



Vote Leave, take control



**What the European Union  
referendum vote means  
for you and your family**





## What is the referendum in June?

The government is going to hold a **referendum**. A **referendum** is when the government asks every adult to vote to decide something.



This **referendum** is on Thursday 23 June. It is about

- ✓ **Who makes some of the laws in the United Kingdom.**
- ✓ **What some of our money is spent on.**



## Facts about the European Union

In 1973, the United Kingdom joined a group of countries in Europe. This group of countries is called the **European Union** or the **EU**.



Over the years, the **EU** has taken over more control over the way the United Kingdom is able to run things.

For example, the **EU** has a say in



- **Trade with other countries** – this means how we buy and sell to other countries
- **Our borders** – **borders** show where one country starts and another country ends
- **Our public services** – our NHS (National Health Services) and schools
- **Whether prisoners have a right to vote**



When the United Kingdom joined the EU there were only **9 countries** involved.



Now there are **28 countries** and new countries like Turkey want to join too.

Being in the EU costs **£350 million** a week.

This money could be used to build a new NHS hospital each week.



Over 250,000 people come to the UK from other countries in the EU every year.

If this keeps happening, there will be **2 million** extra people in the United Kingdom over the next 10 years.

## Facts about trading



If we are in the EU, the UK cannot decide things to do with trading. It means the UK cannot trade on its own with countries like Australia, the USA, China or India. We have to agree the way we want to trade with the other 28 countries in the EU.



This affects the way we do business. For example, Switzerland is not in the EU but it can still trade with Europe.

## Facts about EU law



EU law is bigger than UK law. It means we cannot vote out the EU officials who make most of our laws.

It means the EU can stop changes to some of the big laws to do with **immigration** and prisoners being able to vote.

**Immigration** is when people move from one country and want to live in another country.



## How to decide your vote

### Staying in the EU

It is your choice how you want to vote. Some people want to stay in the **EU** and some people want to leave.

If we vote to stay in the **EU**, they will control what happens in



- **Immigration**
- **How we pay our taxes**
- **How we trade with other countries**
- **Security laws to do with terrorism**

The EU court will decide on our laws.

We will not be in control of who comes in and out of the United Kingdom.

We will carry on giving money to the EU.





## Leaving the EU

If we vote to leave the **EU** we will

- Take back control of how we run the United Kingdom
- Stop giving money to the EU – we can spend it on other things like the NHS
- Control our own borders
- Create new and better trade deals
- Be able to be part of the **World Trade Organisation** so we can trade freely with other countries like the USA.



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