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Nigel Farage delivers first post-Brexit speech to the European Parliament – in full

The Ukip leader taunted his political opponents in the transnational assembly

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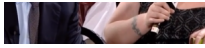
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Below is Nigel Farage's full speech to the European Parliament on 28 June 2016 after Britain voted to leave the European Union

Isn't it funny? When I came here 17 years ago and I said that I wanted to lead a campaign to get Britain to leave the European Union, you all laughed at me – well I have to say, you're not laughing now, are you? The reason you're so upset, you're so angry, has been perfectly clear, from all the angry exchanges this morning.

You as a political project are in denial. You're in denial that your currency is failing. Just look at the Mediterranean! As a policy to impose poverty on Greece and the Mediterranean you've done very well.

You're in denial over Mrs. Merkel's call for as many people as possible to cross the Mediterranean – which has led to massive divisions between within countries and between countries.

The biggest problem you've got and the main reason the UK voted the way it did is because you have by stealth and deception, and without telling the truth to the rest of the peoples of Europe, you have imposed upon them a political union. When the people in 2005 in the Netherlands and France voted against that political union and rejected the constitution you simply ignored them and brought the Lisbon treaty in through the back door.

What happened last Thursday was a remarkable result – it was a seismic result. Not just for British politics, for European politics,

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Because what the little people did, what the ordinary people did – what the people who'd been oppressed over the last few years who'd seen their living standards go down did – was they rejected the multinationals, they rejected the merchant banks, they rejected big politics and they said actually, we want our country back, we want our fishing waters back, we want our borders back.

We want to be an independent, self-governing, normal nation. That is what we have done and that is what must happen. In doing so we now offer a beacon of hope to democrats across the rest of the European continent. I'll make one prediction this morning: the United Kingdom will not be the last member state to leave the European Union.



spend too long in doing it. I totally agree that the British people have voted, we need to make sure that it happens.

What I'd like to see is a grownup and sensible attitude to how we negotiate a different relationship. I know that virtually none of you have never done a proper job in your lives, or worked in business, or worked in trade, or indeed ever created a job. But listen, just listen.

You're quite right Mr Schultz – Ukip used to protest against the establishment and now the establishment protests against Ukip. Something has happened here. Let us listen to some simple pragmatic economics – my country and your country, between us we do an enormous amount of business in goods and services. That trade is mutually beneficial to both of us, that trade matters. If you were to cut off your noses to spite your faces and reject any idea of a sensible trade deal the consequences would be far worse for you than it would be for us.

[Laughter from MEPs]

Even no deal is better for the United Kingdom is better than the current rotten deal that we've got. But if we were to move to a position where tariffs were reintroduced on products like motorcars then hundreds of thousands of German works would risk losing their jobs.

Why don't we be grown up, pragmatic, sensible, realistic and let's cut between us a sensible tariff-free deal and thereafter recognise that the United Kingdom will be your friend, that we will trade with you, cooperate with you, we will be your best friends in the world. Do that, do it sensibly, and allow us to go off and pursue our global ambitions and future.

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When UKIP warned they would fight the EU, the EU laughed, they are NOT laughing now!

When UKIP warned they would park their Tanks on Labours front lawn, Labour laughed, they too are NOT laughing now.

What ever happened to the 'LibDems' ?? Are they laughing?

Farage should be PM

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This preening, pompous, arrogant & immature public schoolboy has been the face of the UK in the EUP for 17 years. Except he hasn't. He hardly ever turns up even for motions he himself has tabled or to attend any of the committees he is on. He only turns up to claim his huge salary and the £ millions he has been given in "expenses" which he hides in off-shore bank accounts to avoid paying tax. He allied with fascists like Marine le Pen to get more money through his Europe of Freedom and Direct Democracy group scam. He was elected only because most of the UK couldn't be arsed to vote in the EU elections. 24% turnout when Farrago was first elected, 35% last election. Only the elderly moronic racists of UKIP turned out in force so we got Farrago and the other useless UKIP MEPs there. So if you didn't vote etc.....

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/datablog/2015/jun/11/ukip-europe-laziest-party-parliament>

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You haven't been listening to the people last week have you, were you sleeping?

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Bigot, racist

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Ha ha, yet another bad loser. Nigel is a god and has rescued the whole of the UK from unelected dictatorship.



become the laughing stock of the world and we have left our children and grand children a legacy for which we will be condemned for many years and certainly for the length of my life time.

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Your Grand children will say: "Why didn't you help them to fight for our country Granddad?" Where you on the side of the Germans?

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A legacy of being in charge of our own country just like most other countries are? Yes I am proud to make my country free again for my grand children. I am proud that we will control our own borders and as a free nation do what we damn well please. Shame on anyone that thinks that's wrong.

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newby

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he was showboating, gloatibg and rubbing their noses in it. not the actions of a statesmen, or a gentleman. it was a moment to heal wounds not act like a spoilt kid

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limey

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He was making sure the other trapped countries in the EU heard his message of facts to encourage them to leave too. Down with the EU.

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Independent comments are not the majority, thank goodness!

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All that remains is an isolated island populated by the inbred village idiots who voted to exit

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NiceChappie

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Congratulations to the Brexits:
They are rapidly succeeding in ensuring that these disgusting forriners across the Content of Europe despise the English as much as the Leave camp hate them.
Way to go, Nigel.
Hitler would have been proud of you.

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Neil Upfold

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They will soon learn the meaning of the terms "bait and switch" & "Pyrrhic victory"

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Another idiot who hasn't listened to a word we told you. You hear the word "immigration" and you put your fingers in your ears and repeatedly cry "racist, racist". If so many of you hadn't done that YOU would have won the vote.

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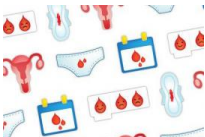
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