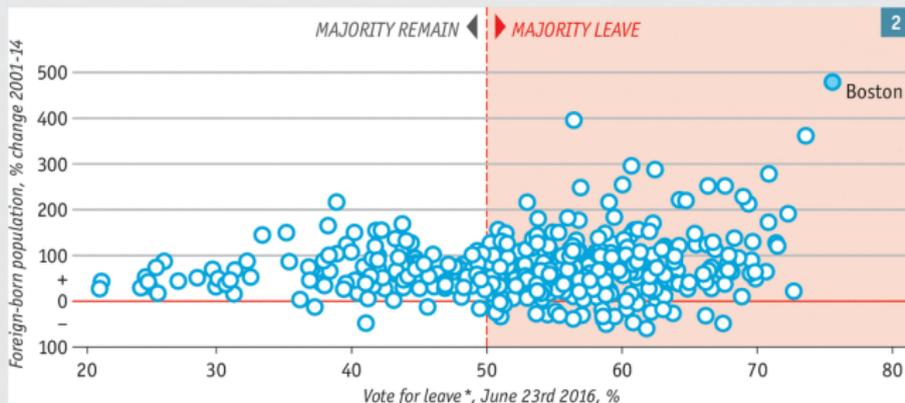
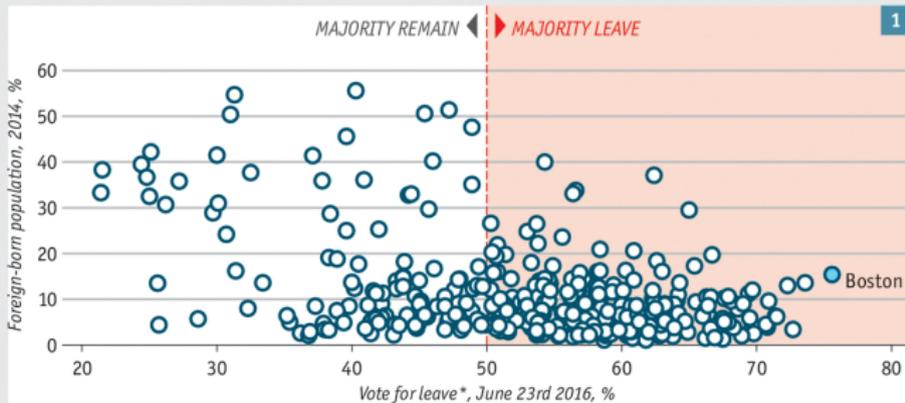


Source: Census 2011

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## Poles apart

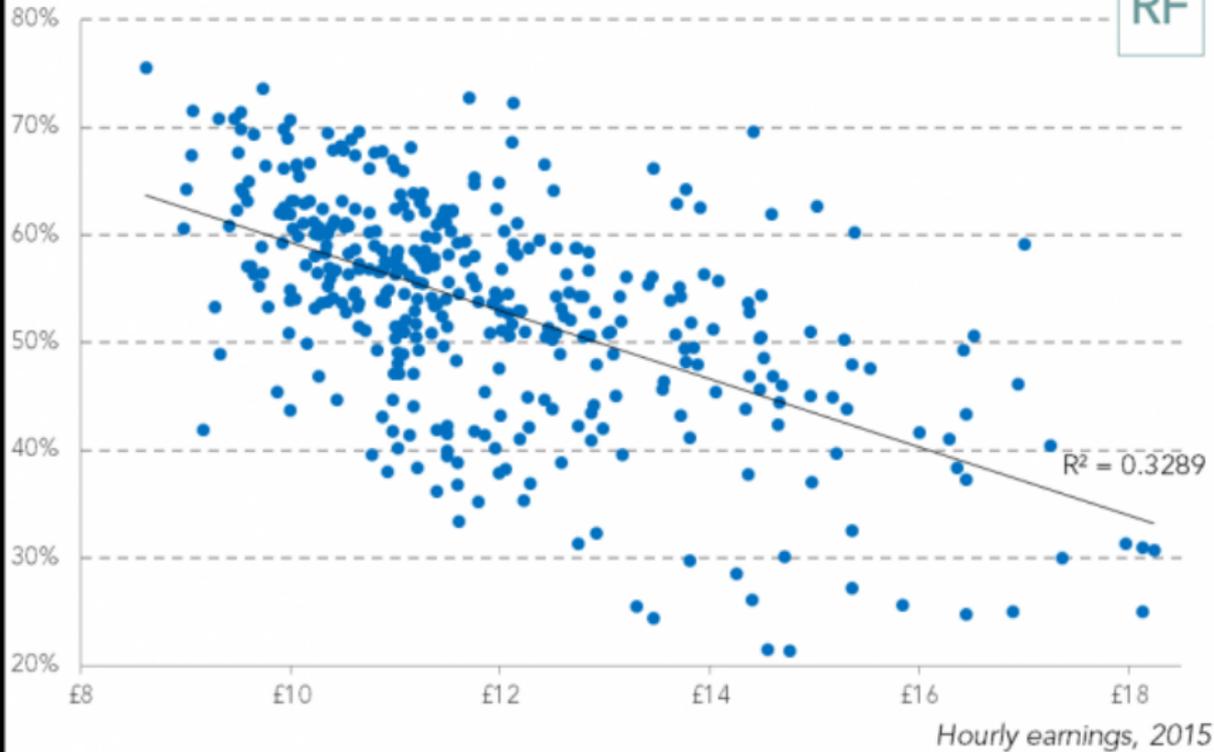


Sources: Electoral Commission; ONS

\*By local authority area

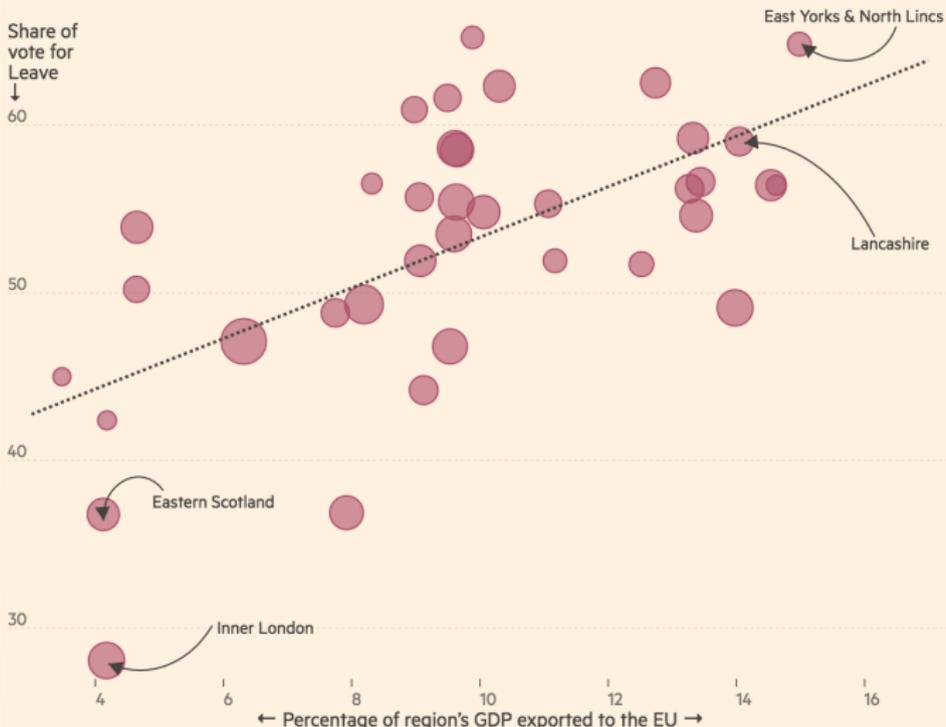
Share of EU referendum vote for leave (local authorities in Great Britain)

RF



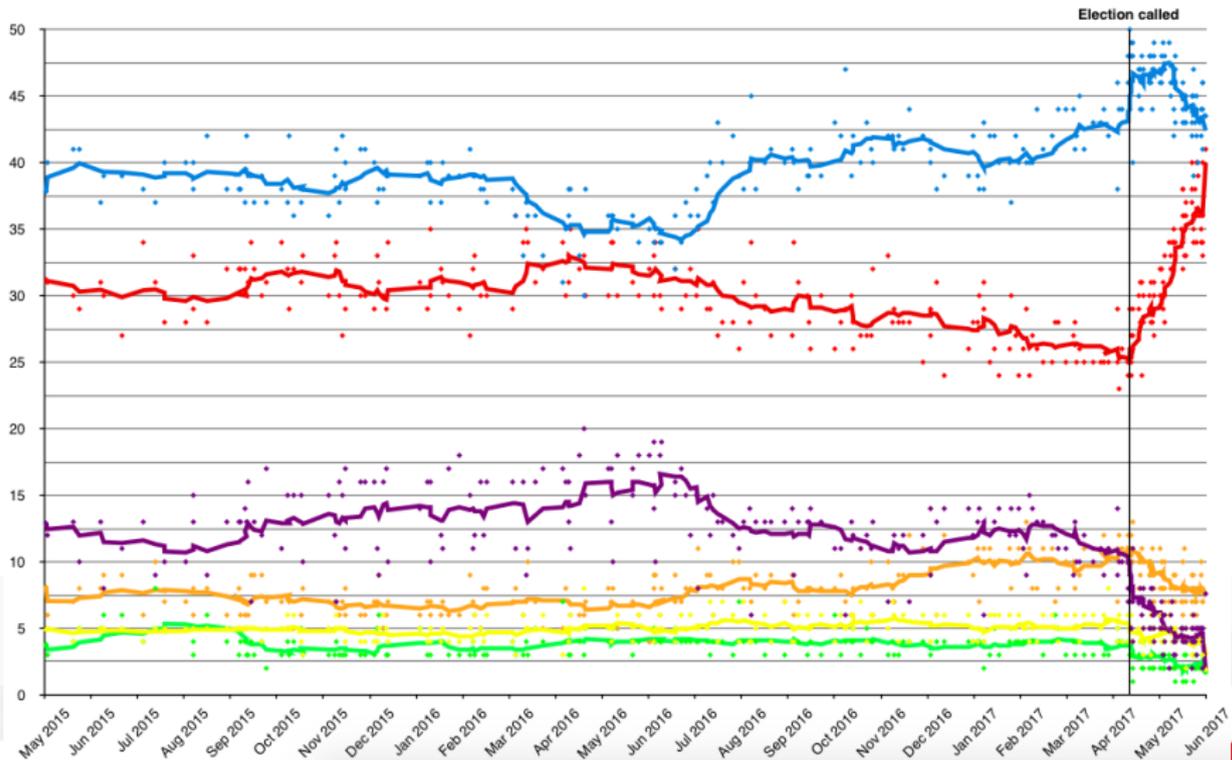
## Leave vote was strongest in regions most economically dependent on EU

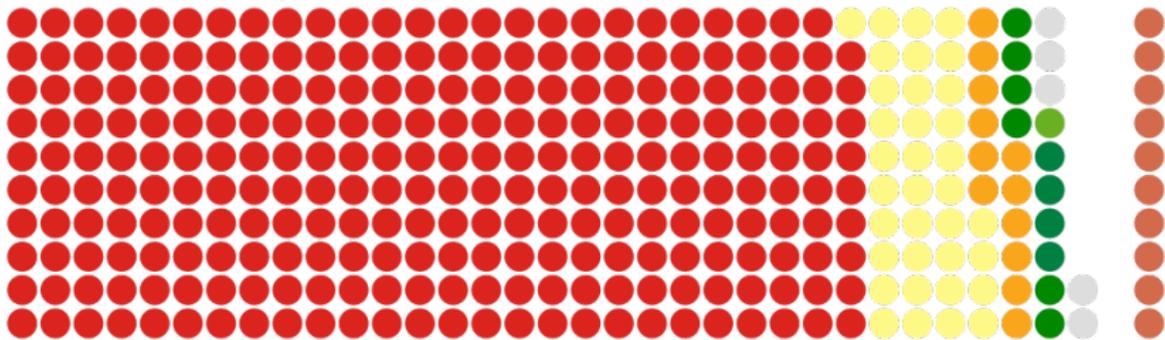
The regions with the highest share of votes for Leave also tend to be the most economically intertwined with the EU. A higher percentage of East Yorkshire & Northern Lincolnshire's economic output is sold to other EU countries than is the case for any other UK region, yet 65 per cent of its electorate voted to Leave











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# Brexit Timeline

**2016**

Announcement  
of EU referendum

**18 FEB****23 JUN**

EU referendum  
polling day

**2017**

Theresa May lays out  
Brexit strategy in  
Lancaster House speech

**17 JAN****24 FEB**

Supreme Court rules  
Parliament must vote on  
triggering Article 50



Parliament votes to  
trigger Article 50

**13 MAR****29 MAR**

Article 50 is triggered.  
Two-year negotiating  
period begins

**ARTICLE  
50**

UK exits the EU

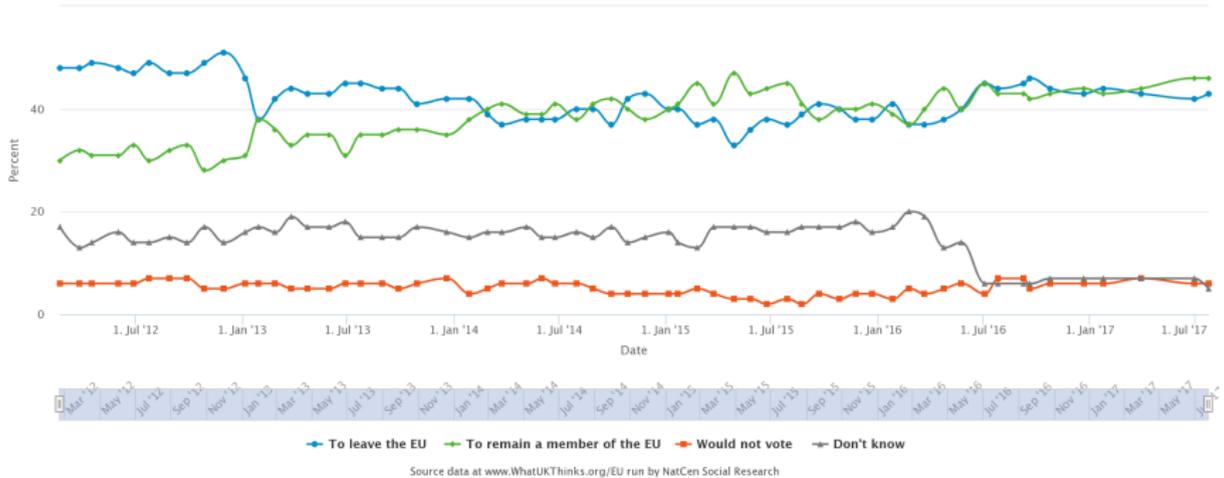
**MARCH  
2019**

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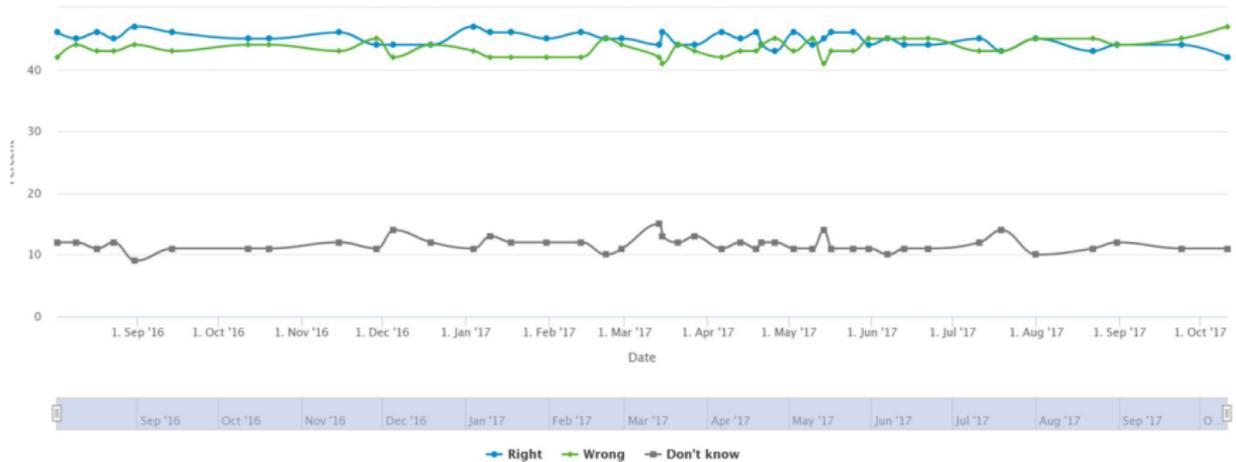
# Stability!

If there was a referendum on Britain's membership of the EU, how would you vote? (Eurotrack)



Source: NatCen Social Research (What UK Thinks)

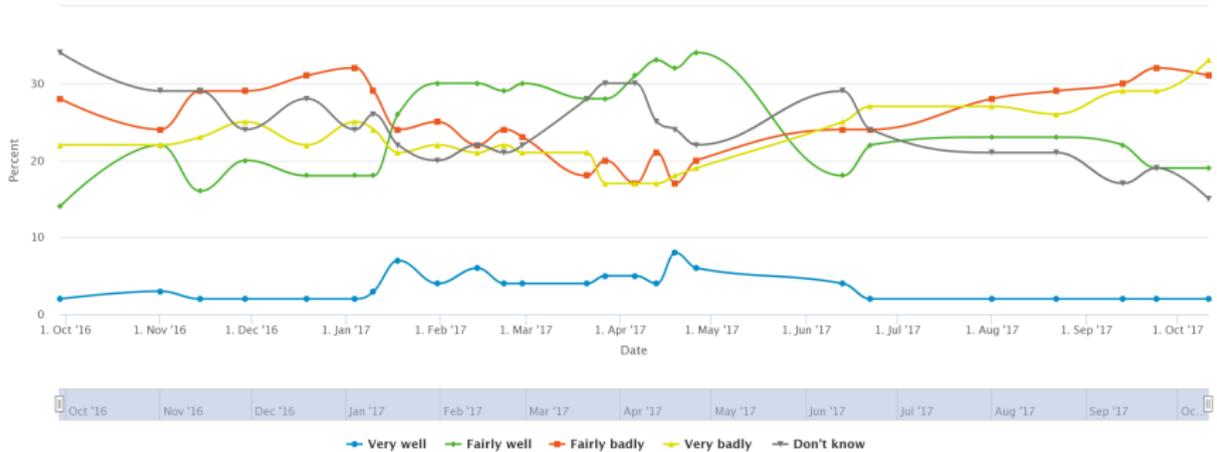
In hindsight, do you think Britain was right or wrong to vote to leave the EU?

Source data at [www.WhatUKThinks.org/EU](http://www.WhatUKThinks.org/EU) run by NatCen Social Research

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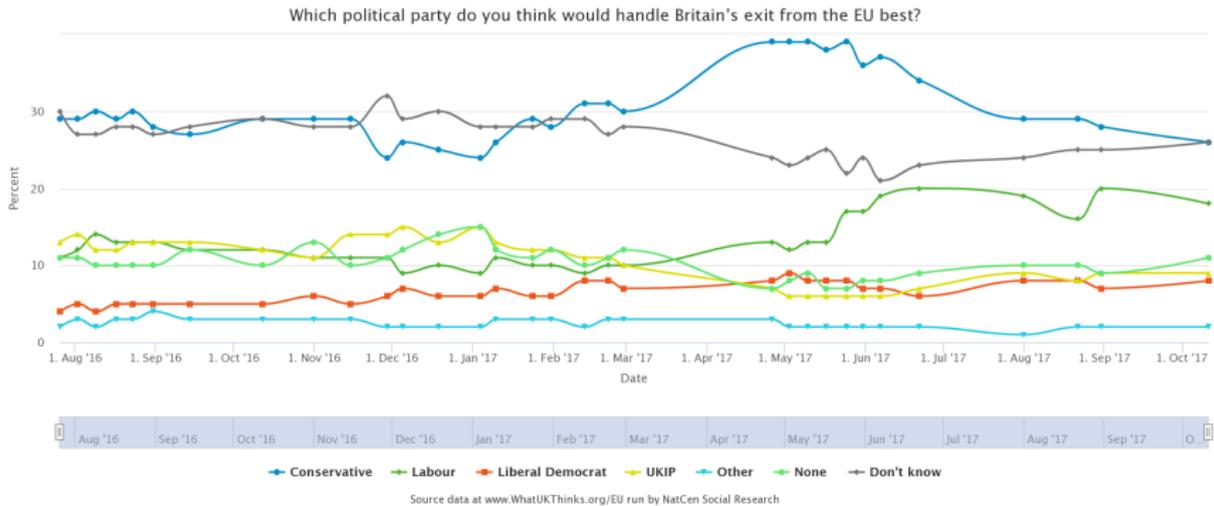
Stability! Except...

How well or badly do you think the government are doing at negotiating Britain's exit from the EU?



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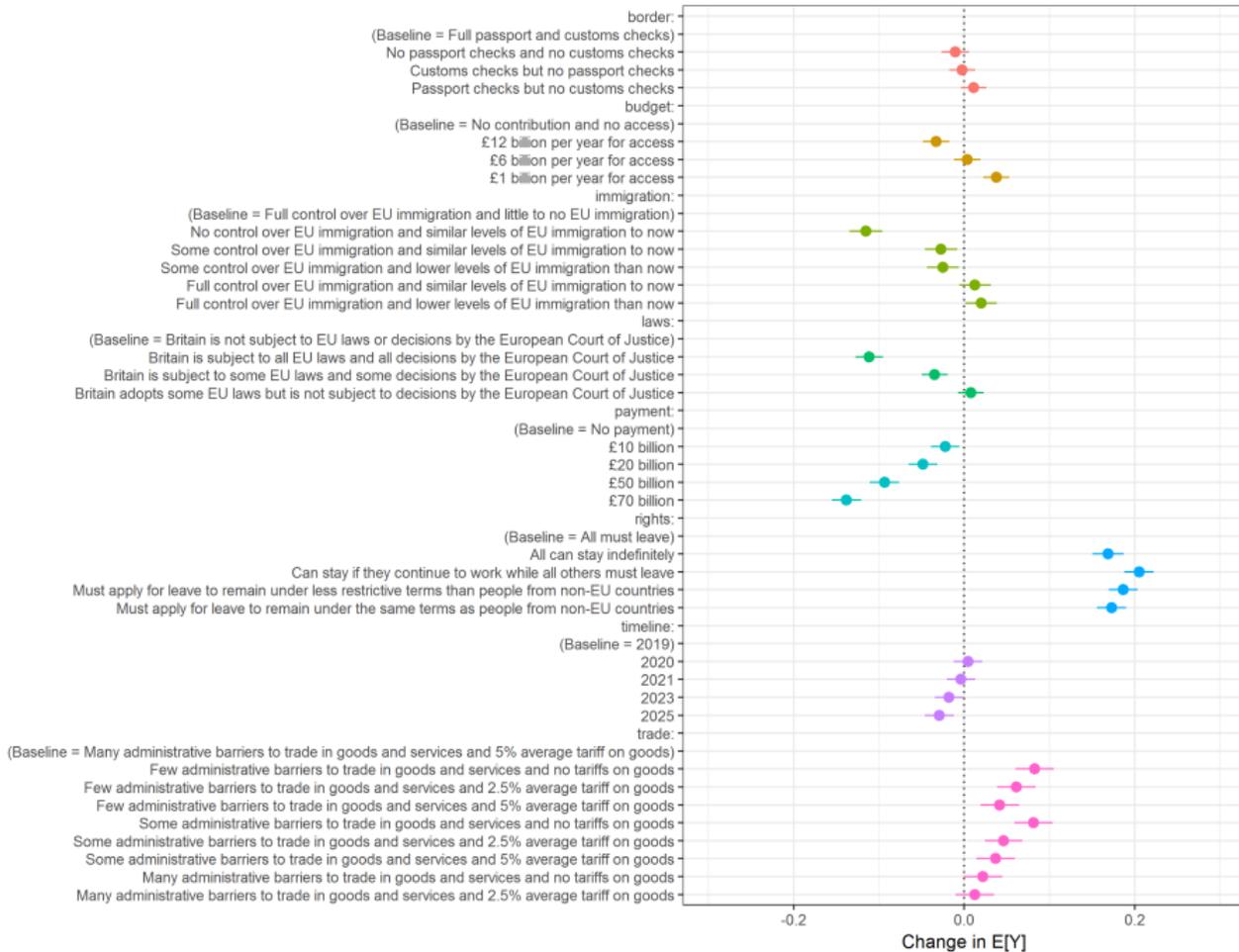


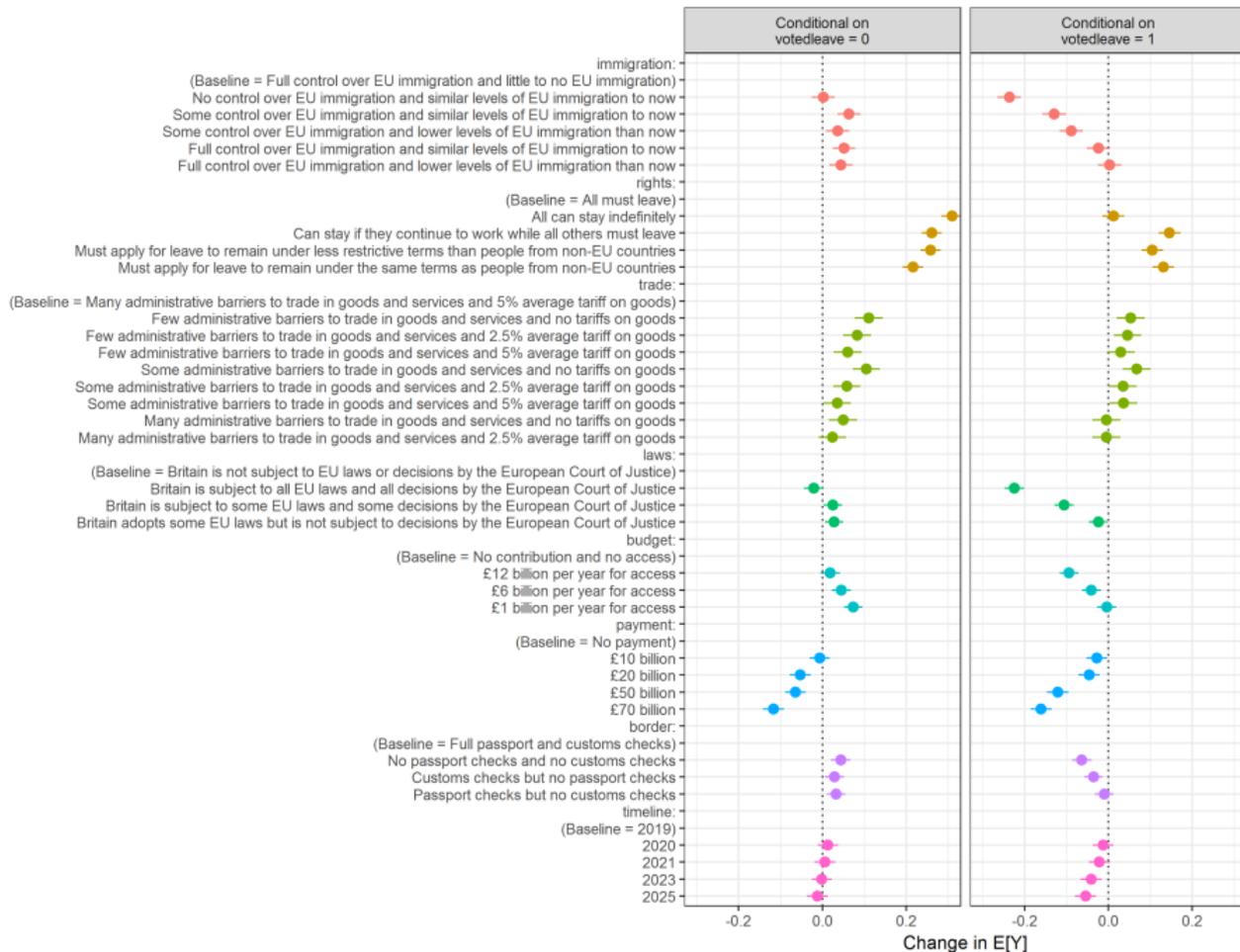
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# What do voters want?

- 1 Immigration/freedom of movement
- 2 Jurisdiction of the ECJ
- 3 Rights of EU (UK) citizens in UK (EU)
- 4 'Divorce bill'
- 5 Ongoing payments to EU budget
- 6 Trade agreement
- 7 Northern Ireland border
- 8 Timeline for implementation







**BORDER  
COMMUNITIES  
AGAINST  
BREXIT**

**NO BORDER  
NO BARRIERS  
PROTEST**

- » **HARD BORDER**
- » **CUSTOMS CHECK POINTS**
- » **TRAFFIC DELAYS**
- » **CLOSURE OF LOCAL  
BORDER ROADS**
- » **ECONOMIC DEVASTATION**

**RESPECT THE  
REMAIN VOTE**

**SATURDAY  
8TH OCTOBER  
3PM AT  
AGHALANE, CAVAN/  
ENNISKILLEN ROAD**



## Northern Ireland results

People in Northern Ireland voted in favour of the UK staying in the EU by 56% to 44%

Turnout: 62.7%



**Remain**

**440,707**

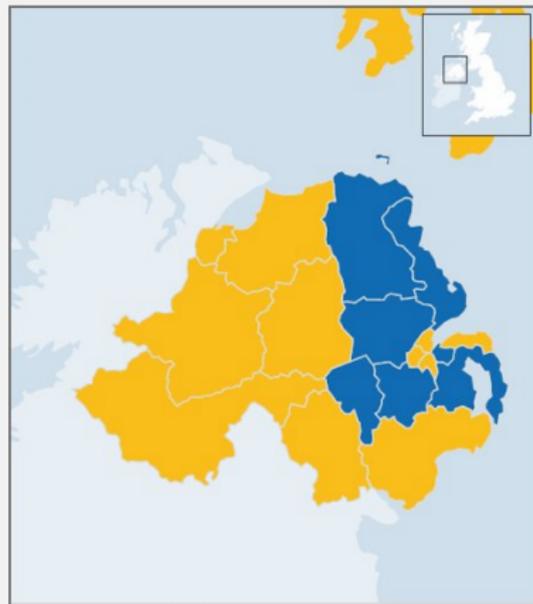
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**Leave**

**349,442**

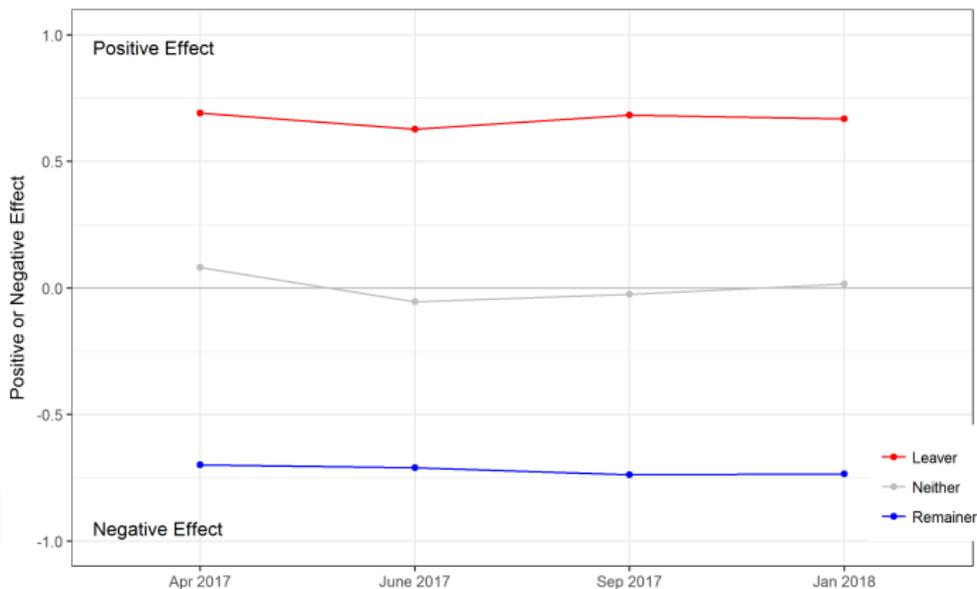
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**BBC** NEWS





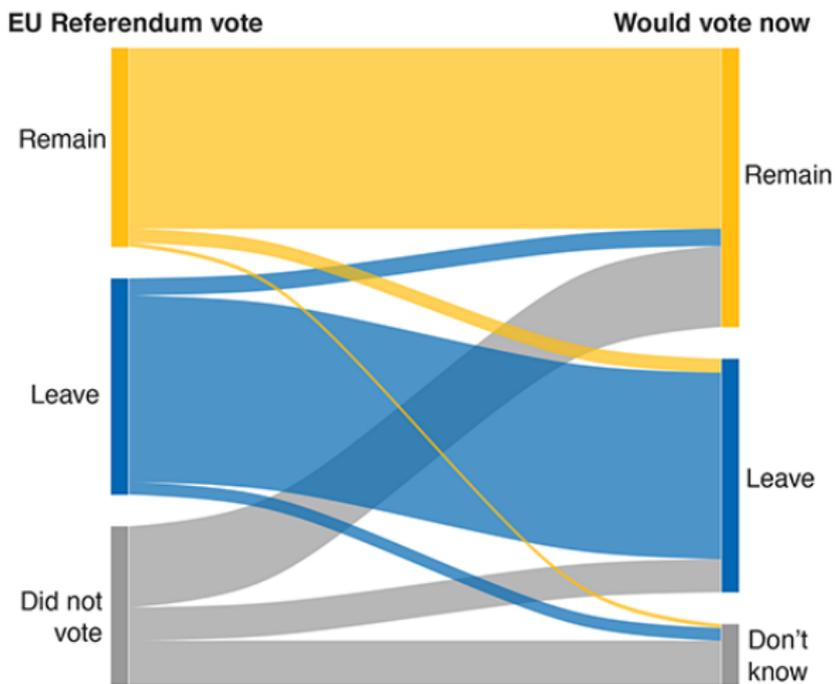
*Do you think leaving the European Union will have a positive or negative effect **on Britain**?*





# Have voters changed their mind on Brexit?

Share of the UK voting public



Sources: ICM, Opinium, Survation, NatCen Social Research

BBC

LSE



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- Britain is leaving the EU, but the type of Brexit remains unknown



*'Let's never ask the public  
for their views ever again'*

