## EU politics: in or out, and nothing in between

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Peter Hitchens writes on "Angela Merkel and the Eurosceptic Delusion". He says:

There are only two genuine, honest positions any politician can take on the EU. You can either be in, or you can be out. If you are in, the full package will always apply. If you are not, you can make your own terms. "Euroscepticism" is a delusion. No such political position actually exists. It is made entirely out of wind, and written on water.

I won't here go into the subject in much more depth. That fine book, "The Great Deception", by Christopher Booker and Richard North (Continuum), is the essential reading for any who are seriously interested in the matter. Anyone who hasn't read it simply isn't qualified to discuss the matter, and it is amazing how many MPs and journalists still have not read it, and do not know the simple basics of the controversy.

You will not find me disagreeing with any of this. The "reform" position is driven by a mixture of ignorance, stupidity or arrogance — or any combination. I am weary beyond patience with those who persist in the unfounded belief that somehow the impossible can happen, no matter how many times they are told otherwise, no matter what the evidence that confirms it.

Hitchens is right. You can either be in, or you can be out. There is nothing in between. Can there be anything but the most profound contempt for those who persist in the delusion that there is?

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