

## Nigel Farage's speech at the UKIP conference

Nigel Farage is the leader of the UK Independence Party. This speech was delivered at the party conference on September 20<sup>th</sup> 2013.

All the parties now talk tough on immigration. David Cameron said he would bring it down to the tens of thousands. There are still half a million people a year coming in. [...]

Ten thousand a week. Half a million a year. Five million economic migrants in ten years coming to this country. Unprecedented. Never happened before. The effects are obvious. In every part of our national life. The strain these numbers are putting on public services. Schools. The shortage of school places in primaries and secondary schools. The NHS. Wages are driven down by the massive over-supply of unskilled labour.

And from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January next year, the risks increase massively. The seven year period is up and nearly 30 million of the good people of Bulgaria and Romania have open access to our country, our welfare system our jobs market. How many will take advantage of that no one knows. [...]

There is a dark side to the opening of the door in January. London is already experiencing a Romanian crime wave. There have been an astounding 27,500 arrests in the Metropolitan Police area in the last five years. 92 per cent of ATM crime is committed by Romanians. This gets to the heart of the immigration policy that UKIP wants, we should not welcome foreign criminal gangs and we must deport those who have committed offences. Mr. Cameron, Clegg and Milliband are you listening?

If they are listening there's not a thing they can do. They are tied up in the cat's cradle of EU laws, regulations, directives and treaties.

The only way this can be dealt with is by leaving the EU.

I believe that leaving the Union and reclaiming our destiny will create the most exciting opportunity for national renewal in our lifetime. [...]

We get our money back.

We get our borders back.

We get our Parliament back.

We get back the ability to strike free trade deals.

There are those who say we can't go it alone. That our global influence

will decline because we are small. Those are the true voices of Little England. We speak for Great Britain.

No longer bound into an ageing and increasingly arthritic trade bloc where growth of 2 and 3 per cent is an ambition.

Instead, the world. The Commonwealth. Trading with Brazil, Asia, the Commonwealth where growth rates in double figures will bring wealth back to this country.

No more relying on debt-fuelled booms to get things going. No more growth through credit card excesses. We earn our way to national prosperity by free trade with the world.

Leaving the Union will give us our country back and open a door to the world.

#### Annotations

NHS National Health Service

seven year period Restrictions on the free movement of workers may apply to workers from EU member countries for a transitional period of **up to 7 years** after they join the EU. Romania joined the EU in 2007.

ATM crime Cash machine fraud, e. g. skimmed PINs and cloned cards

Clegg and Milliband Neil Clegg: leader of the Liberal Democrats and minister in the Coalition Government led by Prime Minister Cameron from 2010 to 2015; Ed Milliband: leader of the opposition (Labour)

arthritis: painful disease of the joints

#### Assignments:

1. Outline Nigel Farage's vision of Britain's future within Europe and the world.
2. Analyse the language Farage uses in order to convince his audience. Focus on register, style and rhetoric devices.
3. Against the background of your knowledge of Great Britain, its history and the European Union comment on Nigel Farage's assumptions.