

ECG2 – ESSAY

Based on these documents and on your own knowledge, answer the following question in 500 words, +/- 10%: **Was Brexit a success or a failure?**

Document 1 :

If Brexit was meant to tame immigration, in practice it has done the very reverse. Nobody voted for the Boriswave – yet this is what freedom to set our own border controls delivered.

Still, at least we've been able to negotiate our own trade deals. That must be worth something, mustn't it? Sadly, the impact is judged by the OBR (Office for Budget Responsibility) to be too insignificant to qualify as a meaningful positive for medium term economic growth.

Lest it be thought the OBR is being deliberately unhelpful, its judgement is based on the Government's own internal assessment of the benefits, which economists consider to be at best marginal.

If Brexit was supposed to be a moment of national economic renewal, it has comprehensively failed to deliver as it was supposed to.

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Ironically, the one thing Brexit has delivered is an old-school Labour Government intent in its high-tax, high-spend ambitions on making us more like Europe, not less so. Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose.

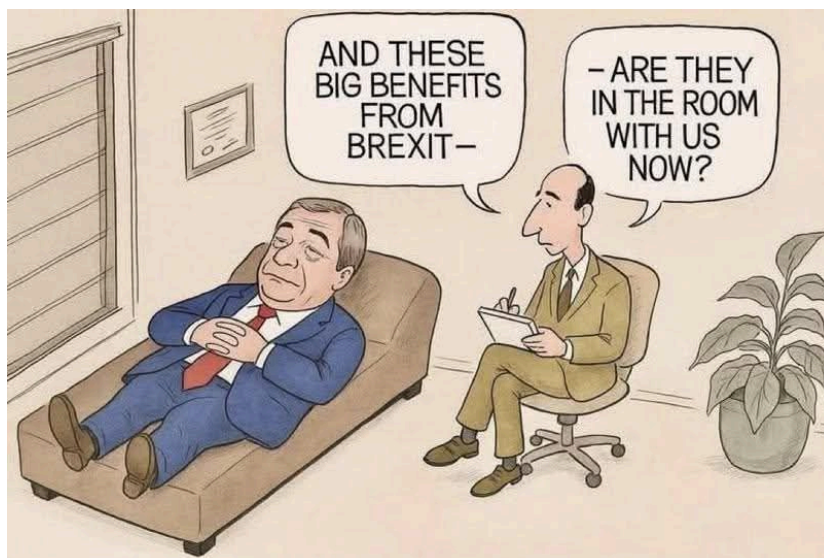
By Jeremy Warner, *The Daily Telegraph*, 29 November 2025

Document 2 :

YEARS	NUMBER OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS APPREHENDED AT UK BORDER
2025	36,457
2024	36,816
2023	29,437
2022	45,774
2021	28,526
2020	8,466
2019	1,843
2018	299

Source: UK Home Office Data / BBC

Document 3 :



Source : facebook page (The Very Brexit Problems Club), July 2025.

Picture shows Reform UK leader Nigel Farage.