

In 1871, following the Franco-Prussian war, one of the earliest advocates for a United States Europe was John Seeley who taught history in Cambridge. The UK is about to leave the EU, or at least trying to. Time to present some facts about Britain in (and outside) the EU.

What's at stake for the UK?

A no-deal Brexit will slice almost 3% from the UK economic growth over the next three years compared with just 0.6% from the rest of the EU.

OECD

What if Prime Minister Boris Johnson's deal gets through Parliament?

Within ten years, Mr. Johnson's deal is projected to reduce Britain's total trade by about 13%, making people roughly 6%, or £2,000 (\$2,560) a year, poorer than they would otherwise have been. That is almost a third more than the hit that would have been delivered by Mrs. May's deal.

The Economist

Why is a deal so important?

As of 2017, the vast majority of Britain's cheese, butter, cream and milk powder exports are currently sold in Europe. In a no-deal scenario, EU buyers could be forced to pay an average of 54% more through tariffs.

Agriculture & Horticulture Development Board

How important is the UK as a training ground for leaders?

As of 2017, more heads of state and government (58) were educated in Britain than in any other country.

Higher Education Policy Institute

Is English widely used in the EU?

As of 2018, 97% of 13-year-olds in the EU are learning English. The number of English-language university courses has risen from 725 in 2002 to over 8,000.

The Economist

What does it cost to "buy" British residency?

As of 2019, about 100 countries offer residence schemes - or a golden visa - in return for a big investment from the applicants. Such a visa requires an investment of at least £2m in Britain (\$2.5m), A\$5m in Australia (\$3.5m); and NZ\$3m (\$2m) in New Zealand.

The Economist

What about British people and their view on acquiring another passport?

Between 2015, the year before the Brexit referendum, and 2018, the number of British descendants of refugees fleeing Germany's Nazis who applied to have their German citizenship restored increased from just 43 to 1,506.

BBC

How many EU citizens live in the UK?

Between 2007 and 2019, the number of Europeans living in an EU country other than their own has more than doubled, to around 17 million. Germany is the most popular destination, followed by the UK. But when Britain leaves the EU, that number will fall by a third.

European Union

How "rich" is the UK?

As of 2019, Germany has 114 dollar billionaires, more than double the number in Britain.

The Economist

How much do British consumers and companies depend on imports from the EU?

As of 2019, Britain imports between two-fifths and half of its food, mostly from the EU.

British Food & Drink Federation

How is the food industry doing in the UK?

Between June 2018 and June 2019, the number of fast casual restaurants in the UK falling into insolvency increased by 25% to over 1,400.

UHY Hacker Young

How will food franchises be affected by a no-deal Brexit?

As of 2017, just one in 50 job applications *Pret a Manger* receives are from British workers. The high street chain employs 110 different nationalities with 65% of its workforce coming from EU countries other than Britain.

Company Testimonial before the House of Lords

Despite Brexit and EU regulations, how do some companies view EU rules?

In 2019, KFC was the first UK fast food chain to sign up to new EU welfare standards for farmed chickens.

The Guardian

What should Prime Minister Boris Johnson be aware of in his dealings with Parliament in view of historic violence against MPs?

Measured by the number of attacks on parliamentarians, rather than by their severity, the suffragettes were more active even than Irish republicans.

Eugene Wolfe, "Dangerous Seats"

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