

Card n° 1 : The post-Brexit point-based system

Introduction :

Since the Brexit referendum, the immigration system has been changed. Immigration was the main consideration of the population who wanted it reduced to help them getting jobs. But today ^(we) can see that this reform has not been a success because it has had the opposite effect. Immigration has grown, creating tensions between the population and the government. Was this system beneficial? As ^(we can) _{can be seen} see with the articles, not really.

Definitions :

- Point-based system : Immigration system based on criterias to get a visa in the UK. If the demanding worker reaches to points, ^{they are} _(he is) eligible. It depends on the kind of job he is applying, the salary, the PhD ... This system has been set post-Brexit.
- Skilled Work Visa : It corresponds to a visa for qualified people with high competences or jobs in need of workers like health and social care. It's the main route of immigrants to come ^{to} work.
- White Paper : Engagement's promise from the government about a subject in the name of the Prime Minister.

Key numbers

- 10 points to reach a visa
- 1 Million immigrants in 2023 in the UK
- 31 Jan 2020: beginning of the point-based system
- 33% of migration for work in 2023

Key words

- "Take back control" = Slogan of the far-Brexit parties
- Skilled workers have increased and are researched too, specially in NHS
- Open borders = opposite effect of the new immigration system = need more control
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Conflict between the popular will and the governmental actions:

Through the two White Papers from T. May and K. Starmer, the immigration system hasn't been a success. The promises of 2018 to end "free movement" is ineffective in 2025. K. Starmer repeats the same words ("restore control"). The initial problem however hasn't been resolved: "to train [their] own young people" instead of employing immigrants. Despite the seven years between the two governmental promises of actions, the British work situation is the same, creating joblessness and discontent in the British people.

Key extracts:

- "Contrary to the hopes and fears of many, Brexit looks less like it will make a decisive turn towards restricting immigration... instead it may signal a different form of openness" (Text 1)
- "It is difficult to deny that our immigration system is failing, despite Brexit and the end of free-movement rules" (Text 2).