

15 reasons why Mrs May's Withdrawal Agreement is an abomination even without the Backstop

1. This 'Agreement' would have put the UK under the de facto jurisdiction of a group of 27 foreign powers, with no ability to veto laws or procedures affecting the UK and its citizens
2. The EU27 could have made decisions in Council behind closed doors, with no published minutes, which would have profoundly affected British businesses, citizens, and the economy
3. The EU27 could even have imposed new taxes on the UK, and Parliament could do nothing about it
4. The EU27 could have crippled the vitally-important UK financial sector, with new taxes and regulations
5. One part of the Agreement (the Northern Ireland Protocol) locked the UK into a permanent customs union with the EU, with no unilateral right of the UK to terminate
6. The Northern Ireland Protocol required the Province to obey existing and new Single Market rules, with no say over them, and it effectively split off Northern Ireland into being a colony of the EU and the Republic, thereby breaking the United Kingdom in two
7. The UK would have had no right to do international free trade deals – a key economic benefit of Brexit – because it must stick to protectionist EU tariffs. The British public could not have benefited from an independent trade policy resulting in cheaper imported goods, nor could our exporters have thrived
8. Any new EU free trade agreements with other countries would have required the UK to match the new lower tariffs, but the countries involved would not have been required to reciprocate in respect of the UK
9. The UK would have remained under the jurisdiction of the ECJ until at least the end of 2020 and the agreement makes provision to extend this until 2022
10. In some parts of the law, British courts would have had to obey the ECJ for over 100 years - the lifetimes of as yet unborn children
11. The UK would not be a truly sovereign nation in the lifetimes of all reading this
12. The Agreement would have meant the UK paying at least £39 billion, despite there being no legal obligation to pay anything like that amount, and with no new UK-EU trade deal guaranteed in return
13. The final amount taken from British taxpayers would be decided by the EU, and the UK would have had no say because the ECJ would rule on this
14. Other aspects of the Agreement and Political Declaration would have adversely affected the UK's autonomy in fishing, defence, foreign policy, competition law, state aid and many other areas of life
15. The Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration together locked the UK into a continuing and subservient relationship with the EU, agreeing to match and "build upon" current arrangements, giving away money, sovereignty, laws, and even decisions on the very composition of the United Kingdom itself.

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