

## It's time Blair, Major and Clegg spared us their patronising guff on Brexit



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Tony Blair, John Major and Nick Clegg CREDIT: PAUL GROVER/PA/REUTERS

I could see Sarah was upset. She dropped in for coffee on Monday and admitted that another friend had just accused her of “ruining my life”. What had Sarah done? Stolen Mrs Angry’s husband? Bought the last FIFA 17 game in the country, thus depriving Mrs Angry’s son of the top item on his letter to Santa?

Nope. Mrs Angry was furious that Sarah had [voted to leave the European Union](#). How could an intelligent person do such a thing? How dare she deprive young people of their future, rant, smack, biff, rant!

Five months after Britain chose Brexit, such animosity is still very much alive, and is being fuelled by powerful people who should know better.

Those of us who made a positive, informed choice to take our beloved country back from an arrogant, corrupt oligarchy presiding over economic stagnation and savage levels of youth unemployment...

Oops, sorry – let me put that another way. We thick, badly informed, xenophobic racists, all 17.4 million of us, who didn't have a clue what we were voting for... well, we have to put up with constant attempts to smear our motives, link us to Trump voters (please, no) and overturn that brave, historic decision of June 23. Quite frankly, we've had enough.



Sir John Major says Brexit “must not be decided by the tyranny of the majority” CREDIT: JEFF J MITCHELL/AFP

This week, it's the turn of Nick “Consistency” Clegg and his new, pro-EU think tank, British Influence, which is planning a legal challenge, claiming that [leaving the EU doesn't automatically take the UK out of the single market](#).

Funny, I seem to remember Nick Clegg and his gang pointing out before the referendum that staying in the single market meant we *would* have to keep all the bits of the EU – free movement, financial contribution, barmy directives – that 52 per cent of Britons loathed and wanted to get shot of.

And what of the Government's £9.3 million “scare” leaflet, sent to 27 million homes back in April, which said, quite specifically, that voting Leave meant we would quit the single market? To be fair, Brexit voters are so poorly educated, we couldn't read it...

The day after the result, David Cameron said: “The British people have voted to leave the European Union and their will must be respected.” If there's been any respect, I must have missed it.

Instead, we get Sir John Major flouncing in to say that [Brexit “must not be decided by the tyranny of the majority”](#). God forbid that the majority of voters should see their wishes prevail!



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How do you think Major would have reacted to suggestions that the 14 million people who voted for him in 1992 were credulous peasants, and that his should be a Soft Tory government so that the voters who didn't back his administration weren't upset?

That is precisely the kind of patronising guff that Remainers hurl at the 17 million-plus people who voted for Brexit, and who won, by the way. Awfully sorry. We won.

Joining Sir John in his battle to bring the stupid British people to their senses is Tony Blair. The man who, in 2004, gaily gave the green light for a million-plus Eastern Europeans to enter this country, when every other EU member state bar one prudently exercised their right to keep the newcomers out for seven years.

Today, Blair says leaving the EU is "a serious mistake" which "can be stopped". If anyone is guilty of making a serious mistake it is Blair, whose blithe obliviousness to the impact of rapid immigration riled the profoundly tolerant British people, paving the way for Brexit.

Blair and his high-altitude altruism, practiced from a private jet, is in stark contrast to people like Sarah, who have their feet firmly on the ground. Working as the practice nurse in an overwhelmed surgery, Sarah became suspicious when she noticed lots of foreign pregnant women suddenly turning up to access maternity services and costly IVF treatment. The women not only claimed to live on the same street, but in the same *house*. It was clearly a scam, which had gone on for many years, enabling hundreds to take advantage of the NHS's "free" care before returning home.



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The NHS in our region, where one in seven couples faces the anguish of infertility, is now phasing out IVF because there's no money left. Childless British couples are paying a very high price for the “free” care enjoyed by foreigners who didn't put a penny into the system. So Sarah voted Leave. She doesn't think the NHS can survive if upwards of 270,000 people a year continue to arrive on this small island and put pressure on a system that is already in intensive care. Still, that's a typical thoughtless Brexit voter for you. No grasp of the real issues facing this country.

One reason I voted Leave was because I was utterly appalled by the contempt with which Brussels treated its subject peoples. Any time a EU country dared to vote against the glorious progression to a European super state – as Denmark, the Netherlands, France and Ireland all did – they were told to vote again, until they came back with the correct answer. Or, alternatively, the plan they rejected was swiftly repackaged into a new deal and the voters' wishes ignored.

Isn't that exactly what's happening here and now? An arrogant elite plots to undermine and thwart the will of the British people. Look at Tim Farron. The milksop dared to suggest on ITV's The Agenda that we would need a second referendum to decide whether we liked the terms for leaving the EU.

I must have missed that, Tim. When 17.4 million of us voted, we did it under the impression that Leave means Leave, not maybe sort of halfway leave but not really.

I do understand how painful all this is. So painful that there are certain Remain friends I've agreed never to discuss it with. When one part of the family feels distraught after a bereavement and the rest feels only relief, then tact and sensitivity are required. On both sides.

The fact is Britain voted to get back control of our borders and to make and live by our own laws. Any attempt to sabotage the popular will would be dangerous as well as undemocratic. Brexit cannot be decided by the tyranny of the minority.