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## THE CBI GETS IT WRONG AGAIN

Roger Helmer, the UKIP MEP, recently commented on a report commissioned by the CBI from accountants PwC which estimates that Brexit would cost £100bn, and a million jobs. he wrote: “If the reference to the CBI didn’t ring any alarm bells in your mind, then the suspiciously convenient round figures perhaps ought to.



Roger Helmer: critical of the CBI.

telling us that leaving the EU puts three million jobs at risk. Now it’s only one million. That’s progress.

**In any case**, the EU is a job-destruction machine. We are “Creating an industrial massacre on Europe”, as former Industry Commissioner Antonio Tajani remarked. Plants are closing, energy-intensive businesses are moving aboard, taking their jobs and their investment with them. The CBI should be worrying about the jobs we’re losing here and now, because of EU polices, not about biased predictions on the threat of Brexit. Ask the steelworkers.”

**The way firms** like PwC operate is rather like a computer model — indeed I’ve no doubt that PwC has a very sophisticated computer model of the British economy. You feed in assumptions and one end, and Bingo! Out come the predictions at the other end. There is perhaps a read-across here from the climate industry, where predictions of computer models have been undermined repeated by subsequent experience. But as any computer buff will tell you, there’s a basic rule: “Garbage in, Garbage Out”. Someone has to make the assumptions, and plug them into the system. The consistent approach of the Remain side has been to make the most adverse assumptions possible, and to present them in the most damaging light. Running them through PwC’s econometric model doesn’t validate false assumptions.

**But Brexiteers** should take encouragement: for fifteen years they’ve been

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## SABOTAGE

### BY COLIN BULLEN

Type to enter text Recently my wife and I went to see the new "Dad's Army" film and found it enjoyable, although it is no match for the original series. However it does invoke some of that feeling of unity and purpose which was so much a part of British spirit during the Second World War and which inspired the idealism of the early post war years. In particular the final scene where the platoon march at the head of the parade through the town, with union jacks flying and people cheering was very moving.

**A few days later**, on my wife's birthday we went for a drive around some of the country villages in the part of Kent in which we live, visiting a number of churches on the way. To read the gravestones of those who fell in the two world wars, and to study the plaques dedicated to the families whose young sons died on the Somme, at Dunkirk, or on any one of the many battlefields, on land, or at sea, brings home just how much has been sacrificed so that the people of this country might live in freedom.

**Therefore** it is sickening to think that, within a few months, it is quite possible that the British electorate may be fooled, or even worse, frightened, into voting to stay in the undemocratic, sclerotic and doomed European project. To do so because one has been led to believe, by the lies of politicians, the BBC and the so called progressive media that membership is good for the country is one thing, but to vote for nanny for the fear of anything worse is plainly cowardly and dishonours the memory of those who gave their lives to protect this country.

**Nevertheless**, despite rigged letters from those such as retired heads of the Armed Forces, concocted round robins from the fat cats of business and dire warnings from the government's cronies abroad, it now seems quite possible that the referendum will deliver a majority for leaving. Therefore it is necessary to examine the ways in which the Europhiles will attempt to frustrate the declared will of the British people.

**There were rumours** that the Euro fanatics in the government at the time of the 1975 referendum actually falsified the results when, against the advice of the House of Lords, they

decided that the ballot papers in 50,000 Ballot boxes from all over the country should be counted at one big national venue, Earls Court, the journeys involved giving obvious scope for tampering, while there was an accusation that everyone on an electoral register who had not voted was counted with the IN total and ballot papers stuffed into opened boxes which were then resealed. If the current government refuse to have the count organised by an independent organisation there is no guarantee that the result will be valid.



Colin Bullen:  
concerned the British  
electorate will be  
fooled.

**In addition** the referendum is advisory, not binding, so the establishment could just decide to ignore the result. They would no doubt attempt to justify this if, for example, we won with 52% of a 60% turnout, claiming that it was not a sufficient endorsement of such a major change. However one hopes that even these bare faced liars would not get away with that, given that there are a number of heavyweight politicians on our side who would not take such a disgusting betrayal of democracy lightly, although the elites might calculate that the British people, unlike the French, would not rise up and take them to the nearest lamppost. We must not forget that, in order for the UK to leave, the European Communities Act must be repealed by parliament. This means that the Commons and the Lords, both dominated by those who wish to remain in the EU, would have to vote against the wishes of the self interested majority of each house. If they refused to do so it is difficult to see how they can be compelled to do so, given their enduring contempt for the views of ordinary people. Of course they might call a general election, knowing that the issue would be swamped by other matters and that neither of the main parties would put British withdrawal as part of their manifestos.

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## THE LEFT, THE EU & DEMOCRACY

BY JOHN PETLEY

A long-standing independence supporter of a centre-right persuasion once wobbled in his commitment to see us regain our freedom from Brussels. Admittedly it was only a brief wobble, but yes for a short period some years back, membership of the EEC seemed attractive.

**He was listening** to Ken Clarke MP who, predictably, was extolling the virtues of being part of the great European project. "It makes all Labour's policies illegal" he said. With Militant Tendency still lurking in the shadows of the Labour Party at the time and trade union militancy blighting our industry, such a prospect seemed very appealing.

**But not for long.** My friend quickly realised that the cost of neutering Labour's radical socialism was nothing less than the hollowing out of our national democracy – far too high a price to pay.

**At this time,** the Labour Party was far more eurosceptic than the Conservatives. What changed its attitude was the "Social Europe" of Jacques Delors, with its promise of better protection for union members. A speech he made to the TUC in 1988 included a promise that the Commission would require governments to introduce pro-labour legislation. Such a speech, coming at the height of the Thatcher era, resulted in a swift change of heart on the left.

**Once again,** however, what about democracy? In its desire to see the recent union reforms reversed, the TUC and the Labour Party were happy to ignore the fact that, for all their hatred of the Thatcher Government and its policies, the UK electorate had voted it into office. Instead, they were willing to be courted by an organisation which, effectively, was promising to override the democratic will of their fellow countrymen.

**Moving on to 2015** and Delors' "Social Europe" has been banished in favour of "Corporate Europe". Lurking behind the EU institutions is the European Round Table, a powerful lobbying organisation representing big multinationals. Across the pond, US pharmaceutical giants are the most powerful voices pushing for the completion of TTIP, the EU-US trade agreement. There are few greater supporters of the deal than the President of the European Parliament, Martin Schulz, even though he is a member of the SPD, the German Socialist Party. Whatever happened to his socialism?

**Anger at the** humiliation of Greece's left-wing Syriza party resulted in a resurgence of left-of-centre euroscepticism in this country last year when it

became apparent that a hard-left party that had won a major election victory has been prevented from fulfilling its democratic mandate by Brussels. Add to that debacle the various instances when the European Court of Justice has sided with employers rather than Trade Unions in disputes and the withdrawalist position seem eminently sensible for the Left.

**However,** contrary to the hopes of many,

l e f t - o f - c e n t r e withdrawalism has not really taken off, notwithstanding the best efforts of Kate Hoey MP, Brendan Chilton of Labour Leave or John Boyd, the

left wing anti-EU veteran who chairs CAEF, the Campaign against Euro-Federalism. The reasons given by the left for wanting to stay in are usually along the lines of "We need the EU to fight for a minimum wage", or "We need the EU to fight climate change".

**Such arguments** take me back to my friend's wobble over Ken Clarke's speech all those years ago. Does the Left support democracy or not? The blind support for EU membership by many on the left ignores the demise of Delors' Social Europe and its replacement by a corporatist crony-capitalist Europe. According to the Labour Party's revised Clause 4 (which replaced the original Clause 4 with its commitment to nationalisation) "The **Labour Party is a democratic socialist party.**" Why, therefore, do most of its MPs support unconditionally an organisation which is neither democratic nor socialist?

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**Sabotage continued:**

In the event that they are obliged to implement British exit we have already seen straws in the wind illustrating how they will drag their feet. Cameron and his tame civil servants have warned that it would take ten years to conduct negotiations. This is total nonsense. It would be the work of a few days to repeal the European Communities Act, thus restoring supremacy to Westminster, to reassert our fishing limits, stop money being sent to Brussels and to withdraw the redundant MEPs. Other matters would take longer but nothing like the time claimed by Europhiles.

It would of course be possible for the negotiators on the British side, who will be appointed by a Europhile government, to concede so many things that we would still find ourselves effectively trapped within the EU and all the benefits which we know are attainable would be sacrificed in order to further the interests of the political and commercial elites. Only the involvement at every stage of those dedicated to British independence would prevent this kind of betrayal.

Given the desperate desire of the majority of the most senior politicians, bureaucrats, bankers and businessmen to protect their own self interest at the expense of the nation we may expect that the fight for freedom will continue for long after the 23rd June. If they were able to procrastinate and obstruct the implementation of the will of the people it would be an absolute betrayal. To sabotage our democracy in such a way would be the act of traitors.

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