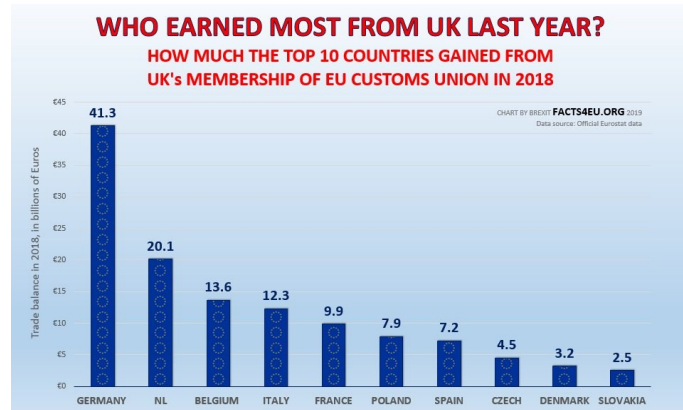
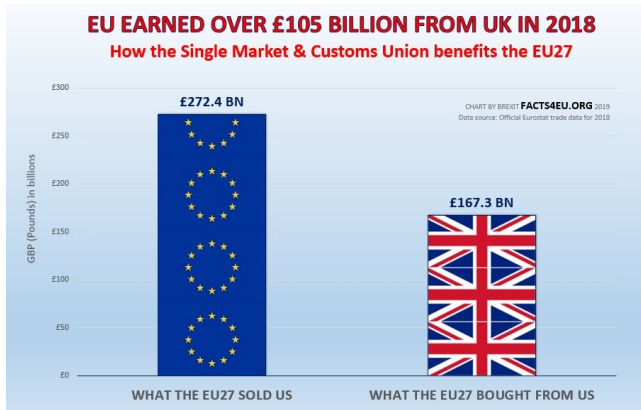


Dear MP, this 1-pager gives you the essential summary information on the EU's Customs Union. It is derived from the latest EU Commission figures for 2018, and as such is incontrovertible. You may not have seen this before.

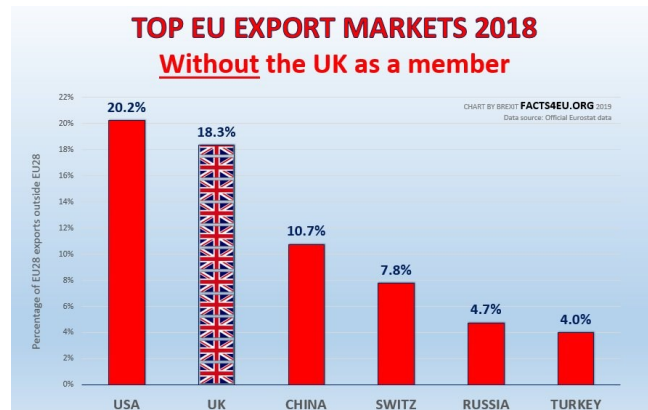
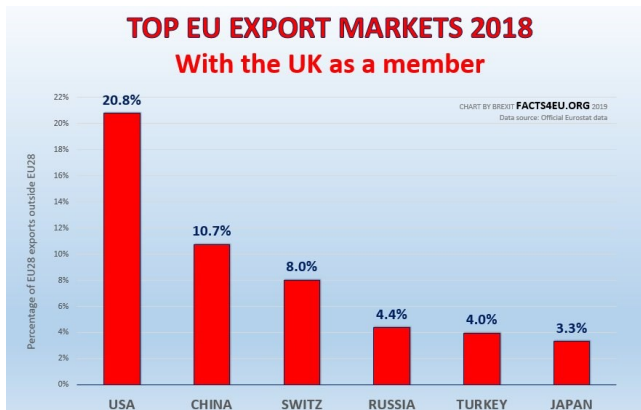
- The EU27 countries made a staggering £105 billion pounds from the UK – in the last year alone
- They sold us £272.4 billion of goods last year, but bought only £167.3 billion of goods from us in return



The figures above show the balance of trade - the value of what they sell us, minus what we sell them. They are earning out of the arrangement, we're not. Germany alone made a net €41 BILLION out of the UK in 2018.

What happens when the UK is not counted as part of the EU?

- When we become an EU27 'export market', we become the 2nd-biggest buyer of EU goods in the World
- The UK market is vital to the EU27
- We're almost as large as the USA and we're far more important to the EU27 than China.



Quite simply, the UK does dreadfully out of the Customs Union

Tariff-free access merely allows EU conglomerates to flood the UK market, to the detriment of UK manufacturing and jobs. It only benefits multinational companies, not the 92% of British business who do not trade with the EU.

It forces the Common External Tariff on the UK, which means UK consumers pay far more for imported goods than they need to. It works in the interests of EU27 countries, as you can see.

What possible reason is there to want to stay in the Customs Union, or any variation thereof?

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