

# VIDEO EXCLUSIVE: What do Americans really think about the UK, Brexit, and the EU?

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***“If you’re for individual freedom and sovereignty you’ll be anti-EU,” says US group spokesperson***

***Topics range from the EU, to Truss, to Biden, to trade, to NI Protocol, to Putin, to Trump, to Covid, to cost of living***

In an exclusive video interview for CIBUK and [Facts4EU](#), we provide readers and viewers with a fascinating US perspective on current issues, from an entertaining and knowledgeable American.

CIBUK and our affiliated organisation [Facts4EU.Org](#) are delighted to present an exclusive 30 minute video interview with Sarah Elliot, spokesperson for (and former Chair of) [Republicans Overseas UK](#) – a political organisation representing US Republicans living in the United Kingdom.

In a wide-ranging interview Ms Elliott provides **a fascinating insight into mainstream Republican thinking** on a variety of issues from the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, to

**Brexit and the European Union**, and to **Liz Truss** and the political developments in the UK and across the pond.

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## Summary

### Video interview – Republicans Overseas UK – Sarah Elliott

Here are just some of the highlights

## **On the late HM Queen Elizabeth II**

*"She's been the Western World's Grandmother, exemplifying those time-honoured traits of God, Family & Country- in that order."*

## **On Brexit and the EU**

*"If you are for individual freedom and sovereignty and you want more subsidiarity and federalism much like the United States, you will be anti-EU."*

- Republicans have respect and support for Brexit's principles: independence, sovereignty & freedom.
- The foundation stones of the US Republic itself.
- US citizens don't really understand EU's political structures – courts and Schengen.
- Republicans do understand the principle of not ceding sovereignty

## **On Europe**

- Americans like its diversity – it's culture, food, languages, customs, its local and national traditions
- They do not want EU-style homogeneity

## **The Biden Administration**

- He's a pro-EU, big government liberal
- Favours the single point of contact: 'Who do I call in Europe?'

## On Liz Truss

*"I didn't think she should have U-turned. I think you have to dig your heels in, you have to fight for it."*

*"Maybe could she have done it in a better way? Clearly. But I would have liked to have seen her stick to her guns. I know she's a real free-marketeer. I've worked with her on a US trip, and she wanted to meet with free-market economists, and she wanted to understand how the US was reviving their Rust Belt cities, you know, much like the North of England here."*

## Free Trade Deal with the USA?

- There is no sign of a heads of agreement between the two countries
- On this side of the Atlantic she perceives a similar obstruction by our own Civil Service
- The future appears to be free trade deals with individual states, by-passing the federal government
- US/UK relations have always supported freedom of trade between the two nations to each other's mutual benefit

## Northern Ireland

- A perception that the US administration does not fully understand the implications especially from the UK's point of view
- Biden administration inclined to take the EU/Irish perspective

## Putin & Ukraine

For many Americans, *"There are too many domestic fires to put out."*

*"If Donald Trump had been President there would not be a war in Ukraine."*

- Some Republicans are doubtful about the war with Russia
- The US has had its fingers burned too many times in recent years: \$ billions spent in Iraq and Afghanistan culminating in a humiliating withdrawal
- Reluctant to fully engage with Putin in this one
- They have more pressing domestic concerns
- A perception abroad of US/Western weakness

## **Future of US Politics – Who will win in November's elections and who will be the next President?**

### **1. Democrats:-**

- Biden most likely to serve out his term
- Gavin Newsome his likely successor. A candidate of the coastal states, big-tech/Ivy League establishment, with little or no support across the mid-West

### **2. Republicans:-**

- More than a 50% chance that Donald Trump will run
- Sarah Elliott is not convinced he can win
- Ron de Santis is the leading candidate
- Solid track record as Governor of Florida
- Kept the state running during Covid – no authoritarian-style lockdowns
- Protecting parents and children in gender wars
- Maintaining vigilant 'war on woke.'
- Responded well to Hurricane Ian

### 3. Mid-Terms Prediction :-

*"The number one voting issue for Americans is inflation and pocketbook issues"*

- Republicans will take the House
  - Democrats will take the Senate
  - Presidency 2024 : Republicans to re-take White House
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