



Tories in Europe – no leadership and no ideas

We all know that Europe is an issue that divides the Tories. Even their own elder statesmen attack David Cameron's policies. We need to make sure the public understand how stupid Tory policies are and how much they could cost us all. Here is more information on the Tories and the EU.

We would all pay for Tory policies in Europe

David Cameron has said he will withdraw from European rules that protect our rights – rights like 5 weeks paid holiday, equal pay and conditions for all, equal rights for part time workers.

And some Tories would like us to withdraw from the EU altogether. That would affect every single person in Britain:

- Jobs would go – millions depend on trade with the EU for their jobs
- Prices would rise – anything made in the EU would cost more, as we'd have to pay import taxes
- Britain would have no say – if we left the EU, we would be one country on our own, at a time when the economic crisis and climate change have shown that we can only solve problems by working together

The Tories would leave Britain isolated

- David Cameron has said he wants to withdraw from the EPP, the group of right-wing parties in the European Parliament. He is so irrational in his Europhobia that he won't even work with his equivalents in France and Germany. Who does he want to work with? A few fringe ultra-right parties.
- David Cameron says he doesn't want to work with Europe on defence, but with the USA. But the Americans want to work with the EU as a whole, so Cameron's policies would leave us on the sidelines and not working with Barack Obama

- We also know that when Barack Obama met David Cameron, Cameron ranted about Europe so much that President Obama described him as a “lightweight”

What do other Tories say about Cameron’s policies? They don’t agree with David Cameron

- After William Hague said the Tories would never join the Euro (even it cost UK jobs), Tory MEP Christopher Beazley said that Britain should have joined the Euro at the start and that he was sure David Cameron would take us into the Euro
- Tory MEP Sir Robert Atkins is their European whip, there to instill discipline, and even he opposes Cameron’s plans to withdraw from the EPP group
- Ken Clarke is now back in the Tory Shadow Cabinet, but he seems to think David Cameron’s policies in Europe are bonkers: ***“What a pity to insist on finding some new, slightly head-banging European policy.... To take up as his first act in the leadership.”***
- And Clarke also said that Cameron’s policies would arm our relationship with the USA too – he said Barack Obama would turn to France or Germany if we had an isolationist anti-EU Tory government

Tory MEPs – sleazy and damaging our interests

- The Tories complain about the costs of the EU, but it hasn’t stopped them helping themselves to public money. The Tory leader and chief whip had to resign after accusations that they had broken expense claim rules.
- And then Tory MEP Den Dover was kicked out of the party after he was found to have paid over HALF A MILLION POUNDS of public money to his own family
- Tory MEPs have consistently opposed new EU rules that protect consumers and workers.
- They opposed rules to give us all 5 weeks paid holiday and rules that give part-time workers the same rights as full time workers. They thought they were “just red tape” and wanted businesses to be allowed to exploit workers
- They opposed rules to make sure that herbal supplements have been properly tested