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# The referendum result

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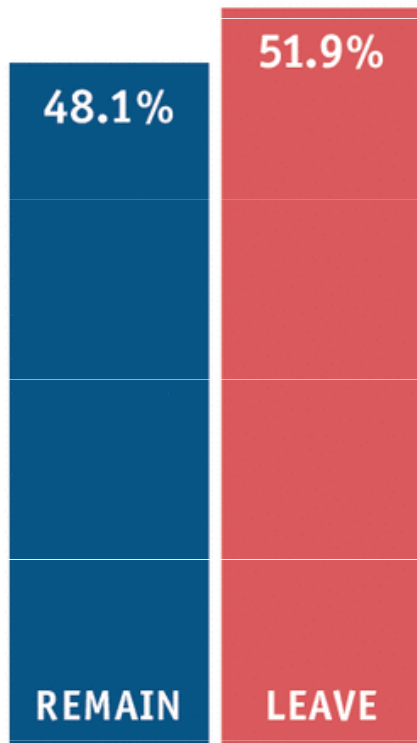
# The referendum result

– How the UK voted



# EU referendum results

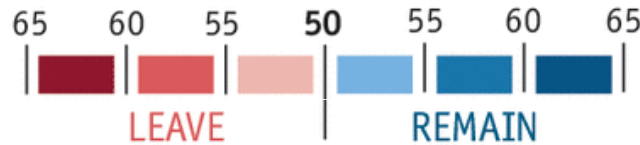
As of 08:00, June 24th 2016  
Based on **382** results reported



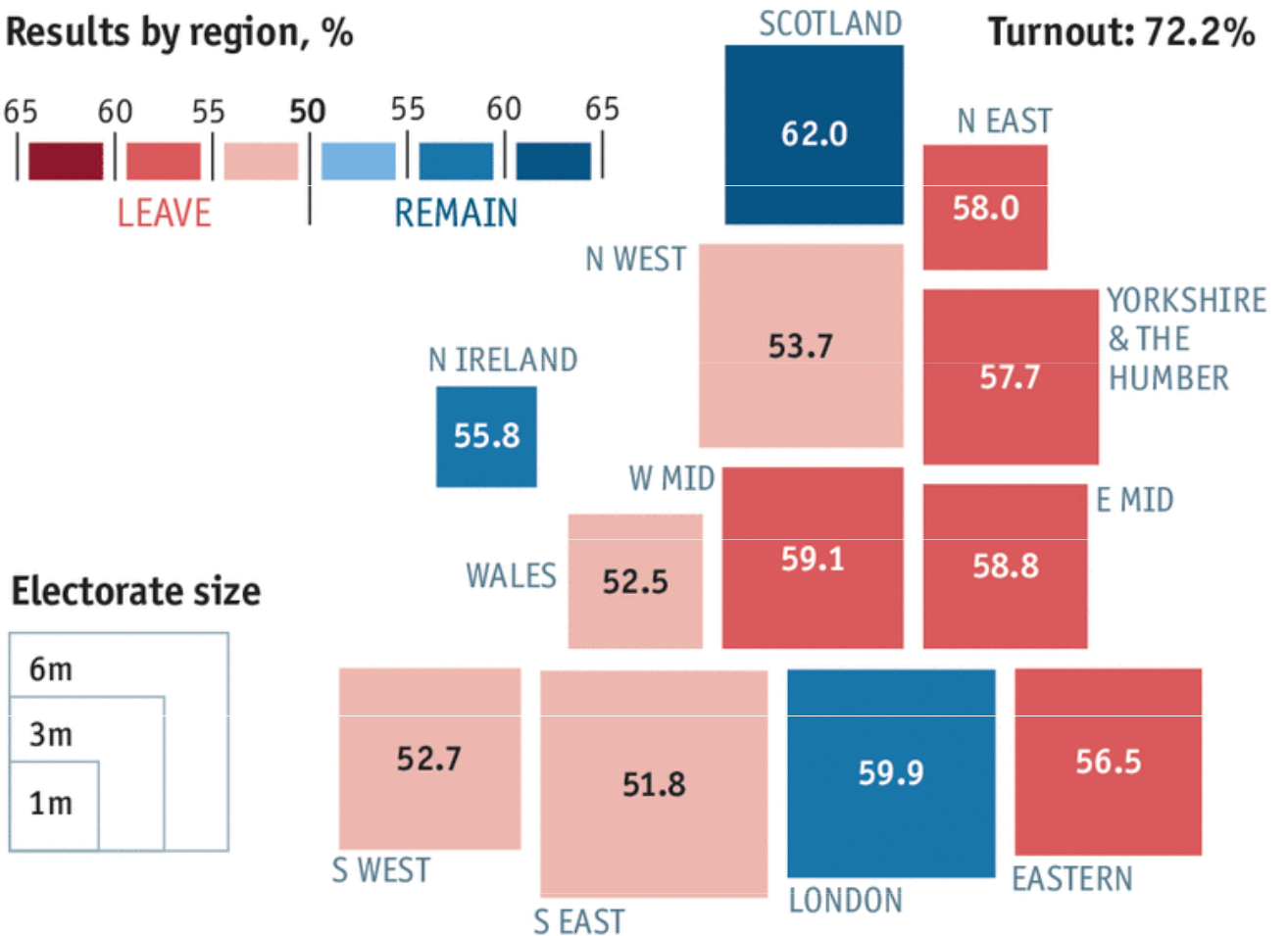
Source: BBC

Economist.com

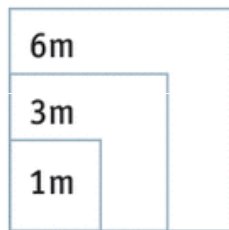
## Results by region, %



Turnout: 72.2%

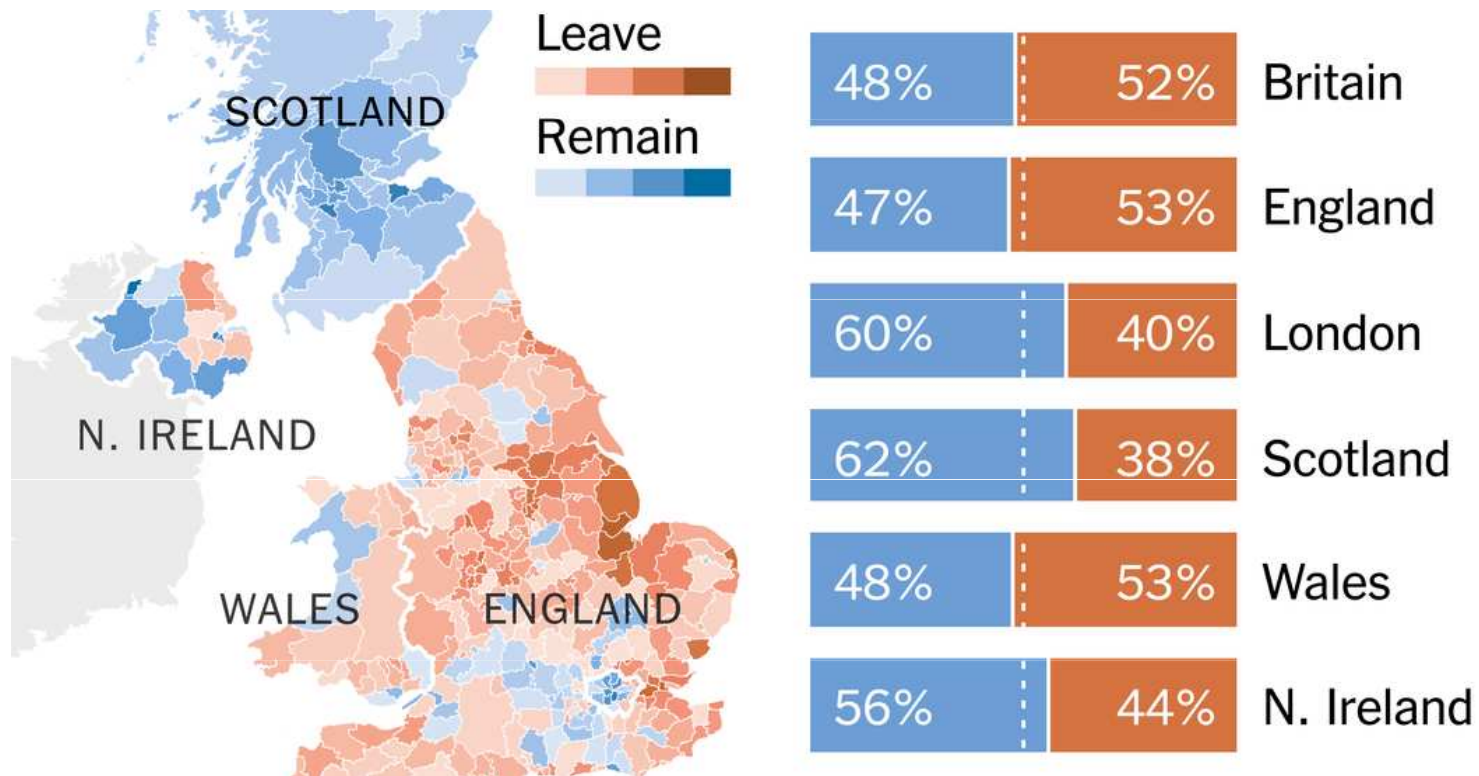


## Electorate size



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– Clear geographical differences



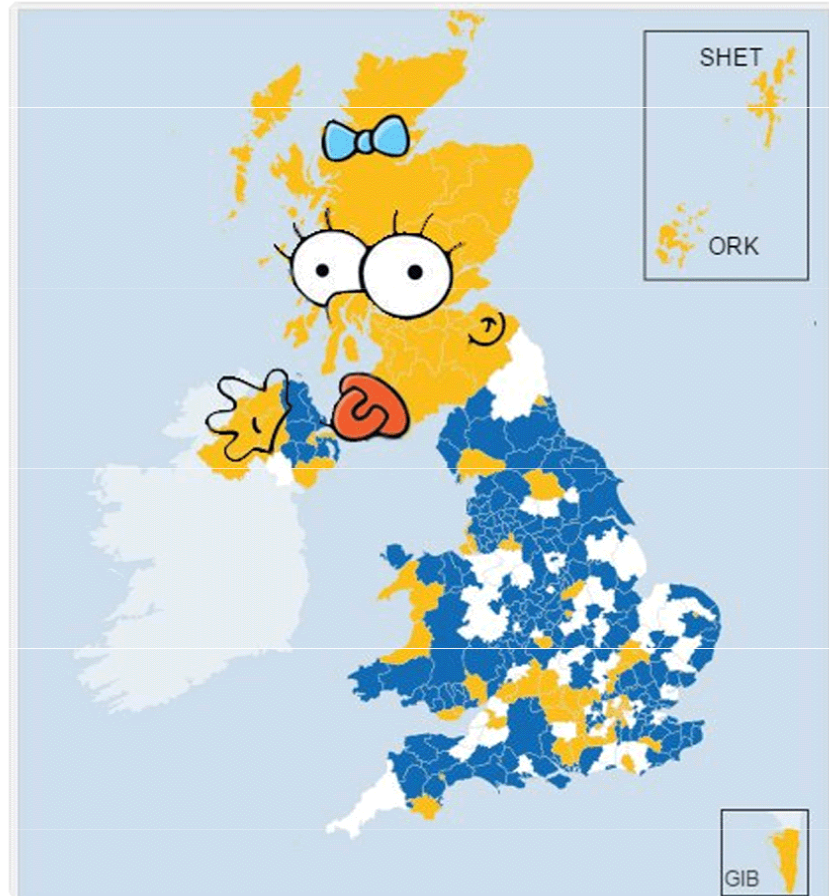




Lauren Dear @LaurenSatsuma · 6h

It's looking a little bit like **Maggie Simpson** right now...

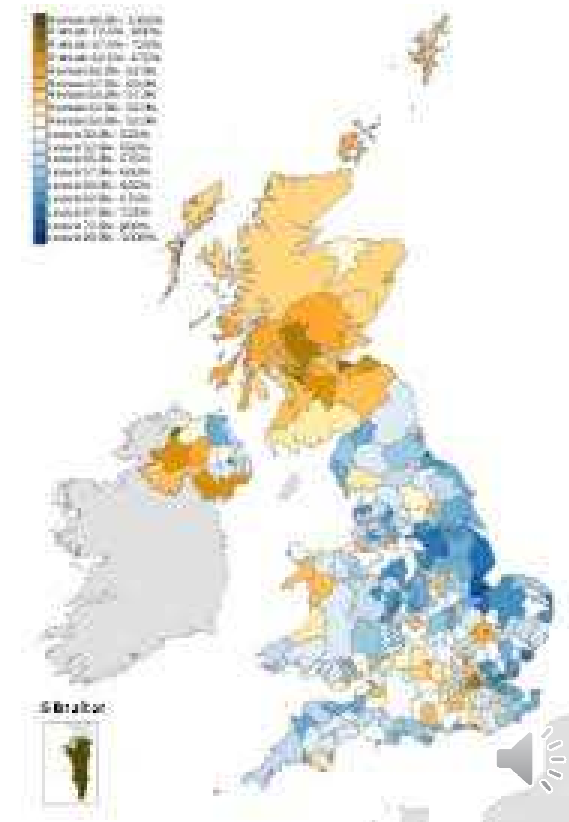
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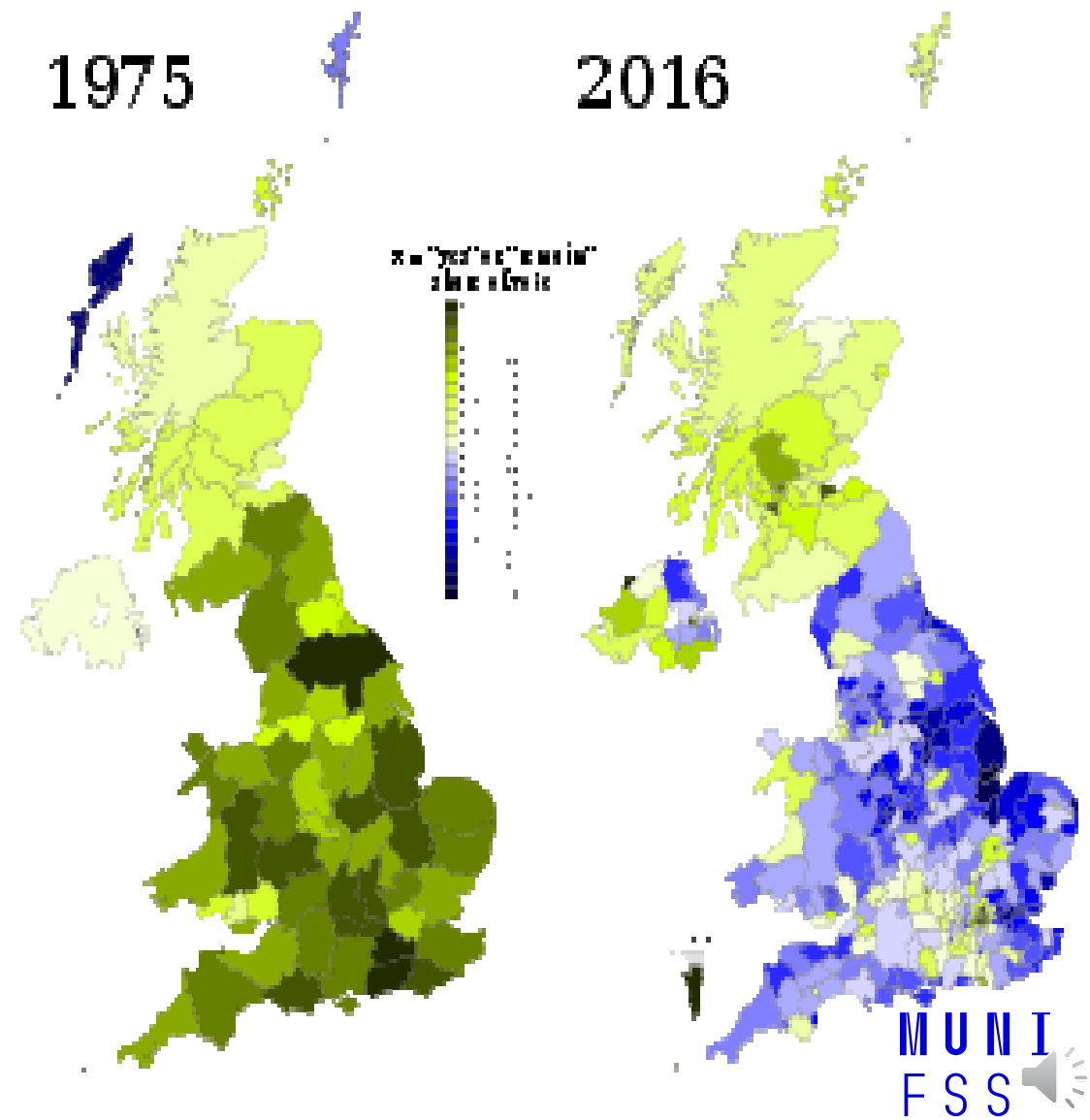
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- Many constituents voted differently from their MPs



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- Changes between referenda in 1975 and 2016





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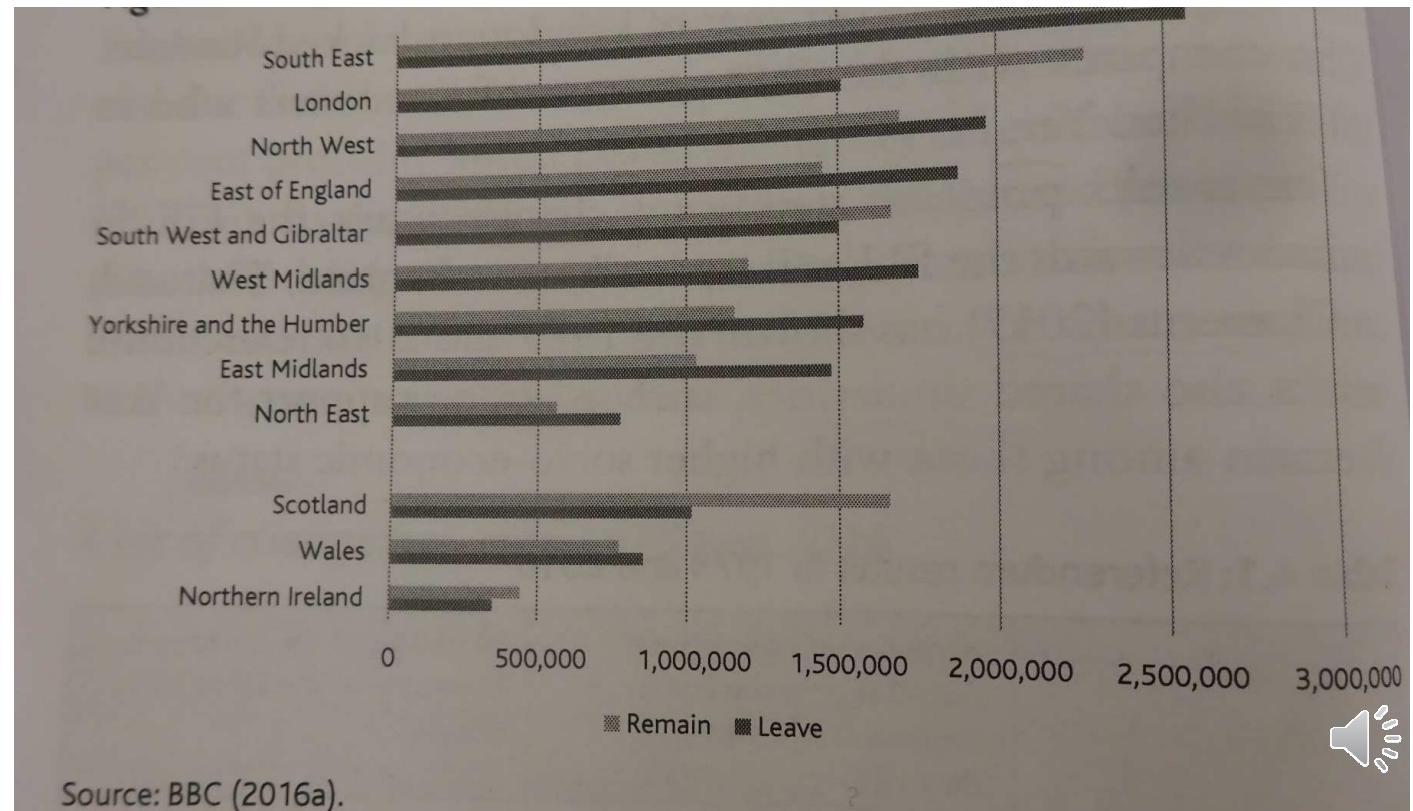
	1975: Do you think the UK should stay in the European Community (Common Market)?		2016: Should the UK remain a member of the EU or leave the EU?	
	YES	NO	REMAIN	LEAVE
UK	67.2	32.8	48.1	51.9
England	68.7	31.3	46.6	53.4
Northern Ireland	52.1	47.9	55.8	44.2
Scotland	58.4	41.6	62.0	38.0
Wales	64.8	35.2	47.5	52.5
Turnout (UK)	63.9%		72.2%	

Sources: Audickas, Hawkins and Cracknell (2017, 81–82); BBC (2016a); Butler and Kitinger (1976).

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- The referendum was decided in England

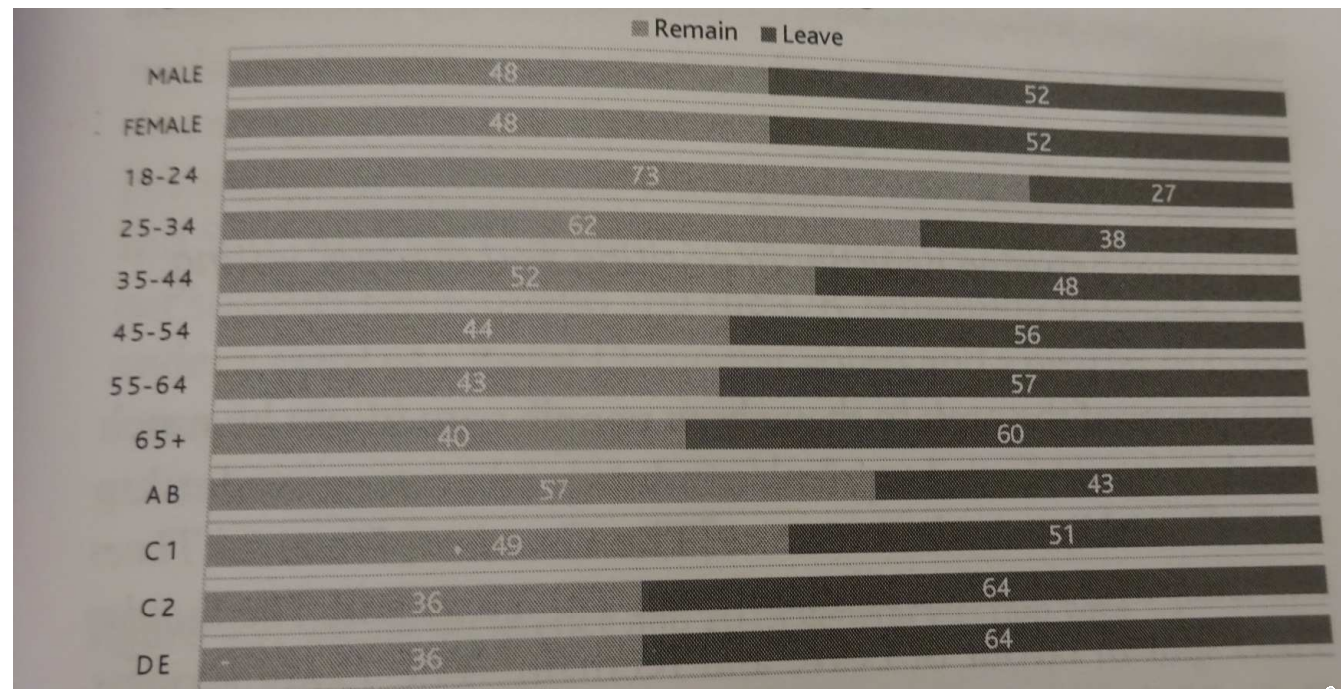
*Total votes cast in each UK region*



# The referendum result

- Clear social and age differences in how people voted

*Demographic breakdown of voters*



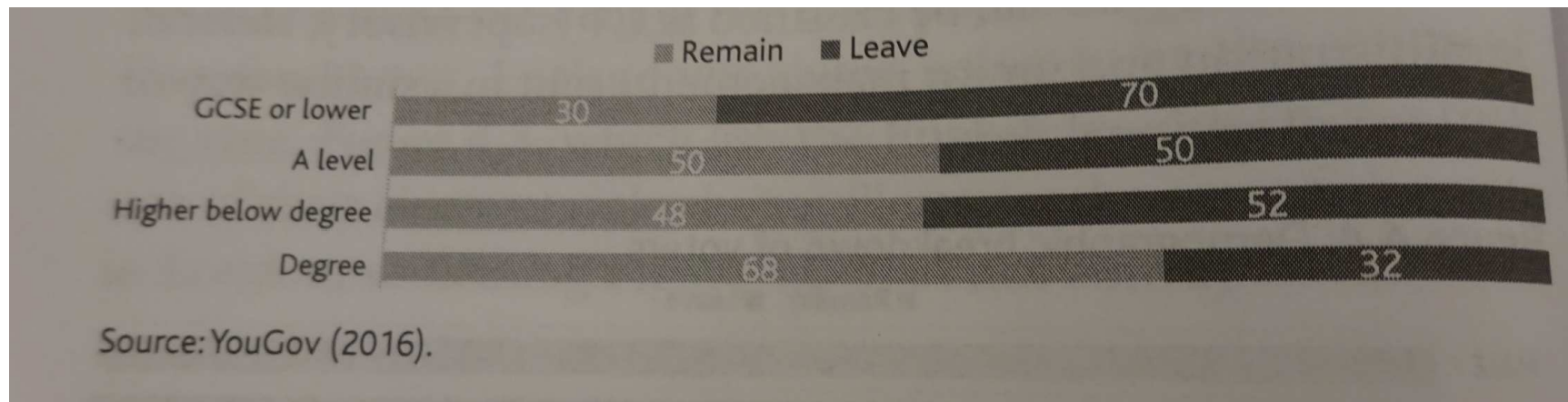
Source: Ashcroft and Culwick (2016).



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- Educational background as a strong indicator of voting intention

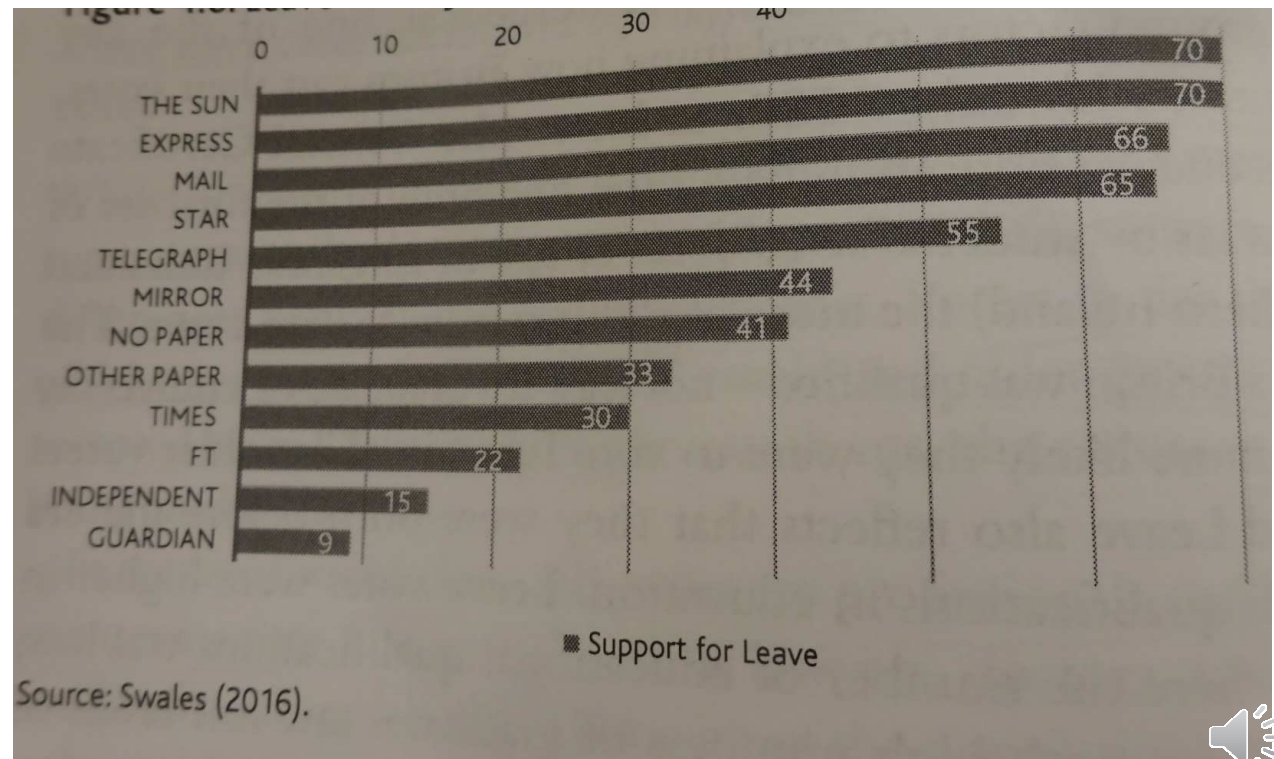
*Educational levels of Remain and Leave voters*



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- Alignment between newspaper position and readers' voting intention

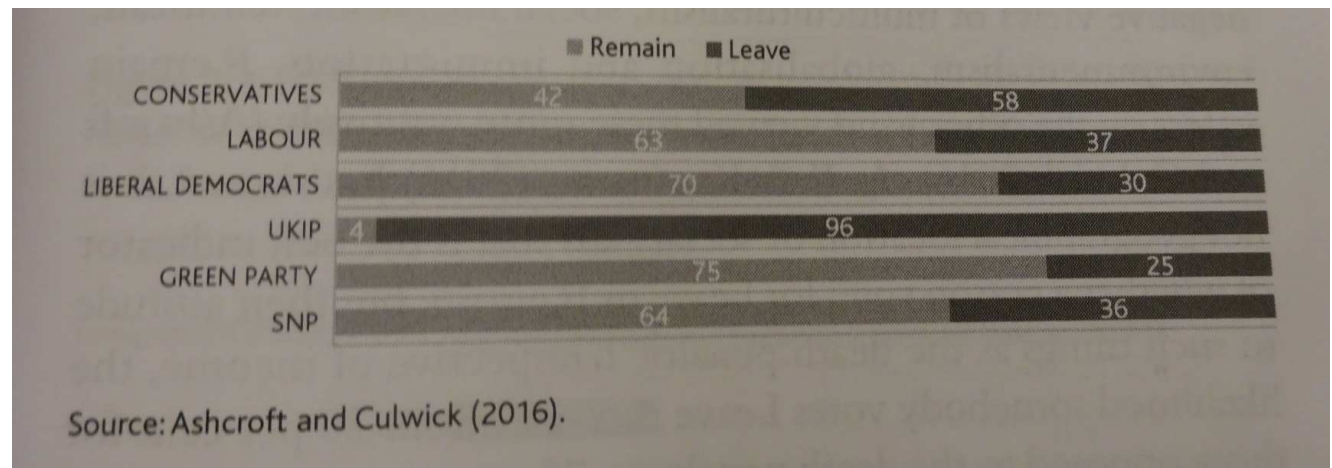
*Leave vote by newspaper read most often*



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- Large numbers of people voted differently from the position of the party they voted for in the 2015 election

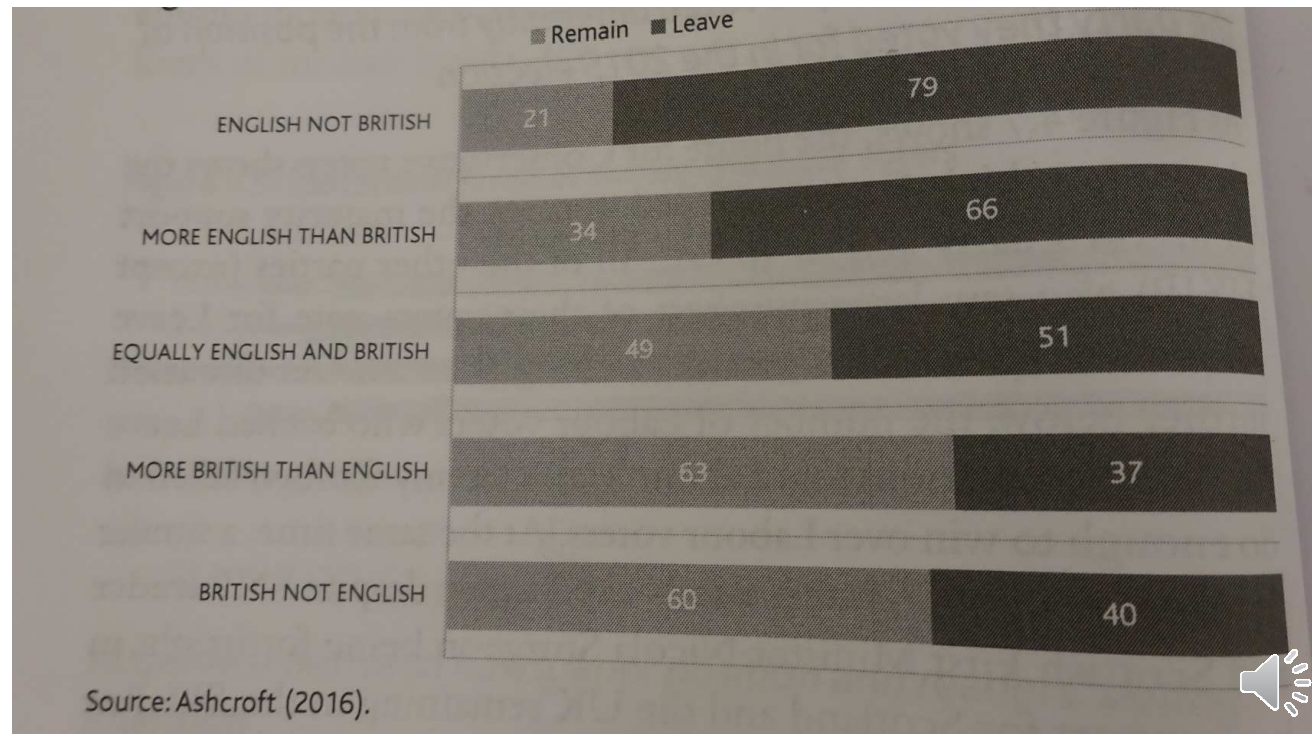
*Voting preference and 2015 general election vote*



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- Voters who identified themselves as English voted strongly for Leave

*Votes according to strength of English and British identity*



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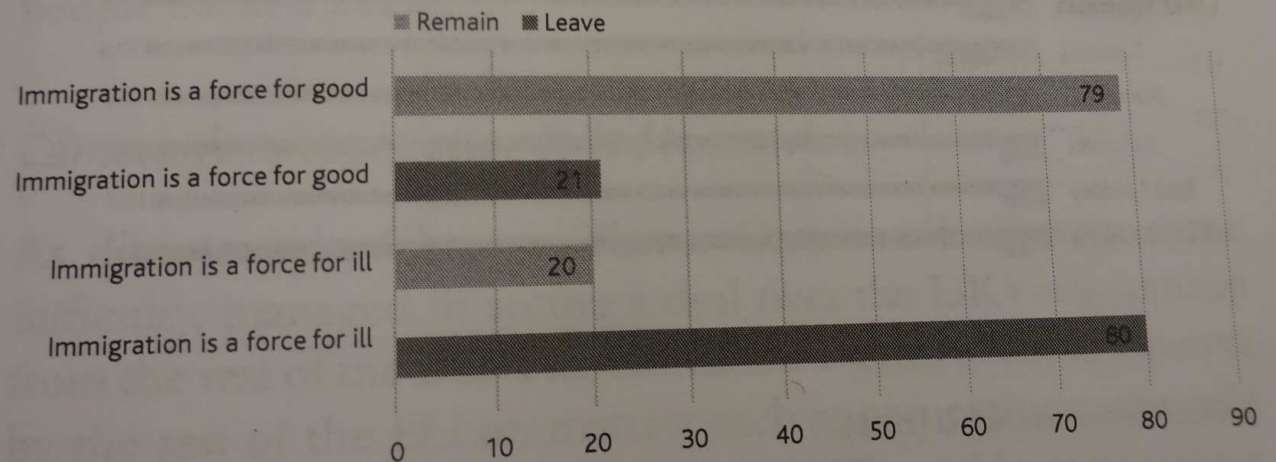
- Remain and Leave voters divided by values



# The referendum result

- Views and experiences of immigration were important dividing lines

Figure 4.9: Positive and negative views of immigration. Measured by response to the question: 'Do you think of each of the following as being a force for good, a force for ill, or a mixed-blessing?'

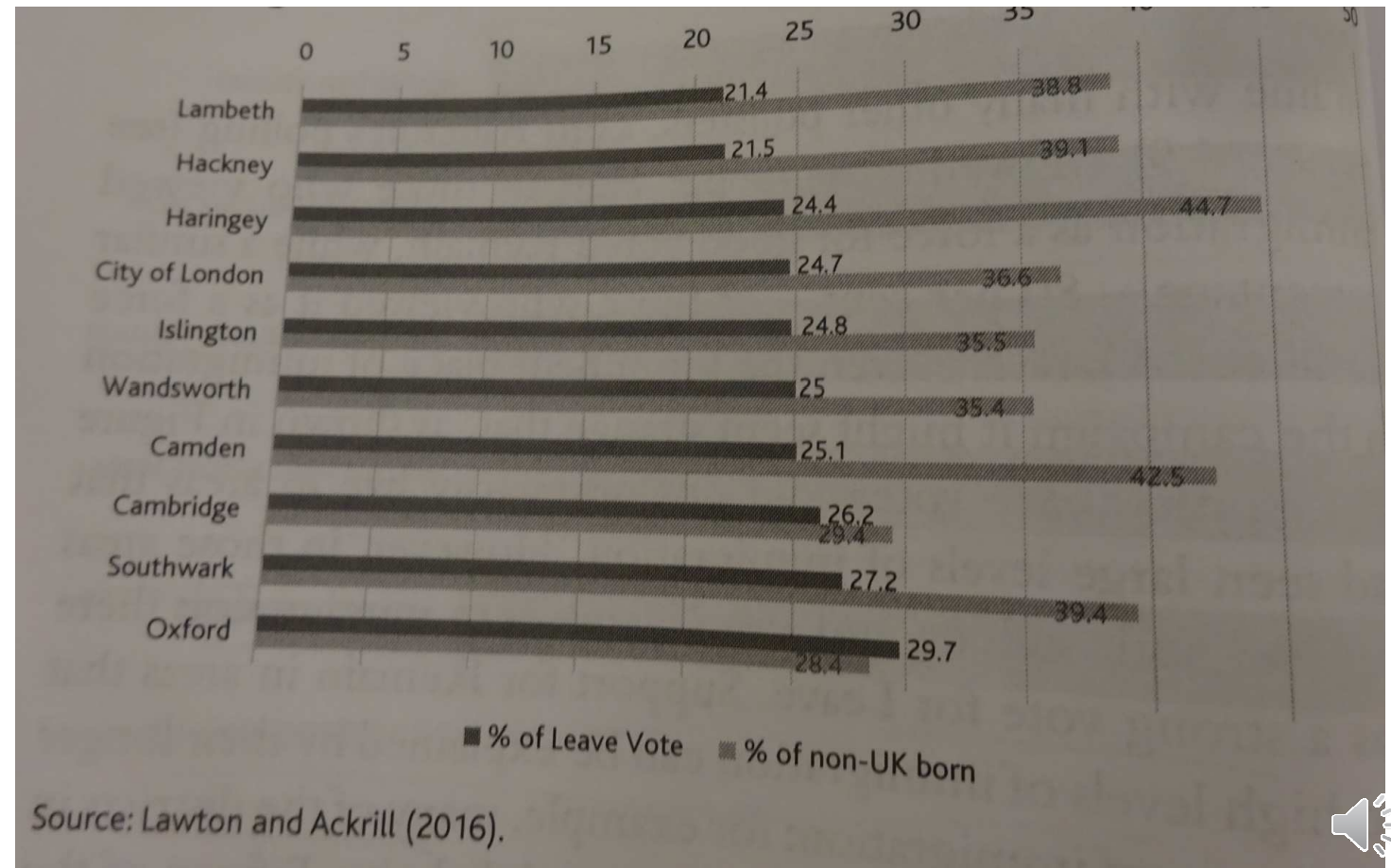


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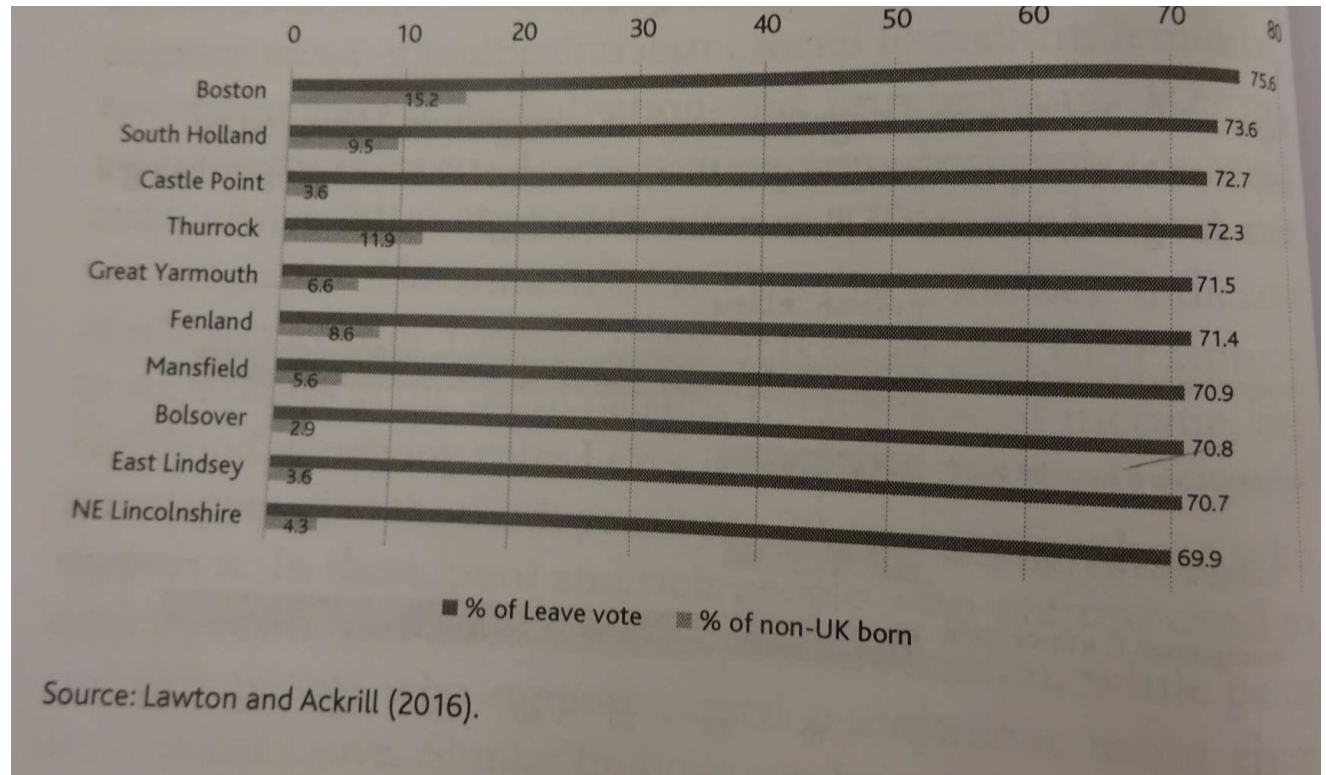
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*The 10 districts with the lowest Leave votes and the percentage of non-UK residents in each*



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*The 10 districts with the highest  
leave votes and the percentage of  
non-UK residents in each*



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- Summaries of an average Leave and Remain voter







## Food for thought:

**Anne Applebaum: Theresa May isn't the adult in the room.** She's part of the problem. Washington Post, 22 March 2019.

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/global-opinions/dont-pity-theresa-may-shes-the-worst-prime-minister-in-living-memory/2019/03/22/405920e6-4ca5-11e9-93d0-64dbcf38ba41\\_story.html?fbclid=IwAR2YIMydv7SOt9OVCTjZeBG6o-WPX22oQmk1sXBQ0QyblZnjN0BXSqxFogA&noredirect=on&utm\\_term=.2ff7a03efc9b](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/global-opinions/dont-pity-theresa-may-shes-the-worst-prime-minister-in-living-memory/2019/03/22/405920e6-4ca5-11e9-93d0-64dbcf38ba41_story.html?fbclid=IwAR2YIMydv7SOt9OVCTjZeBG6o-WPX22oQmk1sXBQ0QyblZnjN0BXSqxFogA&noredirect=on&utm_term=.2ff7a03efc9b)





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