

EXCLUSIVE interview with the man who put the LibDems down to 4th place

Part I of no-holds-barred talk with Richard Tice, Leader of Reform UK

CIBUK and Brexit Facts4EU present the views of the leader of the UK's third party, as he gears up for the election

All polls and by-election results now show Reform UK led by Richard Tice as the third force in British politics across England, Wales and Scotland – by voting intention if not by seats in Parliament. CIBUK and Brexit Facts4EU were granted an exclusive one-on-one interview, which we show below.

In this interview we asked Mr Tice about his party's views on a range of matters important to the voting public. He did not hold back.

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Part I – Immigration & integration, stopping the boats, tax & the economy, freedom of expression (**This report**)

Part II – Energy costs and security, defence, Northern Ireland, education

Part III – Crime, Islamophobia, the NHS and other reforms, housing, why vote Reform UK?

Both CIBUK and Brexit Facts4EU are non-partisan. In this

pivotal election year, however, we felt the British people should have the maximum possible information on which to make their decision on how to vote in the general election.

In this exclusive interview with Facts4EU and CIBUK, Richard Tice holds nothing back. This is a fast-moving interview which we have split into three parts, as Reform UK's leader lays out his strategy for changing the country for the better. We leave readers and viewers to make their own decisions about his and his party's vision.

The Richard Tice Interview – Part I

The Reform UK party and what it stands for

- Immigration and integration: Taking back control
- Stopping the boats
- The economy, Net Zero, and printing money
- Tax policies
- British values and freedom of expression

[Source: Exclusive CIBUK and Facts4EU interview with Reform UK Leader Richard Tice, 28 Feb 2024.]

Richard Tice could not have been clearer

Mr Tice has leapfrogged Sir Ed Davey's LibDems to make his party the third force in British politics, at least in terms of voting intentions if not in parliamentary seats. (The Rochdale by-election result was atypical.)

He also made it clear that at the next election Reform UK will not be standing down any candidates to aid the Conservatives, as the Brexit Party did in the 2019 general election. Whatever the result, there can be no doubt that Mr Tice and his party

will have a significant effect on the outcome.

Watch Part I of this fascinating interview here (12 mins)

(And please don't forget to "Like" the video and "Subscribe" to the YouTube channel.)

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Tice interview extracts Part I

What follows are extracts or our paraphrasing of what Richard Tice said, in his wide-ranging interview with us. He was keen to promote Reform UK's policy document (linked below) which he says has been fully costed.

On Immigration

- Mass immigration – complete betrayal of what was promised by the Tories.
- A city the size of Birmingham arriving in 2022, 2023, and probably in 2024, give or take.
- We say 'one in one out', so we can welcome high skilled, high-quality people.
- About 400,000 people leave the UK every year. So we could welcome that sort of number measured over a five-year electoral cycle.
- Immigration only works when people actually can be absorbed, integrated and welcomed into local communities and they've got to speak the language.
- Multiculturalism has failed. We're seeing it sadly on our streets with these dreadful pro-Hamas marches at the

moment.

- People, if they want to live in a country, have actually got to empathise with and respect the values of the host nation.
- We operate under the English legal system and we must legislate and ban Sharia law, for example, in any forum in the UK.

On Stopping the Boats

- Leave the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR).
- Australia, Canada, America, other great nations, they have human rights very successfully.
- They don't have to be a member of the ECHR.
- *"Pick up people safely out of the boats and take them back to France, which we're legally entitled to do under two international maritime treaties. I've read them. I know exactly the clauses."*
- *"I know how to stop the boats. I will stop the boats. No one else will."*

On the Economy, Net Zero, and Printing Money

- *"You cannot grow an economy with the five burdens of record high taxes, record government spending – often wasteful."*
- It's about 45% of the size of the economy – with nanny state regulations, and with mass low skilled immigration.
- *"The absolute insanity of Net Zero. You can't grow an economy with those burdens."*
- *"Our deficit this year is going to be £120 – £130 billion. That's about £2,500 per adult, £5,000 per*

household in one year."

- Scrap net zero. That saves about £30 billion a year.
- Stop paying voluntary interest on all the QE reserves that were printed.
- *"We're now paying £35 billion a year this year, a voluntary transfer of taxpayers' cash, to rich City institutions, decided by the government, the Bank of England and its cronies."*

Reform UK's tax policies

- Zero income tax below £20,000. That frees up 7 million from paying any income tax whatsoever.
- Lift the medium-term tax thresholds from £50,000 to £70,000 for the 40% rate.
- Reduce stamp duty to zero on homes below £750,000.
- We've got to reduce the energy levies.
- Scrap the tourist tax and we've got to abolish the grief [inheritance] tax.
- Cutting government spending : Saving £5 in £100 like we're all doing at home or in our small businesses, that's another £50 billion.
- Reduce corporation tax back to 20%, and then with a clear mandate to get to 15%.
- Lift VAT threshold to £120,000.
- Abolish the IR35 on small traders, small businesses.

On Values and Freedom of Expression

- Scrap the 2010 Equalities Act.
- Scrap all the diversity, equality and inclusion roles, all of the ESG policies.
- Introduce a free speech bill.

- On trans specifically, it's a breach of safeguarding. Scrap it all, in all, our primary and secondary schools. Just ban it.
- Any headteacher or teacher that allows it, they're fired, literally.

Reform UK's policies

In this interview Richard Tice references Reform UK's 'Contract With the People' which they have recently released so we have provided a link to this. (Click the image to the right.)

In this document they lay out their key policies.

As all regular readers know, both we and CIBUK remain non-partisan and this 3-part interview and links are intended to provide readers with information on which to base their voting decision later this year, whenever the General Election is announced by Rishi Sunak.

Our Contract With The People



Observations

We are grateful to Richard Tice for giving up his time and for

providing detailed answers to so many of our questions.

Given so much content, delivered at high speed, we have split this interview into three parts. Part II (9.5 mins) is coming tomorrow and we suggest that readers will NOT want to miss this.

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