

## BREXIT: IMPACT ON ECONOMY, SECURITY, DIPLOMACY



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After the referendum, the United Kingdom officially left the European Union. This issue is not only deeply concerned by British people around the world but also by Wenzao students.



An interview with a British teacher at Wenzao, graduating from MSc Counseling/Education BA (Hons) Sociology, talks about his view in Brexit which shocked the whole world.

People who wanted to stay in the EU predicted an immediate economic crisis if the UK voted to leave, and the pound did slump the day after the referendum. However, the most important effect on finance is the ability to trade with Europe.

“If I want to buy a product in France or in Germany, I do not pay any tariffs moving across countries. Whereas now when we are officially leaving Europe, which would be extra tragedies that will possibly be in places. In theory, things will get more expensive,” said Simon Robinson, a

Last year, in June, the referendum indicated that the British voted to leave the EU by 52% to 48%.

contract lecturer from English Department, who is from York, England.

There is also inflation right after Brexit, but it is considered very low by comparing the financial crisis in 2008 and 2009. The truth is Brexit could not obviously influence inflation since things get more expensive.

“If you have a house and inflation causes up, that becomes more expensive, but if you have some money in the bank that you want to save, you get better interest way,” he said. Therefore, for his points of view, this inflation is a good thing after all.

For Brexit supporters, immigration was also a controversial issue. They wanted Britain to reduce the number of people coming UK to live or work.

“A lot of people thought if you want Brexit to happen because of immigration, you are probably racist. You didn’t really care where these people coming back, so it became very uncomfortable discussion for a lot of people.” Simon added.

Immigrant workers who are working on farms, in restaurants, or even health departments also became news topic during Brexit because a lot of people think they are feeding them.

“Actually, why does the UK provide jobs for immigrants? Why do we need somebody else who comes from a different country to do work that we already have people in our country to proceed or to do,” he explained.



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After Brexit, security is also a main problem Britons are concerned about. Also, many people believed that immigrants may cause a lot of problems to local people due to their different skin colors, beliefs and races.

“Maybe the stories we hear about immigrants are normally bad, so generally, I would say that we don’t have any great problems with immigrants,” said Simon. He described that people should not just highlight the positive things that immigration can bring to the UK.

Terrorist attacks are becoming bolder and bolder. Therefore, many countries have started to take action to prevent terrorism, especially on enforcing airport security, and Britons concern about this very much, too.

“We haven’t finished that. The next two years, we are still officially a part of EU, but the British government voted not to participate in The Schengen Agreement, which means that we have freedom and movement across abroad and we are not boarded to check at all. Therefore, whenever I go to the UK, I have to show my passport just like every other European person will do,” Simon explained.

According to the news, security experts have warned that Europe will face far more deadly terrorist attacks. After Brexit, European Union worried more about protecting Europe from terrorism without UK's expertise.

“Completely separating from Europe was a political decision that the government made, and we always handle this kind of abroad controls and abroad checks,” Simon added.

Whether Scotland is going to drop out of U.K is also one of the results of Brexit. According to the news, Scotland voted decisively to remain in EU, but the U.K. voted to leave EU. Therefore, Scotland now is in the strange position, and the future and final decision are not clear at all.

“Scottish people always say that they have the right for another referendum if anything happens when the U.K changes the policy of the U.K. Brexit is fundamental change with that,” said Simon. He thinks that the next step of the Scotland depends on how the British and Scottish people negotiate with the Brexit.



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The relationship between the UK and the members of the EU is also the main concern of the whole world. As most of British people do not see themselves as the European, they do not have the strong sense of European identity like Ireland, France or Italy. Therefore, it is not too difficult to understand that Britain drops out of the EU.

“When we joined the EEC in 1972, it was purely to trade. I think the relationship we have will be less about culture, less about exchange of ideas, and more about black and white: money, profit, loss and very little other trade opportunities,” Simon explained.

Whether Brexit can bring positive or negative effects, there have been already some impacts on the three aspects: economy, security, and diplomacy for sure.